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- 1 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Good morning everyone and
- welcome to this Illinois Pollution Control Board
- hearing. My name is Tim Fox, and I'm the hearing
- 4 officer for this rulemaking proceeding entitled
- 5 Nitrogen Oxides Emissions from Various Source
- Categories: Amendments to 35 Illinois Administrative
- 7 Code Parts 211 and 217. The Board docket number for
- 8 this rulemaking is RO8-19. It was filed by the
- 9 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on May 9 of
- 10 2008, and the Board accepted it for hearing in an
- order dated June 5 of this year. Today we are, of
- course, holding the second hearing, the first of
- which took place October 14, 2008, in Springfield.
- I want to very quickly introduce some of
- the persons who are present here today from the
- Board. Two persons to my left is the Board's acting
- 17 chairman Dr. G. Tanner Girard. At my right -- my
- immediate right is Board member Thomas E. Johnson.
- 19 And we are pleased to welcome our newest Board member
- 20 Gary Blankenship who began his term on the Board on
- December 1, just last week. So we wanted to make an
- extra point of introducing him to you. Also, to my
- left is Anand Rao of the Board's technical staff.
- The proceeding is governed, as always, by

- the Board's procedural rules. Under those, all
- information that is relevant and that is not
- repetitious or privileged will be admitted into the
- 4 record. Please note that any questions posed today
- 5 either by the members of the Board or its staff are
- 6 intended solely to help develop a clear and complete
- 7 record for the Board's ultimate decision and do not
- 8 reflect any judgment or conclusion regarding the
- 9 proposal or the testimony.
- The Board received pre-filed testimony for
- this second hearing all filed on November 25 of 2008
- from the following persons, on behalf of Saint-Gobain
- 13 Mr. Steven Smith, from ConocoPhillips Mr. David Dunn,
- 14 from U.S. Steel Mr. Larry Siebenberger --
- 15 Sir, am I pronouncing your name correctly?
- MR. SIEBENBERGER: That's correct.
- 17 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Great.
- 18 -- and Mr. Blake Stapper from Midwest
- 19 Generation, Mr. Scott Miller, and Mr. Kent
- 20 Wanninger --
- 21 And am I pronouncing that correctly?
- MR. WANNINGER: Yes.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very good.
- 24 -- and from IERG, the Environmental

- 1 Regulatory Group, testimony by Ms. Deirdre Hirner and
- 2 Mr. David Kolaz. The Board also received a comment
- from an Arselor Natel filed by Christina Archer. Ms.
- 4 Archer, I believe is here and had indicated that,
- while she intended to observe, she did not intend to
- offer testimony or be sworn in to provide it.
- 7 Am I correct, Ms. Archer?
- MS. ARCHER: Yes, you are.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Excellent. Thank you very
- 10 much.
- My understanding in discussing the
- procedural issue before hearing of the order of the
- testimony was that those entities that had pre-filed
- 14 testimony had reached an agreement without opposition
- from the Agency on the order in which they might
- proceed. My understanding was that Mr. Smith on
- behalf of Saint-Gobain would go first, that Mr. Dunn
- on behalf of ConocoPhillips -- my mistake -- that
- 19 IERG would be the second testimony that was addressed
- here at hearing, that, third, Mr. Dunn would be
- taking questions on behalf of ConocoPhillips, fourth,
- we would hear from the witnesses for U.S. Steel, and
- that finally we would conclude with the testimony and
- questions based on it of Midwest Generation.

- Am I correct, Ms. Roccaforte? The Agency
- 2 had no opposition to that order?
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Correct.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very good.
- Did I misunderstand that in any way in
- 6 terms of the order? Very good.
- 7 If other participants are here today who
- 8 would like to testify, there is a sign-up sheet just
- 9 inside the door behind Ms. Hirner. And, like any
- other witnesses, those who appear today and sign in
- without having pre-filed testimony will be sworn in
- and will be subject to cross-examination. And we can
- address that in the event that someone does wish to
- do that after the conclusion of the pre-filed
- testimony and all of the questions that are based
- upon it.
- I would ask for the court reporter's
- benefit -- of course, many of you are veterans of
- many, many of these proceedings -- to speak as
- clearly as possible. We don't have a public address
- system, of course. I think the size of the room and
- the arrangement ought to work well for making one
- 23 another heard. Please avoid talking at the same time
- as any other person so that she can make the cleanest

- 1 possible transcript of this proceeding.
- 2 Are there any questions about our order of
- procedure or any other procedural issue? Very good.
- 4 Ms. Roccaforte, in speaking with you before
- 5 the hearing, I understand that you did have an issue
- that you wanted to address before we got under way?
- 7 MS. ROCCAFORTE: Yes. The issue of a third
- hearing has arisen, and the Agency has been in
- 9 negotiations with a number of companies regarding
- some amendatory provisions. The Agency would not
- object to having a third hearing and possibly either
- 12 filing or explaining those amendatory provisions.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: Ms. Roccaforte, here is
- what I would propose to do. I want to make this
- clear to the participants. I'd like to reserve
- ruling on scheduling a third hearing in this
- 17 proceeding. We may have questions that are properly
- addressed either in pre-filed testimony for a third
- hearing or in post-hearing comments. We may have
- documents that need to be filed on the basis of
- questions today or other issues to address. What I
- would like to do at the conclusion of the hearing is
- 23 address that issue much more fully at that time and
- determine whether to hold a hearing and to address

- issues such as Ms. Roccaforte suggested, including
- the scope of it and any pre-filing deadlines or other
- 3 procedural issues that may relate to a third hearing
- 4 that the Board scheduled.
- 5 What I would like to do in the interest of
- 6 making this planning process -- or scheduling process
- 7 as easy as possible is propose hypothetical dates on
- 8 which a third hearing might be scheduled. The
- 9 Board's hearing schedule is available on the web, and
- 10 I've tried to work around that as well as I could.
- What the Board would propose as a potential site for
- 12 a third hearing, if one is scheduled, is to hold it
- in Metro East during the day of Wednesday,
- 14 February 4.
- And I note also -- Since this newly filed
- rulemaking 9-19 was received by the Board on
- 17 December 1 and it also addresses air and it seems
- likely to involve some, if not many, of the same
- 19 participants as this proceeding, what the Board would
- like to do in the interest of administrative
- 21 efficiency and good timing is schedule the first
- hearing on that new air cleanup proposal, which I
- believe has been docketed as RO9-19 on the preceding
- day of Tuesday, February 3, so that we could, in

- effect, take care of a hearing in two dockets in the
- same community on consecutive days.
- Again, I offer that solely as a
- 4 hypothetical in the hope that during lunch breaks or
- other times you might be able to examine your
- calendars and indicate. If that is utterly
- 7 unworkable, I do have some alternatives that we could
- 8 discuss. That is solely the scheduling and
- 9 procedural matter of a third hearing in this
- 10 proceeding. But rest assured that before we adjourn
- we will address those issues, including, as I said,
- the scheduling and any scope, any pre-filing
- deadlines, and other issues that are required to be
- 14 addressed when we may have the better sense of what
- the appropriate scope and subject of it may be.
- Any questions about that at all? I don't
- want to move forward if there are. We've come to the
- point where we can begin, if there are no other
- 19 questions, with our first witness Mr. Smith on behalf
- of Saint-Gobain.
- I should jump back, and I'm sorry to do
- this. Off the record before the hearing, I did
- 23 informally discuss with the various participants here
- the Board's procedural rules, which do provide that

- any pre-filed testimony is admitted into the record
- as if it is read. And I expressed the preference,
- frankly, that because it has been in the record and
- 4 accessible through the Board's website for two weeks
- 5 that, in effect, there would be little point, if any,
- in rereading it into the record. While if anyone
- 7 wished to begin with a brief introduction or short
- 8 summary of their testimony, that certainly could be
- 9 beneficial. But it was my preference simply after
- such a brief summary or introduction just to proceed
- to any questions, Mr. Smith and the other witnesses,
- that the participants may have for you.
- So with that, Mr. Smith, if you would like
- to begin with an introduction or a summary of any
- kind. Why don't we have the court reporter swear you
- in first. Then we can get underway with that.
- MR. SMITH: Well, actually I'd like to start by
- introducing Ty Sibbitt, who's our in-house legal
- 19 counsel. He'll be speaking on behalf of
- 20 Saint-Gobain.
- 21 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very good. Just,
- 22 Mr. Smith. And I'm sorry to interrupt. In the event
- that there is a question for you, Mr. Smith, why
- don't we just have you both sworn in so that you'd be

- 1 prepared to take that question without interruption.
- MR. SMITH: That would be fine.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: Great. Thank you very
- 4 much.
- 5 (WHEREUPON, the witnesses were duly
- 6 sworn.)
- 7 MR. SIBBITT: Thank you for the opportunity to
- 8 be here today. As Steve indicated, my name is Ty
- 9 Sibbitt. I'm in-house counsel with Saint-Gobain
- 10 Containers. We appreciate the opportunity to be here
- 11 and speak today.
- We have submitted our post-hearing comments
- on November 11 -- on November 25 in which we
- 14 addressed a specific concern we have with the
- $^{15}$  proposed rule. In particular, we had asked for an
- exception on when the compliance date would be both
- for the emissions standard and for the installation
- of CEMS and asked for a very narrow exception which
- 19 allowed us to agree to postpone the date for
- 20 compliance with both the emissions rate and
- 21 installation of CEMS until the end of 2014. If we
- have come to a written agreement with the State of
- 23 Illinois prior to the end of 2009 for achieving a
- much lower emissions rate, we had asked that that

- 1 rate would have to be less than 30 percent of the
- current proposed 5.0. So anything under 1.5.
- The reason we're here today is basically
- 4 just to take any questions on why we have asked for
- this exception. We spoke with staff and had some
- 6 good conversations on that. But I'm really here just
- 7 to hold that open for questions and be happy to
- 8 answer any questions you have on why we have proposed
- <sup>9</sup> this exception.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very good. Mr. Sibbitt,
- thanks. I suspect there probably is at least one
- 12 question.
- When you would like to be recognized for a
- 14 question, please just raise your hand so that I can
- recognize you. When you first pose a question, just
- in the interest of making sure that the court
- reporter can identify you, please give your name and
- any organization that you might be associated with
- 19 for the benefit of the record.
- For Mr. Sibbitt or Mr. Smith on behalf of
- 21 Saint-Gobain, is there any question? Ms. Roccaforte?
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: I'm Gina Roccaforte. I'm
- 23 assistant counsel on behalf of the Illinois
- 24 Environmental Protection Agency. With me today is

- Dana Vetterhoffer, assistant counsel; Mr. Robert
- 2 Kaleel, manager of the Bureau of Air; and Dr. James
- Staudt, Andover Technology Partners. Also, not at
- 4 the table with us, is Yoginder Mahajan and Vir Gupta.
- Mr. Sibbitt, in the comments Saint-Gobain
- 6 submitted, you state that the installation of
- 7 alternative NOx control technology is currently being
- 8 discussed with the State of Illinois. In what
- go context are these discussions taking place?
- MR. SIBBITT: These discussions currently are
- taking place in the context of the negotiations of a
- consent decree with the State of Illinois and the
- 13 Environmental Protection Agency.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: And what are the issues
- 15 involved with that?
- MR. SIBBITT: There are various issues. But, in
- particular, it has to do with NOx compliance and TOx
- 18 compliance at various facilities throughout our
- 19 Saint-Gobain Container Company.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Including facilities in
- 21 Illinois?
- MR. SIBBITT: Correct.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: When does Saint-Gobain expect
- these negotiations to be completed?

- MR. SIBBITT: Good question. We are -- We are
- 2 currently very involved in these negotiations. I
- think we've got an agreement in principle on many
- 4 important parts of the technology. There's legal
- 5 issues. There's still a few open issues. I don't
- 6 know that I can give you a specific date. And we
- 7 think -- We would hope it would be sometime early
- 8 2009 if it is going to be completed. But that is the
- 9 reason we put the deadline at the end of the year
- 10 2009 to have some sort of written agreement in order
- 11 to get this exception. If we don't have something by
- the end of 2009, then we understand that we would be
- subject to the 5.0 and the time frame in the current
- 14 proposed rule.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: And what commitment is
- 16 Saint-Gobain making through these negotiations?
- MR. SIBBITT: Again, we're still discussing
- 18 that. But right now the commitment that we had
- discussed with the State of Illinois and the other
- people involved is that by the end of 2014 we would
- install -- And we're currently talking about SCR
- technology, which would go on the end of our stacks
- which would allow us to get a much lower emissions
- 24 rate. And that rate we are currently discussing

- would be a 1.3 pounds-per-ton rate.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Is there a chance that these
- 3 controls could be deferred beyond 2014?
- 4 MR. SIBBITT: Under the current terms that we're
- 5 discussing, no, that would be our deadline for having
- 6 those in place.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Are there any circumstances
- 8 whereby the consent decree could terminate?
- 9 MR. SIBBITT: Well, according to the terms of
- any consent decree, they have a specified life. As
- 11 most consent decrees, they would terminate upon their
- own terms when all conditions of the consent decree
- have terminated. Currently, because it simply would
- go out well past 2014 because that is the deadline
- 15 for installing these technologies.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: And you indicated you would be
- installing SCR's. Will Saint-Gobain be required to
- 18 install CEMS?
- MR. SIBBITT: That is correct. Also by that
- deadline date, yes.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: For the court reporter, that is
- 22 C-E-M-S, continuous emissions monitoring system.
- What emission limit is achievable with this
- 24 equipment, the SCR?

- MR. SIBBITT: If I may defer, Steve is more of
- our technical person. My understanding is that the
- SCR would be designed for each particular furnace in
- 4 each particular location. I cannot give you a
- 5 specific number.
- 6 MR. SMITH: Currently SCR's are not operating on
- 7 glass container furnaces with one exception. There's
- 8 one that's just started up in California. So the
- 9 level that you're asking about is unknown.
- MR. SIBBITT: Again, we would commit to the no
- higher than 1.3 as part of the consent decree.
- 12 That's what we're currently discussing.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: And you would be installing the
- 14 CEMS in conjunction with the SCR?
- MR. SMITH: Yes.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: And is Saint-Gobain willing to
- work with the Illinois EPA on the regulatory
- provisions that you've proposed in your comments?
- MR. SIBBITT: Yes.
- MR. SMITH: Yes.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Thank you. I have nothing
- 22 further.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: Any further questions for
- either Mr. Sibbitt or Mr. Smith on behalf of

- 1 Saint-Gobain?
- That wrapped things up very quickly.
- 3 Gentlemen, thanks for your time and your testimony
- 4 today.
- 5 MR. SIBBITT: Thank you for your time and
- 6 consideration.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very well. That
- brings us, according to the order we've described
- 9 earlier, to IERG, which has pre-filed testimony again
- both by Ms. Hirner and Mr. Kolaz today.
- It's my understanding, Mr. Davis, that you
- 12 are, in effect, going to handle the questions for
- those two witnesses?
- MR. DAVIS: Exactly.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER FOX: I understand also,
- however, that you had a brief introduction or summary
- 17 that you wish to offer on behalf of IERG?
- MR. DAVIS: Good morning. My name is Alec
- 19 Davis. I'm the general counsel of the Illinois
- 20 Environmental Regulatory Group, IERG. I would like
- to thank the Board on behalf of IERG for providing us
- 22 with this opportunity today. I have with me copies
- of the pre-filed testimony of both Deirdre Hirner and
- 24 David J. Kolaz to be entered.

- 1 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Thank you very much.
- 2 As you've heard Mr. Davis indicate, these
- are copies of the pre-filed testimony filed on
- 4 November 25 on behalf of IERG by Ms. Hirner and
- 5 Mr. Kolaz. Would there be a motion to admit those as
- 6 hearing exhibits, Mr. Davis?
- 7 MR. DAVIS: Yes, I would so move.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Is there any objection to
- 9 admitting those as what would be Hearing Exhibits
- No. 5 or 6 in this proceeding? Neither seeing nor
- 11 hearing any, they will be so marked. Ms. Hirner,
- 12 your testimony marked as Exhibit No. 5. Mr. Kolaz,
- your testimony marked, of course, then as Exhibit
- No. 6 in this proceeding.
- Please go ahead, Mr. Davis.
- MR. DAVIS: For the sake of accuracy, I would
- like to alert everyone to a mistake in the testimony
- of David J. Kolaz. I apologize. And I appreciate
- the Agency drawing this to our attention. On page 21
- under subpart D there's the word "after." It reads,
- "After January 1, 2002." It should be, "Before."
- The complete sentence reads, "The proposed rule
- restricts the use of units to be used in averaging
- 24 plans to those that commence operation before

- January 1, 2002." Again, I apologize.
- Then, lastly, before I turn it over to the
- witnesses, I wanted to ask, for the sake of
- 4 developing a complete record, that the witnesses be
- 5 allowed to field questions as a panel rather than
- 6 have questions directed at a particular witness
- 7 thereby allowing the individual who feels can most
- 8 completely address the question to do.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER FOX: I neither see nor hear an
- objection. We've certainly done that, in effect,
- 11 with Saint-Gobain. That may help us move more
- 12 expeditiously. I'm assuming you're asking whether
- the court reporter then could swear them in
- simultaneously and have them prepared to answer
- 15 questions?
- MR. DAVIS: Yes. And I'll introduce them
- 17 quickly first though.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Please go ahead.
- MR. DAVIS: And both of them would like to offer
- 20 a brief statement.
- To my right is Deirdre K. Hirner, the
- executive director of IERG. To my left is David
- 23 Kolaz, who's testifying today in his capacity as a
- consultant for IERG. And then you can swear them in.

- 1 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very good.
- 2 (WHEREUPON, the witnesses were duly
- 3 sworn.)
- MR. DAVIS: Ms. Hirner, please go ahead.
- 5 MS. HIRNER: Thank you very much. I'm pleased
- to have the opportunity to be here today on behalf of
- 7 IERG so that I can answer any questions that the
- 8 Board may have. I also have been very pleased --
- 9 IERG has been very pleased to have the opportunity to
- work with the Illinois Environmental Protection
- 11 Agency on this rulemaking. We think it's always very
- beneficial whenever the regulators and the members of
- the regulating community can get together to talk
- 14 about proposed rulemakings.
- You have my pre-filed testimony, and I
- believe the essence of my testimony goes to this
- being a NOx RACT rule with the words being --
- operative word, I guess, being reasonably achievable
- 19 control technologies. IERG's concerns are that some
- of the proposed requirements may not be reasonable
- 21 considering the timing of the rule and the time
- frames that are established within the rule. In
- essence, I'll be pleased to answer any questions
- 24 about that that the Board or the Agency or others may

- 1 have.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very good. Thank you,
- <sup>3</sup> Ms. Hirner
- 4 MR. KOLAZ: On behalf of the Illinois
- 5 Environmental Regulatory Group, I, too, thank you for
- 6 providing the opportunity for me to be here today to
- 7 present this testimony and engage in this important
- 8 discussion regarding the Agency's proposed rule which
- 9 will further regulate emissions and nitrogen oxides.
- The fundamental purpose of my testimony is
- to show how the proposed rule can and should be
- modified to resolve several fundamental flaws and
- inconsistency it currently contains while still
- meeting its stated purpose. It is clear to IERG and
- its members that the Agency has expended considerable
- effort to identify, evaluate, and formulate the
- various elements that are essential to compiling a
- rule to the type that is proposed. However, it is
- equally clear that in composing its rule the Agency
- has not ensured that the various elements of the rule
- 21 are in harmony. The rule contains very strict
- emission limits coupled with a compliance time line
- that together creates an obligation that would be
- untenable to affected entities in the best of times.

My testimony begins by reviewing the 1 2 purpose of the rule as presented in the Agency's 3 Statement of Reasons and in the testimony the Agency provided at the first hearing in this matter. understanding this purpose, IERG is able to offer alternatives that would ensure that the Agency's goals are attained. As my testimony will show, the principal factor in the design of the Agency's rule 8 is the Clean Air Act requirement pertaining to 10 reasonably available control technology or what's 11 termed RACT. That is not to say that the emission 12 reductions that would come from the rule are not important. In formulating the rule, the Agency did 13 14 not seek a specific emission reduction, but instead 15 sought to impose RACT and use whatever emission 16 reduction ensued in their attainment plan. 17 observation is not intended as a criticism of the 18 Agency's approach. But by knowing that the rules 19 design criteria is based on the goal of achieving 20 RACT while using the resulting emissions reductions 21 in the attainment demonstration, IERG is able to 22 suggest alternate emission limits as RACT while 23 producing commensurate emission reductions to satisfy 24 the Agency's attainment demonstration.

- What my testimony will show is IERG's
- approach achieves the Agency's goals in a time frame
- that is consistent with the statutory requirements in
- 4 most cases and will meet the compliance date for
- 5 emission reductions that the Agency has proposed in
- 6 its rule. In contrast, the Agency seeks stringent
- 7 emission reductions that cannot be achieved in the
- 8 statutory time frame or by its own proposed
- 9 compliance date.
- 10 Finally, IERG believes that its suggestions
- 11 are compatible with the attainment demonstration that
- the Agency has already prepared. And I'm prepared
- now to answer questions.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very good.
- Mr. Davis, anything further before we go to
- entertain questions for your witnesses?
- MR. DAVIS: No. I think we're all set.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very good. Very good.
- 19 I'm sure there are bound to be a couple of questions
- for them. We can begin right away, Mr. Davis, if you
- 21 are, indeed, all set.
- Ms. Roccaforte?
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: I'll start out with some
- questions for Ms. Hirner based on the time line in

- 1 your testimony. Beginning on page 3, regarding
- 2 IERG's participation in the rulemaking process, did
- you and your staff prepare the time line?
- 4 MS. HIRNER: I guess it was a combination of
- 5 myself and my staff members. In order to kind of
- 6 bring a focus to this, I think I'll give you a little
- 7 explanation of IERG's standard operating procedure so
- 8 that you can kind of know how the time line came into
- 9 being.
- It was I who chose to use the time line
- 11 because it is a complex issue. For me, that was a
- way for me to get my head around all of the things
- that we had stepped through as we worked with the
- 14 Agency on this rulemaking. So it's IERG's standard
- practice that any time that we have a meeting with
- the -- a meeting with the Agency -- Not just the
- 17 Illinois EPA, but any agency or any other
- 18 associations. Any time that we have internal work
- 19 group meetings, we prepare memos about what went on
- 20 at those meetings. We put technical information into
- those memos. So we prepare them in a very detailed
- 22 fashion.
- Then many of the memos -- If I have
- 24 attended the meeting, many of the memos in regards to

- 1 air -- Because I've been primarily assigned that
- function since I've been here. I will prepare many
- of those memos myself. Or if I don't prepare the
- 4 memo and one of the staff does, then I review each
- 5 memo and will extensively edit the memo either taking
- 6 something out or adding something that I believe that
- 7 wasn't covered or saying, you know, "I remember this
- 8 this way. Can we talk about this?" So the
- 9 information that we provide to the members is as
- 10 complete as can be and as an accurate assessment of
- what went on at the meeting that we are possibly able
- to provide. Then those memos are e-mailed to all of
- our members and to other employees at their
- 14 facilities who have very specific interests in a
- particular one of the media, that being air, land, or
- water or all of the above.
- In each quarter IERG has a quarterly
- meeting, and I do prepare the project memo -- the
- 19 quarterly project memo for the air group. That's the
- one I have been working on for the past
- three-and-a-half years since I have returned to IERG.
- I take those very detailed memos and prepare a
- 23 synopsis of what -- you know, of those so that our
- members can, you know, very quickly review that

- 1 update memo. And they're usually, like, about 15
- single-spaced pages, just to let you know. So they
- get an idea of what IERG has been involved with
- 4 during the past quarter. In that regard, I have
- 5 prepared those memos.
- 6 We highlight the activities of the quarter,
- 7 and the way we highlight them is by date with the
- 8 meetings. So I guess the time line originated with
- 9 my memos. I did ask one of my staff members to take
- all of that information and, you know, put it in a
- big document for me so that -- you know, because we
- have many documents over the course of the years. It
- was Mr. Davis who did that for me. Then I went
- through and edited it and removed some of the things
- because it would have been much longer than it is now
- had I included all of the communications between IERG
- and its own work groups.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: So it sounds like it's a
- culmination of your interpretations of what took
- 20 place at meetings and then it's edited by some staff
- 21 members in conjunction with your memos?
- MS. HIRNER: It's edited by me. I'm pretty much
- the final edit on anything that walked out the door
- 24 of IERG.

- MS. ROCCAFORTE: And are these ever shared with
- the Agency?
- MS. HIRNER: On occasions. We have, in fact,
- shared some of the memos with the Agency. But these
- 5 are really internal work product. They are designed
- to tell our members what we do. You know, we are a
- 7 member organization. The members pay dues. They
- 8 want to know that they're getting something for their
- 9 membership. So depending upon -- You know, we have
- 10 shared -- I think I mentioned in here. Although I
- 11 may not be remembering exactly -- some of the NOx
- 12 RACT rules that we have put together. When we would
- have a meeting -- a work group meeting -- And the
- 14 Agency would attend a work group meeting that IERG
- had. If we had some alternative numbers that we were
- proposing, the documents that we handed out to our
- members at that meeting was handed over to the Agency
- 18 so that they could follow along.
- 19 So, yes, some of the things we do share
- with the Agency. Some of them are just very internal
- 21 members. And those who know me know I can be a
- little candid sometimes. Perhaps I don't share
- those. So, in essence, some have. Some haven't.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Regarding the time line, would

- 1 you say that the positions you attribute to the
- 2 Agency were static, or did they evolve over time as
- 3 the Agency considered new information and feedback
- 4 from stakeholders?
- MS. HIRNER: I think that -- I believe I pointed
- 6 it out or stated it this way in my pre-filed
- 7 testimony. On some of the issues the Agency did,
- indeed, change its position. But there were certain
- 9 points that industry raised at the beginning of the
- 10 process as being problematic, and those issues that
- 11 have remained problematic are what they are.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: On page 3, from your notes from
- a meeting on May 26, 2005, you stated that the Agency
- was considering, "Tighter RACT applicability for both
- VOC and NOx with expanded geographical areas." Does
- the Agency's proposal now before the Board require
- tighter RACT applicability or expanded geographical
- 18 areas?
- MS. HIRNER: You might have to repeat that
- question again. Turn me back to which one we're
- looking at.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Page 3, the meeting from
- 23 5-26-2005.
- MS. HIRNER: Okay.

- MS. ROCCAFORTE: It discusses the work group
- 2 meeting. "The Agency described potential controlled
- programs under consideration, among them tighter RACT
- 4 applicability for both VOC and NOx with expanded
- 5 geographical areas." Does the proposal now before
- 6 the Board require tighter RACT applicability or
- 7 expanded geographical areas?
- 8 MS. HIRNER: That particular notation was before
- 9 it really got into specific rulemaking or, you know,
- having seen specific proposals. At that time -- And
- 11 I think it becomes clear as you progress through the
- 12 time line. I believe that that expanded geographical
- area referred to in this bullet point was that early
- on the Agency believed these RACT requirements would
- be necessary statewide, that being the expanded
- 16 geographical area.
- The proposal currently before the Board --
- 18 And I think, again, it comes out over time and it
- 19 comes out in the discussions that we've had in the
- time line. As IERG maintained very early on, the
- 21 proposal was not needed to be implemented statewide.
- 22 And I think that's what we see before us now is a
- 23 proposal that is not statewide RACT
- MS. BASSI: Can I build on that?

- 1 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Ms. Bassi, please go
- <sup>2</sup> ahead.
- MS. BASSI: I'm Kathleen Bassi with Schiff,
- 4 Hardin. I'm here on behalf of Midwest Generation.
- 5 Ms. Hirner, do you agree that the rule as
- 6 currently proposed is limited to the non-attainment
- 7 areas?
- MS. HIRNER: That's my understanding as I read
- 9 it. It is a rule that is limited to the
- 10 non-attainment areas.
- MS. BASSI: Are you familiar with the extent of
- the non-attainment areas in the Metro East area?
- MS. HIRNER: Above my pay grade. If you're
- 14 asking me if I can name you each and every county
- that's included in Metro East, I can't.
- MS. BASSI: Mr. Kolaz, can you?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes. In the case -- Well, of
- course, in the case of Chicago, the fine particulate
- 19 non-attainment area and the ozone non-attainment area
- 20 are identical. But that's not the case in Metro
- 21 East. In the case of Metro East, there's a township
- in Randolph County that is included as being
- 23 non-attainment for fine particulate. And there's a
- county -- Jersey County that's considered attainment

- for fine particulate, but not attainment for ozone.
- MS. BASSI: Is Randolph County attainment for
- 3 ozone?
- 4 MR. KOLAZ: Yes, it is.
- MS. BASSI: Is it subject to the annual portion
- of this rule as proposed?
- MR. KOLAZ: The way the rule is structured
- 8 there's not a distinction made for either Randolph
- 9 County or Jersey County. In the case of Randolph
- 10 County -- Actually it's a specific township in
- 11 Randolph County. That township would be -- Although
- 12 it's non-attainment specifically for fine
- particulate, it would also have to achieve the
- ozone-based requirements of the rule.
- MS. BASSI: Thank you.
- Thank you for allowing my to interrupt.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Just to clarify, the proposal
- before the Board does not apply statewide, correct?
- MS. HIRNER: That's my understanding as I read
- 20 it.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: In discussing the work group
- meeting on 5-26-2005, would you agree that this was
- 23 an example of the rule evolving based on information
- being brought available to the Agency?

- MS. HIRNER: Well, I would imagine. Yeah, you
- 2 could characterize it that way.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Do you think it's beneficial to
- 4 IERG and other stakeholders for the Agency to share
- 5 its position on evolving issues with stakeholders
- 6 before these positions are final?
- 7 MS. HIRNER: Absolutely.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: The time line makes repeated
- 9 references to modeling. Could you please explain why
- modeling is an issue here?
- MS. HIRNER: I'll give the -- maybe the 2 cent
- 12 answer, and somebody else may have to add on to that
- for me. But my basic understanding is, when we talk
- 14 about requirements for emissions control, the way we
- get into the end point of what an emissions control
- should be or what the desired goal is for an
- emissions reduction it's based on what the models
- 18 show.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Would you say that's true even
- 20 if there is a specific statutory requirement to
- 21 implement certain technology?
- MS. HIRNER: I may have to take that question
- down and reflect on it because I don't think I can
- 24 answer that. I'm not quite following your reasoning.

- MS. ROCCAFORTE: You're discussing modeling to
- demonstrate compliance with emission limits. I'm
- just wondering if there's a specific statutory
- 4 requirement, for example, for implementing RACT or
- NOx -- Let me start over. If there's a specific
- 6 requirement in the Clean Air Act, for example, under
- 7 Section 182(f) that requires RACT for major sources
- of NOx emissions, does modeling have to demonstrate
- 9 that requirement?
- MS. HIRNER: That's more technical than I'm
- capable of answering. I'll let Dave answer that.
- MR. KOLAZ: I could answer that for you. You're
- asking if the model is an issue? By what you're
- saying now, I assume you're saying is the model a
- 15 factor in determining RACT? Is that your question?
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Correct.
- MR. KOLAZ: In the case of ozone RACT, it is not
- 18 because the way the Clean Air Act is written is major
- 19 sources in the ozone non-attainment areas must
- implement RACT regardless of the impact -- the
- implementation RACT would have. There is no
- demonstration that it would even make a difference.
- However, in the case of fine particulate, modeling
- does have a role because the statute that requires

- 1 RACT for fine particulate, pollutants other than
- ozone, requires implementation of what's called
- 3 reasonably available control measures. The
- 4 obligation to implement reasonably available control
- measures has with it that it would expeditiously
- achieve attainment, and U.S. EPA has determined that
- 7 to expeditiously achieve attainment means that those
- 8 measures would advance the attainment date by one
- 9 year.
- There's a couple ways to make that
- 11 demonstration. One such way that U.S. EPA conveys in
- their rule regarding the implementation of fine
- particulate requirements is to conduct modeling
- wherein you would perform the model and obtain the
- results without the reasonably available control
- measures and determine the date that the model shows
- you would attain and then to implement the reasonably
- available control measures, rerun the model, and see
- if it advances it by one year.
- In summary, the obligation, in essence, for
- ozone is absolute -- absolute in the sense that RACT
- must be implemented. It's not absolute in the sense
- of what RACT is. In the case of fine particulate,
- it's more complex and could involve the use of

- 1 modeling.
- MS. HIRNER: If I could add one thing because
- 3 listening to Dave sparked something in my mind. One
- of the reasons that the modeling -- The components
- 5 that I placed in the time line, the ones that I chose
- 6 that referenced modeling, was, during the course of
- 7 the rulemaking and developing the rule, on numerous
- 8 occasions when I would meet with some of the staff of
- 9 the Illinois EPA, particularly in meetings that
- involved the current bureau chief, it was
- 11 explained -- or noted, I guess, by her over and over
- again that the modeling demonstrated that we had to
- have statewide RACT. The modeling demonstrates we
- have to have this. And so if you have -- or at least
- the way I perceive things, if someone comes to me and
- over and over explains to me that the modeling
- demonstrates that this has to be this, then I think
- that modeling must be an issue.
- MR. RAO: May I ask a follow-up clarification
- 20 question?
- Ms. Hirner, on page 6 of your testimony
- under June 23, 2006 -- I think it's item number 3 --
- you note, "That recent modeling indicates that the
- level of controls proposed may well be beyond what is

- 1 necessary to demonstrate attainment." Could you tell
- us a little bit about who performed this modeling?
- 3 Are you referring to IEPA's efforts, or is it
- 4 something that one of your members performed this
- 5 modeling?
- 6 MS. HIRNER: I can clarify that.
- 7 There is an organization called the Midwest
- 8 Ozone Group that -- yes -- that various companies are
- 9 members of, and IERG is a member of that group. That
- group contracted with Alpine Geophysics, I believe,
- and -- I can't recall. It contracted with Alpine
- 12 Geophysics and another group -- you know, I'd be
- 13 pleased to get that name for you of the modeling
- group -- to conduct a parallel modeling, to use some
- of the -- You know, they went back and forth and got
- numbers from LADCO. And I'm not exactly sure of the
- 17 process. But that was who was performing the
- 18 alternative modeling. And we would have meetings --
- 19 usually teleconferences -- on the results of what
- 20 Alpine Geophysics had achieved or they would
- 21 determine when they conducted their modeling was
- presented to us.
- Now, Dave can probably comment more
- thoroughly on the nature of that model because I

- would sit in on those meetings and listen to them.
- But, again, when it would come to a technical point,
- I would have to ask someone who's an engineer because
- 4 it's not me.
- MR. RAO: Mr. Kolaz, would you like to elaborate
- 6 a little bit more?
- 7 MR. KOLAZ: I could by saying that the MOD group
- 8 involved more than Illinois. It involved all of the
- 9 LADCO states and many states out east. And the model
- was of the same design -- the same model that LADCO
- 11 was using. In fact, Alpine Geophysics was a
- 12 contractor to LADCO providing some of the basic
- information. So the strategies that the MOD group
- were running were similar in some ways to those that
- 15 LADCO were running.
- But we were also trying some other
- 17 strategies to see what the model would tell us would
- be the outcome, and it was that model that was
- informing our IERG group in making comments to the
- 20 Illinois EPA that we believed that there was a
- 21 solution to the attainment demonstration that would
- not require statewide RACT. I mean, we're talking
- 23 about that specific element. That was the basis for
- our making that comment. I would also say that was

- 1 coupled with the fact that the air monitoring data,
- which is an important component in this discussion.
- 3 It's the actual measurements that are made to
- determine the progress that we're really seeing in
- 5 the environment -- that that data itself was
- 6 providing a result that was showing that the -- there
- 7 were significant improvements in ozone air quality
- 8 that we thought were more compatible with the results
- 9 that the MOD model was showing than the results that
- the LADCO model was showing.
- MR. RAO: Are these results something that IERG
- could enter into the record, or is it confidential?
- MS. HIRNER: To be honest with you, I am
- uncertain. If they are -- about that question. If
- we can, we certainly will.
- MR. RAO: Okay. If you can take a look at that.
- MS. HIRNER: Sure.
- MR. KOLAZ: I'll add one thing. I think it's
- important to note. If you view this time line that
- Deidre has presented, over time the difference
- between the models became insignificant. I think the
- modeling results you would see from MOD now would be
- 23 perfectly compatible with what the Agency is
- 24 presenting now. We have no dispute over the modeling

- results that the Agency has presented. We're just
- saying that that's how -- We're talking about what we
- were looking at as we were making our comments and
- encouraging the Agency to take another look at their
- 5 proposed rule.
- 6 MR. RAO: Did you earlier mention when LADCO did
- 7 its model that -- Did they or did they not use the
- 8 reasonably available control measures to determine
- 9 what kind of, you know, difference it makes?
- MR. KOLAZ: No, not in the sense that I referred
- 11 to earlier. In other words, I can understand the
- 12 Agency's question. In determining RACT for fine
- particulate, they never took the step of basically
- determining whether or not their proposal would
- advance the compliance state. As I mentioned, there
- is another way to do that. I mean, you don't have to
- do that kind of modeling. But that can be a
- component of your analysis to show either, one, it is
- 19 necessary or, two, that it's not. I think the Agency
- has concluded that it is and, therefore, hasn't done
- that analysis.
- I don't believe -- As a matter of fact, I'm
- absolutely certain US EPA would not require them to
- do that analysis. The Agency is entitled to propose

- a rule that even goes beyond RACT. Although in their
- testimony they have stated that they do not intend on
- 3 doing that.
- 4 MR. RAO: Thank you for that clarification.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Who belongs to the Midwest
- 6 Ozone Group?
- 7 MS. HIRNER: Oh, I don't have that off the top
- of my head, to be honest with you. I can get that
- 9 information for you.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: It's a group of industries?
- MS. HIRNER: It's many industries from many
- different places.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Going back to what was said a
- 14 few questions ago, what if a PM 2.5 non-attainment
- area does not attain by the attainment deadline with
- respect to modeling questions?
- MR. KOLAZ: That would be good. I don't know
- what you mean. I mean, how do you address that ozone
- 19 attainment?
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Correct.
- MR. KOLAZ: I think it's important to keep in
- mind that the attainment deadline we're talking about
- for fine particulate is April of 2010, which means
- 24 that the year -- the only year that we can

- 1 potentially impact with this rule is this coming
- year, January of '09. When we talk about fine
- 3 particulate, there's actually two standards. There's
- 4 an annual standard, and then there's a 24-hour
- standard. Currently the Illinois EPA attains the
- previous 24-hour standard of 65 micrograms per cubic
- 7 meter. There is a new fine particulate standard that
- 8 is not subject to this rule. We do not yet have
- 9 to -- Let me back up because this is where it gets
- very complicated in formulating this rule.
- The US EPA has not yet designated the
- 12 non-attainment areas for the fine particulate of the
- 13 24-hour standard of 35 micrograms per cubic meter.
- 14 The fine particulate rule that we're talking about
- here is the annual rule of 15 micrograms per cubic
- meter. There had been a 24-hour standard associated
- with that annual standard, which was 65 micrograms
- 18 per cubic meter. But everywhere in Illinois that
- 19 standard is attained. So this rule is designed to
- 20 impact the annual standard of 15 micrograms per cubic
- meter. That standard is attained when the three-year
- 22 average is less than 15.0. That means 2007, 2008,
- and 2009. So two-thirds of the time line for
- determining attainment is done. There's nothing you

- can do about this year we're just ending or last
- year. You could do something about 2009 if you had
- rules in effect January 1 of 2009.
- Now, what US EPA allows is that if you've
- 5 developed an attainment demonstration and at the end
- of 2009 you do not attain the standard, but 2009
- 7 itself would be below a 15.0 in all non-attainment
- 8 areas, then you can petition US EPA to get a one-year
- 9 extension. What happens then is in 2010 you would
- average 2008, 2009, and 2010. If you don't attain at
- that point -- and that's possible you would not if
- 12 2008 was very high and 2009 was in compliance -- you
- could get a one-year extension if 2010 was within the
- 14 standard everywhere. And so I believe that's what is
- being asked by that question.
- In formulating the rule that we're
- discussing today, the only opportunity to have any
- impact on the rule -- on the air quality is to have
- these emission reductions in place to impact, you
- 20 know, as a practical matter possibly 2010. Although
- when you think about it, it's unlikely that anything
- 22 significant could even occur by 2010. It's
- possible -- If everyone complied -- was able to
- comply by the May 1, 2010, compliance date in the

- 1 rule, it's possible that you would have some impact
- on 2011. But, again, you've already got -- That
- would assume that 2009 and 10 were within the
- 4 standard. Later on though we can talk about that
- 5 because there is air monitoring data that shows that
- 6 maybe things are not as bad as might at first appear.
- 7 MS. ROCCAFORTE: But isn't RACM, of which RACT
- is a subset, require that the State needs to seek an
- 9 extension of the attainment date?
- MR. KOLAZ: It is. It's required that you go
- through the reasonably available control measure
- 12 analysis, and that's what I was mentioning earlier.
- In that particular case, if, in essence, what the
- 14 Agency would be telling US EPA is, "We have not been
- able to implement RACT by January 1, 2008, in order
- to impact 2009. We've only been able to implement it
- basically after the compliance date for the fine
- particulate," the analysis you would need to do would
- be able to show why RACM could advance that
- 20 compliance date by one year. So if Illinois EPA ran
- the model we were talking about and showed the
- reasonably available control measures and could show
- the US EPA, for example, that RACM would not advance
- the compliance date by one year, then that would

- fulfill the obligation. In essence, US EPA would not
- 2 require RACT.
- Now, let me be clear. That's different
- 4 than saying is Illinois EPA entitled to implement
- 5 something beyond what's federally required? Of
- 6 course they are. But all along Illinois EPA said,
- 7 "We're only meeting the federal requirements." So my
- 8 point is that's the analysis that the Agency could
- 9 show and say, "See, these measures we're talking
- about are not occurring in a time frame in sufficient
- amounts to advance that compliance date by one year."
- 12 And then it would be satisfied. Now, maybe, on the
- other hand, it would be shown to advance it by one
- 14 year. I highly question that that would be the
- 15 outcome.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: On page 10 of your testimony,
- Ms. Hirner, you indicate that, in comments by IERG in
- 18 response to the July 2007 draft rule, the compliance
- date of January 1, 2009, was not achievable. Isn't
- 20 it true that the Agency modified the compliance date
- of May 1, 2010, in response to IERG's comment?
- MS. HIRNER: This was a time line just
- demonstrating that the Agency said at that time, so
- it's a snapshot.

- MS. ROCCAFORTE: And has the Illinois EPA
- demonstrated a willingness to work with IERG on
- 3 issues that have arisen in the context of your time
- 4 line?
- 5 MS. HIRNER: Yes.
- 6 MS. ROCCAFORTE: And on page 14 you indicate
- 7 that IERG is concerned regarding the limits for
- 8 certain emission units. Which emission units are you
- 9 concerned with?
- MS. HIRNER: There are emission units listed in
- tables, the emissions -- the numbers -- the emissions
- numbers, the limitations. There's a table that
- 13 Illinois EPA has proposed, and then there was a table
- that IERG counterproposed to Illinois EPA where we
- counterproposed some limits. The limits that are --
- 16 Some of the limits in the EPA table for certain units
- on those -- and I don't have them off the top of my
- head. You know, I could probably list those out for
- 19 you because I don't have them in front of me. Or
- 20 Dave may know them off the top of his head -- that
- the emissions limits for some of the units that were
- in that table could not meet that number by that
- 23 date.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Are we talking specifically

- just industrial boilers?
- MR. KOLAZ: Industrial boilers, process heaters,
- and electric generating units subject to subpart M.
- 4 And those are the ones we are most familiar with. As
- 5 Saint-Gobain has testified, it seems like they have a
- 6 challenge with part of the rule as well. But it's
- 7 those three that I mentioned that are of primary
- 8 concern to IERG at this time.
- And I want to emphasize. While we talk
- about emission limits, it's not so much the emission
- limit. It's the emission limit coupled with the very
- short compliance time.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Are there any limits for
- emission limits that IERG is not concerned about?
- MR. KOLAZ: No. I mean, not of the three
- 16 categories I've spoke of.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: On page 15 you indicate that
- 18 May 1, 2010 -- that the May 1, 2010, compliance date
- 19 affords an inadequate amount of time for companies to
- 20 achieve compliance. Can you suggest a compliance
- 21 date that affords companies an adequate amount of
- time to comply?
- MS. HIRNER: No, I cannot. As I view RACT, it's
- very -- It's RACT, reasonably achievable control

- 1 technology. And that goes to a unit at a site. You
- 2 know, various facilities are going to have various
- different designs. So facility-by-facility
- 4 discussions -- We have had facility-by-facility
- discussions where they have talked about what they
- 6 would have to do in order to meet that deadline.
- 7 They cannot in order to meet that deadline. It's not
- 8 every IERG member. It would be different ones.
- 9 MR. KOLAZ: You know, I think I could add, I
- think, a helpful comment on this.
- I think IERG could offer a solution to the
- time line problem that would allow -- working with
- the Agency would allow the Agency to meet its
- statutory requirements, develop an attainment plan,
- and yet engage in a control strategy for the future
- that will likely be necessary to meet that new
- 17 24-hour fine particulate standard and the new ozone
- 18 standard. Even as we talk about achieving current
- ozone standards, there's a new ozone standard coming.
- It would, in this particular case, allow us to be
- 21 ahead of the curve.
- As I tried to show in my testimony, I think
- in many cases the Agency can assert that the emission
- reductions already being achieved by the largest

- 1 facilities constitute RACT. It doesn't constitute
- the lowest possible nitrogen oxide emission rate that
- is technologically available, but it satisfies the
- 4 US EPA requirement for RACT. And, in fact, I think
- some of the documents that Illinois EPA has in their
- 6 website could confirm that statement. I think by
- 7 taking advantage of that -- I should point out these
- 8 are companies that are subject to rules right now,
- 9 the Clean Air Interstate Rule, the Nitrogen Oxide SIP
- 10 Call, what's known as subpart W for electric
- 11 generating units, subpart U for non-EGU's. I mean,
- these are companies that are subject to rules. To
- say they're not regulated would be a wrong concept. I
- think those emission reductions that they're
- achieving can be shown to be RACT.
- I think the attainment demonstration that
- 17 Illinois EPA is even proposing to speak about on
- 18 December 16 actually confirms that approach. I think
- if we take that approach and then pick a compliance
- date for the future, that puts us on a path to meet
- 21 more stringent numbers, maybe the more stringent
- numbers that the Agency's talking about. That would
- be an option that would help the industry to be able
- to plan ahead. At the same time it would allow the

- 1 Agency to have a rule in place looking forward.
- And I would say the compliance date in the
- 3 case -- what I'll call the second phase -- would be
- along the 2014 to 2015 time line, which is consistent
- 5 with the time line that the Agency has in the
- 6 part 225 rules they just completed for electric
- generating units that have compliance dates for
- 8 nitrogen oxide to 2012. And there's other reductions
- 9 as well. In the case of the Clean Air Interstate
- Rule, reductions start in 2009. There's a 2014
- 11 compliance date.
- 12 If you look at what's been done in the last
- two years for electric generating units, you'll see
- this phase and approach that extends out through the
- 2014, 15, and 18 time line. I think if the Agency
- modified its rule to have sort of that two-phase
- approach, then it would be possible to make some of
- the emission reductions we're talking about.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: But isn't the CAIR currently --
- Hasn't the CAIR been under legal challenge?
- MR. KOLAZ: Well, sure. It is. It is. And
- that makes it more complicated. But I think there's
- options there as well.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Thanks. I was trying to get a

- 1 specific compliance date out of you.
- MR. KOLAZ: Okay. I'd say January 1, 2014.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: On page 18 you contend proposed
- 4 rules unnecessary because the Chicago area is
- 5 attaining the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard. Isn't
- 6 NOx RACT is a specific clean air requirement?
- 7 MS. HIRNER: I'm sorry. I have a little hearing
- problem, and I couldn't hear what you asked me.
- 9 MS. ROCCAFORTE: On page 18 of your testimony
- you contend that the proposed rule is unnecessary
- because the Chicago area is attaining the 1997
- eight-hour ozone standard. Isn't it true that
- NOx RACT is its own specific clean air requirement?
- MS. HIRNER: The NOx RACT rule -- You have to
- 15 have NOx RACT.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: That's what I was asking.
- MS. HIRNER: You have to have NOx RACT. The
- issue is what is NOx RACT? Is NOx RACT, for example,
- 19 meeting the NOx SIP Call? Is NOx RACT the -- Is
- NOx RACT as a facility meeting emissions limits which
- the Illinois EPA has proposed? So, yes, you have to
- meet NOx RACT. The question is what is NOx RACT? Is
- it the Agency's rule, or is it something else?
- MR. KOLAZ: I'll point out that in the Agency's

- website they posted documents for the December 16
- 2 hearing. That hearing is for the purpose of allowing
- 3 the public to comment on the Agency's ozone
- 4 attainment demonstration for Chicago and also to take
- 5 comments on the Agency's proposal to request that
- 6 US EPA designate Chicago as having already attained
- 7 the standard.
- And on page 11 of that document there's
- 9 other similar references. The Agency states that
- they do this on-the-books emission reduction. And
- they mention specifically Title 4 of the Clean Air
- 12 Act, phases 1 and 2, and the NOx SIP Call. Now,
- 13 EGU's and large industrial boilers are subject to the
- 14 NOx SIP Call right now. So what the Agency is
- acknowledging is that that is sufficient. These
- on-the-books controls without the rule we're talking
- about today is sufficient to obtain the ozone
- standard. And that -- That's all I'll say.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Ms. Bassi, please go
- 20 ahead.
- MS. BASSI: I have a question of clarification.
- This is a document from the Agency's
- website for the ozone attainment demonstration
- 24 hearing?

- 1 MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. BASSI: Is that correct?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- 4 MS. BASSI: And you said it acknowledges Title 4
- 5 reductions?
- 6 MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- 7 MS. BASSI: Thank you.
- 8 MS. ROCCAFORTE: Does that notice also indicate
- 9 that the Agency's taking comments on new designations
- 10 as they regard the new strength in ozone standard?
- MR. KOLAZ: I never knew that. I'm not sure
- that that makes a difference with this. It doesn't
- 13 affect my answer.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Ms. Hirner, even though the
- 15 Chicago area is currently attaining the eight-hour
- ozone standard, are you aware that there are other
- areas downwind of Chicago, in Holland, Michigan, for
- example, that are not attaining the eight-hour ozone
- 19 standard? Do you believe that emissions from Chicago
- 20 impact Holland, Michigan?
- MS. HIRNER: How would I know?
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: In discussions with the Agency,
- has it been stated that without the Clean Air
- 24 Interstate Rule Illinois cannot demonstrate

- 1 attainment of the PM 2.5 standards in either the
- 2 Chicago or Metro East area?
- MS. HIRNER: In discussions with the --
- 4 MS. ROCCAFORTE: Do you recall if the Agency
- 5 testified to the fact that without CAIR Illinois
- 6 cannot demonstrate attainment in the PM 2.5 standard
- 7 in either Chicago or the Metro East area?
- 8 MS. HIRNER: I can't recollect, no. I mean, I
- 9 really can't recollect. I'd have to go back and
- think. There's one -- I've heard of one area, but I
- can't remember which one it is. But I don't know.
- MR. KOLAZ: That is correct. That is what the
- 13 Agency has said. Without CAIR they cannot attain
- 14 Chicago Metro East.
- However, I think that right now that's only
- true in Metro East because the modeling -- First of
- 17 all, the Illinois EPA did not submit an attainment
- demonstration for ozone for the Metro East area in
- June of 2007, which was the deadline for both Chicago
- 20 and the Metro East area. That attainment
- demonstration relied on CAIR, as it should have. And
- 22 that CAIR program, of course, is -- would be
- 23 implemented also in Missouri, and that showed
- 24 attainment. However, with the recent court action on

- the CAIR rule, that changes that attainment
- demonstration. Without CAIR in Metro East -- excuse
- me -- in Missouri, Metro East cannot attain.
- 4 However, in Chicago that's not the case.
- As the document that I referred to earlier shows for
- ozone, the Illinois EPA can attain ozone in Chicago
- 7 without the Clean Air Interstate Rule in the other
- 8 states. The Illinois EPA has not yet prepared their
- 9 fine particulate attainment demonstration. But in
- the same document they include the modeling results
- 11 for the fine particulate for the Chicago area, and
- those numbers also show that even without the Clean
- 13 Air Interstate Rule and even with on-the-books
- 14 controls that exist now that numerically the model
- shows that the fine particulate standard is attained.
- And I use the word "numerically" to say that the
- 17 Agency does not make a statement within that document
- 18 saying that -- The purpose of the document for this
- 19 hearing is not to talk about fine particulate. The
- data's in there, but they don't make the
- 21 pronouncement of attainment.
- They do say that if they -- They make the
- 23 comment that if Illinois will attain the fine
- 24 particulate standard in Chicago by the required date,

- which, as I mentioned, would be basically 2009, then
- 2 Illinois does not have to do a reasonable further
- progress plan for fine particulate. Therefore,
- 4 they're not doing one. So it stops short of Illinois
- 5 EPA saying they're going to attain, but it certainly
- 6 leads to that conclusion.
- 7 MR. DAVIS: Dave, as a point of clarification,
- when you refer to on-the-books controls, what are you
- 9 referring to?
- MR. KOLAZ: I'm referring to certainly the
- 11 NOx SIP Call, the subpart U and the subpart W. I'm
- 12 also referring to the Clean Air Interstate Rule.
- 13 And, again, I agree that that legally is up in the
- air, but I think that for planning purposes we have
- to talk in terms of that being in effect. I think if
- it turns out it's not for Illinois there are some
- things we can do to take care of that.
- MR. DAVIS: You're not referring to any
- reductions that may come about based on the proposal?
- MR. KOLAZ: No.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: In your testimony, Ms. Hirner,
- you included a document referenced as Exhibit A,
- which is a nationwide survey of NOx RACT
- implementation; is that correct?

- MS. HIRNER: Yes.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: The date on that document is
- June 23 of '06; is that correct?
- 4 MS. HIRNER: Yes.
- 5 MS. ROCCAFORTE: Is the information in that
- 6 document still current given that it was prepared in
- 7 2006?
- 8 MS. HIRNER: That document accurately reflects
- 9 2006. But I also have a document that is the 2008
- update to that document. So anything that is in the
- 11 2008 document that is a listing for the same state
- updates 2006. If it is not updated in the 2008
- document, then those are still in place. And those
- were -- The way that that information was gathered
- was by someone -- a staff person making telephone
- calls to all of those things -- to all of those
- places.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Just for clarification, the
- last page of Exhibit B, as it relates to Illinois,
- those are the limits that are currently before the
- Board as opposed to those under Exhibit A?
- 22 MS. HIRNER: Exhibit B reflects what we have
- 23 today.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Thank you.

- In that survey, isn't it true that many
- states adopted NOx RACT rules several years ago?
- MS. HIRNER: Yes. But Illinois didn't have to
- 4 several years ago.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: On page 28, New Hampshire's
- for rules, it's indicated, were approved by US EPA in
- 7 1997; is that correct?
- 8 MS. HIRNER: That's what this says.
- 9 MS. ROCCAFORTE: On page 32, New Jersey's rules
- were approved by US EPA in 1999; is that correct?
- MS. HIRNER: If that's what the table says.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: And aren't there several other
- states listed in the survey that were approved by
- US EPA several years ago?
- MS. HIRNER: If that's what the table says,
- that's what the table says.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Has Illinois ever adopted
- 18 NOx RACT rules?
- 19 MS. HIRNER: No.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Do you believe that control
- technologies have improved since many of these RACT
- rules were adopted?
- MS. HIRNER: I do not know enough about the
- specifics to know what happened then and what

- 1 happened now. I'm not a technological person.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: But wouldn't you expect that
- NOx controls with today's technology would be better
- than they were in the 1990s when many of those states
- 5 were adopting their NOx RACT rules?
- 6 MS. HIRNER: I think that control technologies
- 7 evolve over time, and I think that we see the result
- 8 in the reduction of air emissions because of
- 9 different control technologies that are being placed
- on different emission units over time. So, of
- 11 course, the control technology improves over time
- because we show it in what we've been able to achieve
- in terms of cleaning up the quality of the air.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: As illustrated earlier,
- 15 Exhibit B attached to your testimony provides an
- update of the 2006 survey, correct?
- MS. HIRNER: Right.
- 18 MS. ROCCAFORTE: The document lists some states
- where US EPA has recertified a state's earlier
- NOx RACT rule as still satisfying RACT. Delaware,
- 21 for example, on page 3 of the exhibit. Do you
- believe it is more expensive on a dollar-per-ton
- 23 basis to reduce NOx emissions on an emission unit
- that is already controlled than it is to reduce

- 1 emissions on a unit that is not controlled?
- MS. HIRNER: You would have to ask someone who
- is an engineer at the facility how much it costs.
- 4 MS. ROCCAFORTE: Would you like to comment?
- MR. KOLAZ: I think that is true. I think
- 6 that's a very important thing to keep in mind in what
- you propose. Many of the facilities that you're
- 8 talking about adding additional controls on already
- 9 have spent money for control. And the -- Some of the
- tables and the support documents are showing
- reductions from an uncontrolled rate when in reality
- these companies are already controlled. That throws
- off the entire cost analysis. As testified -- As the
- 14 Agency testified at the October 14 hearing, there was
- no specific analysis done for any units in Illinois
- to capture the fact that they've already expended
- money, and the level from which they would be
- 18 controlling is not an uncontrolled rate. So I agree.
- 19 That is very important.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Would it not then be more
- 21 difficult from a cost perspective to set tighter
- emission limits in a state that has already
- established emission limits than it is in a state
- that has never established emission limits

- previously?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes. But keep in mind that Illinois
- 3 hasn't established emissions.
- 4 MS. ROCCAFORTE: In the exhibits attached to the
- testimony, did you or your staff identify any states
- 6 that relied on either the NOx SIP Call for non-EGU's
- or the Clean Air Interstate Rule for EGU's to satisfy
- 8 the NOx RACT requirement?
- 9 MS. HIRNER: You know, I think there are some in
- there, but I can't recollect.
- MR. KOLAZ: You had made the comment a little
- 12 bit earlier that Illinois has never had NOx RACT
- before. And these other states -- Many of them had
- 14 NOx RACT before there ever was the NOx SIP Call. So
- there should be no reason for these states to rely on
- the NOx SIP Call since they already had the RACT
- 17 rule. So we actually never did -- truly never did
- 18 look to see if these states used NOx SIP Call because
- what we relied on was the US EPA regulations that
- 20 said they would accept the NOx SIP Call as RACT for
- ozone. That was good enough for us.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: So the answer's no?
- MR. KOLAZ: I forgot what the question was.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Were there any states in the

- 1 survey that relied on --
- MR. KOLAZ: The answer is we never looked. So I
- don't know. There could be. I don't know.
- 4 MS. ROCCAFORTE: I just have a couple more.
- Isn't it true that on March 24, 2008,
- 6 US EPA made it binding that Illinois, among other
- 5 states, failed to make a RACT submittal required
- 8 under Part D of Title 1 of the Clean Air Act for its
- 9 two moderate non-attainment areas?
- MS. HIRNER: Yes.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: And isn't it true that such
- 12 findings started the 18-month emission offset
- sanctions block and the 24-month highway funding
- 14 sanctions block under the Clean Air Act and the
- 15 24-month block for promulgation by US EPA of a
- 16 federal implementation plan?
- 17 MS. HIRNER: I believe that was included in the
- 18 promulgation.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Thank you. I have no further
- 20 questions.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: No further questions,
- 22 Ms. Roccaforte, for either Mr. Kolaz or Ms. Hirner?
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: For Ms. Hirner.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: For Ms. Hirner. Very

well. Why don't we do this? It is now almost exactly 12:30. We have been at it for about 90 minutes. It seems an appropriate time to break for lunch. Why don't we resume in one hour at 1:30. Ms. Roccaforte, if you're prepared then to begin with questions of Mr. Kolaz, we can start right at that point then. Thanks very much. (WHEREUPON, at 12:30 p.m. the hearing was adjourned, to reconvene at 1:30 p.m., this same day.) 

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- 2 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Noting that the time of
- 3 1:30 for the end of our lunch break has come and just
- $^4$  past, I want to put us back on the record for a
- 5 moment in recognition of that deadline, but go off
- 6 the record while we wait for a couple of people,
- 7 including the Agency personnel who are preparing to
- question you, I think, Mr. Kolaz. With that, we'll
- 9 go off the record just for a moment or two.
- 10 (WHEREUPON, discussion was had
- off the record.)
- 12 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Thank you all for
- returning promptly from the lunch break. When we did
- stop at 12:30, the Agency was asking questions of
- 15 IERG's witnesses. My recollection, Ms. Roccaforte,
- is that you had concluded questions specifically for
- Ms. Hirner and were prepared to begin asking
- questions posed specifically to Mr. Kolaz. Although
- 19 I suspect Ms. Hirner remains available to supplement
- any of his answers as well. If that's accurate,
- 21 please feel free to resume.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: And I'm actually doing the
- 23 questioning of Mr. Kolaz.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: Ms. Vetterhoffer. I'm

- 1 sorry. I overlooked you.
- MR. DAVIS: Actually if I can interrupt just
- 3 really quickly? I don't want to forget.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Mr. Davis, please go
- 5 ahead.
- 6 MR. DAVIS: Mr. Kolaz referred in his testimony
- 7 and in his answers to the Illinois EPA's attainment
- 8 demonstration for an ozone national ambient air
- 9 quality standard for Chicago. While I don't have a
- copy of that document in my possession, I'd at least
- like to read the title of the document in the record
- so that people who are interested in looking into it
- 13 can find it.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER FOX: This is with reference to,
- 15 I believe, the December 16 hearing, the testimony
- that the questions and answers had referred to?
- MR. DAVIS: Yes.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Please go ahead and do
- that for the sake of clarity, Mr. Davis. That would
- 20 be helpful.
- MR. DAVIS: The title page is Draft Attainment
- Demonstration for the 1997 Eight-Hour Ozone National
- 23 Ambient Air Quality Standard for the Chicago
- Non-Attainment Area, document number AQPSTR08-07,

- dated November 15, 2008.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very well. Thank you,
- 3 Mr. Davis.
- 4 MR. DAVIS: Thank you.
- 5 HEARING OFFICER FOX: We almost certainly will
- 6 be taking a break at some point mid afternoon. With
- 7 the Board offices right upstairs, we have a copier
- 8 available. What we would like to ask, frankly, is
- 9 since you've placed that specifically in the record
- at least to the citation of reference, if we could
- get copies of that to admit into the record as a
- 12 hearing exhibit?
- MR. DAVIS: I don't have a full copy of the
- document before me. Otherwise, I would have
- 15 submitted it.
- MS. HIRNER: We'll get it.
- 17 HEARING OFFICER FOX: You can get that?
- MR. DAVIS: Certainly.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Certainly we'll have some
- either post-hearing comments or, as we've discussed,
- 21 possibly a third hearing. That could be incorporated
- into either those comments or pre-filed testimony for
- 23 a third hearing if that's the most productive way to
- get a copy of that.

- MR. DAVIS: If we could copy perhaps yours?
- MS. BASSI: Sure. If you want to make sure that
- 3 it's your document.
- 4 MR. KALEEL: We'd be happy to provide the entire
- document, if that saves a little trouble here. It's
- on our website, but we'd be happy to provide it.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER FOX: If that's the case,
- 8 Mr. Kaleel. Certainly it sounds like there may be
- 9 some difficulty in obtaining the full copy with the
- more limited resources here. If we could incorporate
- that, as I said, into any post-hearing comments or
- any pre-filed testimony for a potential third
- hearing, that would supplement our record, I think,
- to the satisfaction clearly of Ms. Hirner who
- indicates that that would work. And I suspect any
- other parties as well.
- MR. KALEEL: We'd be happy to do that.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Mr. Kaleel, thanks for
- intervening with that offer. I appreciate it.
- Ms. Vetterhoffer, I think we've cut in on
- you a couple of times, and I apologize.
- Let me check to make sure. Mr. Davis, you
- are complete with the points you wish to make before
- Ms. Vetterhoffer begins?

- MR. DAVIS: Yes. Thank you.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Please go ahead, and thank
- you for your forbearance.
- 4 MR. VETTERHOFFER: Mr. Kolaz, on page 3 of your
- testimony, you note that the Agency has identified
- 6 NOx RACT as a necessary -- On page 3 of your
- testimony, you note that the Agency has identified
- 8 NOx RACT as a necessary component of Illinois SIP to
- 9 obtain acts for ozone and PM 2.5. You then state in
- your testimony that the Agency has not quantified the
- 11 reductions for successful attainment demonstration.
- 12 Did the Agency ever indicate that NOx RACT is the
- only element of the attainment demonstration?
- MR. KOLAZ: No.
- 15 MS. VETTERHOFFER: And doesn't an attainment
- demonstration consist of many different -- Doesn't an
- attainment demonstration consist of many different
- control measures, including measures to reduce
- emissions from point area and mobile sources?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes, it does.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: And I know you talked about
- this a little bit earlier, but I just want to
- 23 clarify. Are you saying that the Agency should
- 24 determine NOx RACT based on the amount of reduction

- needed to show attainment through modeling?
- MR. KOLAZ: No.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: On page 4 of your testimony
- 4 you implied that the Agency should have conducted a
- 5 sensitivity analysis to determine whether emission
- 6 reductions for the proposal would have a perceptible
- 7 change in the modeling results. How would you define
- 8 a perceptible change?
- 9 MR. KOLAZ: Well, my testimony on page 4 was
- structured differently than the way you present it in
- the question. I certainly wasn't implying -- You
- might have inferred that I was implying there should
- be a sensitivity analysis. I was simply making the
- observation that the Agency developed the rule
- without identifying a specific emission target that
- it was attempting to reach through this RACT rule.
- 17 My point wasn't to say that that was erroneous or
- somehow improper. It was just simply saying that the
- way the rule was actually structured was by
- determining what control technology would represent
- reasonably available control technology and then
- taking those emission reductions, whatever they were,
- 23 and then putting them into the model.
- As Mr. Kaleel testified on October 14, he

- said something to the effect that whatever emission
- reduction would have come from that RACT analysis
- $^3$  would have been what was used in the model. So I
- 4 took from that to mean that the Agency already knew
- 5 that the amount of emission reductions that they were
- 6 talking about was not so great that it would change
- 7 the results of the model. There was enough
- 8 cushion -- or, let's just say, they were small enough
- 9 in magnitude that it would not make a difference.
- 10 Therefore, they saw no reason to do a sensitive
- analysis. Otherwise, they would have done the
- 12 analysis and performed their RACT assessment. And
- then if the RACT assessment was insufficient to
- 14 attain that number, they would have tried to go
- beyond RACT, which they are allowed to do. And that
- was really the point.
- Again, I want to emphasize it's not at all
- 18 suggesting that they would have had to do that --
- that type of a sensitivity analysis. We're just
- simply saying they determined it was unnecessary.
- 21 Consequently, I believe that there's room to consider
- other emission limits that are RACT, and that those
- emission reductions that would come from those
- 24 alternate limits, likewise, should be sufficient to

- be incorporated into the attainment demonstration and
- still reach the conclusions the Agency's trying to
- 3 reach.
- 4 MS. VETTERHOFFER: Isn't Illinois -- the ozone
- SIP composed of many different control measures, such
- 6 as vehicle inspection and maintenance, stage II
- 7 reformulated gasoline, and VOC RACT, among others?
- 8 MR. KOLAZ: It is.
- 9 MS. VETTERHOFFER: Do you know if any of these
- 10 requirements were promulgated on the basis of
- 11 modeling?
- MR. KOLAZ: I'm not exactly sure what you mean
- 13 by that.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Are these requirements Clean
- 15 Air Act requirements regardless of modeling?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes. At least some of them are, and
- maybe all of them.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: And do you know if any of
- those control measures were ever modeled
- 20 individually?
- MR. KOLAZ: I'm not sure -- Again, I'm not sure
- 22 exactly what you mean. But I know that in preparing
- an attainment demonstration you need to incorporate
- 24 all of the emission reductions that you intend on

- being a part of your attainment demonstration. To
- that extent, they would be modeled.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: So you consider them in the
- 4 aggregate? You don't necessarily model each
- 5 individual control measure that you intend to
- 6 implement?
- 7 MR. KOLAZ: Well, I think that you -- I'm not
- 8 entirely sure how the Agency has done this modeling.
- 9 I would think that what you would do is determine the
- 10 emission reduction from each component of your
- control plan and incorporate those specific emission
- 12 reductions in your control -- in your modeling
- demonstration in some fashion or another whether or
- not you aggregate that or whether or not you actually
- specifically attribute that emission reduction for
- 16 each individual component. I'm not sure exactly how
- the Agency has done it in the past, but I think in
- one fashion or another the emission reductions coming
- 19 from your control strategy must find its way in an
- 20 appropriate way into the modeling demonstrations.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Okay. On page 5 of your
- testimony, you imply that improving air quality is
- not necessarily the driving force behind Illinois'
- 24 current NOx RACT rule. Am I characterizing your

- 1 testimony correctly?
- MR. KOLAZ: No.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Could you explain how I'm not
- 4 doing that?
- 5 MS. HIRNER: I'm sorry. I really can't -- I
- 6 can't hear what you're asking him.
- 7 MS. VETTERHOFFER: I said -- On page 5 he
- 8 implied that air quality is not the driving force
- 9 behind the rule. I asked him if I was characterizing
- 10 his testimony correctly. He stated that I was not,
- so he's going to explain.
- MS. HIRNER: Thank you.
- MR. KOLAZ: And here's how. It's a nuance in
- the way you've worded the question. My exact
- testimony says, "The specific amount of emission
- 16 reductions derived from the proposed rule, while
- important and useful, are not the driving force
- behind the rule. Otherwise, the Agency would have
- $^{\rm 19}$  , determined the impact that various levels of NOx
- emission reductions would have on the attainment
- 21 model results to ensure that any rule it would
- propose would achieve those reductions while meeting
- or exceeding RACT requirements." That's my point.
- 24 It's the RACT -- It's the determination of what is

- 1 RACT that then produces the emission reductions.
- 2 It's not the determination that I need X amount of
- 3 emission reductions that is driving the specific
- 4 emission limits that are in that rule.
- 5 That's important to IERG because we believe
- that we can show that there are more appropriate
- 7 emission limits that US EPA has stated that they
- 8 consider to be RACT that will produce a similar
- 9 emission number that could then be put into the
- model. And according -- What we believe the Agency's
- 11 conclusion is is that those emission numbers should
- 12 produce acceptable results. And I know I repeat
- myself, but that's because otherwise the Agency would
- have said we need 42,666 tons and any -- and the way
- the rule would be formulated would have to be such
- that those were attained. And that's really the
- thrust. Naturally, the emission reductions are
- important.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: And isn't it true that NOx is
- 20 considered a precursor to the formation of both ozone
- 21 and PM 2.5?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Shouldn't the application of
- controls to release NOx have a beneficial effect on

- 1 reducing ozone and PM 2.5?
- MR. KOLAZ: As a general matter, but not
- 3 necessarily as an absolute matter. There are
- 4 certainly levels of emission reductions that you can
- 5 imagine that could be made that would be -- that
- 6 would not ever be reflected in an attainment
- 7 demonstration or even in modeling results. In fact,
- 8 the Clean Air Act recognizes that that's a
- 9 possibility by allowing the State to make a showing
- 10 that NOx emission reductions might not be
- 11 appropriate.
- Now, Illinois has chosen not to request a
- waiver at this time, and we're not disputing that. I
- 14 would say as a general matter that statement could be
- true, but it's not -- If you're taking that to mean
- that, therefore, every single amount of emission
- reductions is appropriate and necessary, I would
- 18 disagree with that.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: In general, would you say
- that greater NOx reductions will yield greater
- benefits? And, again, I'm just asking in general.
- 22 I'm not asking about specifics.
- MR. KOLAZ: Could I have that question again?
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: I can ask it again.

- In general, would you say that greater NOx
- 2 reductions will yield greater benefits?
- MR. KOLAZ: As a general matter, sure. Yeah,
- I'll say yes.
- MS. HIRNER: May I ask a question? Did Illinois
- have a NOx waiver for a while because it showed that
- 7 it was a disbenefit?
- MR. KOLZA: Are you asking me?
- 9 MS. HIRNER: No. I was just curious
- MS. BASSI: Mr. Fox?
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: Ms. Bassi?
- MS. BASSI: I'll ask that question.
- Mr. Kolaz, are you aware of whether
- 14 Illinois ever had a NOx waiver?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. BASSI: And what was the purpose of the NOx
- 17 waiver?
- MR. KOLAZ: The purpose of the NOx waiver was to
- obtain approval from US EPA to not reduce nitrogen
- oxide emissions because in that particular instance,
- 21 based on the standard that was in place at that time,
- reducing nitrogen oxide emissions would actually
- cause higher ozone levels.
- MS. BASSI: So to go back to Ms. Vetterhoffer's

- question, do you agree that it is always the case --
- 2 although she did not say always -- that it is always
- the case that NOx reductions produce benefits? And
- by benefits I assume we mean reductions in ambient
- 5 air quality standards.
- MR. KOLAZ: No, it's not always the case.
- 7 MS. BASSI: Thank you.
- 8 MS. VETTERHOFFER: Even though the Chicago area
- 9 may be attaining the 1997 ozone standards based on
- the three most recent years of data, isn't it also
- 11 true that places that are not -- I'm sorry -- that
- 12 are outside of the non-attainment area, but are
- downwind of Chicago, are not meeting the standard?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: And places such as Holland,
- 16 Michigan?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes, Holland, Michigan,
- 18 specifically.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Is Holland, Michigan,
- 20 attaining?
- MR. KOLAZ: No, it is not.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Do you believe that emissions
- 23 from Chicago are affecting air quality in Holland,
- 24 Michigan?

- MR. KOLAZ: I can just repeat what the Agency
- and LADCO has produced in their technical support
- document. I don't have any independent knowledge
- 4 beyond that.
- 5 MS. VETTERHOFFER: That's fine.
- In your opinion, doesn't Illinois have an
- obligation to address Chicago's impact to downwind,
- 8 non-attainment areas?
- 9 MR. KOLAZ: I view that obligation as really
- being separate from the rule discussion we're having
- 11 today. As I stated in my testimony, I base my whole
- 12 analysis of what the Agency said was the purpose of
- this rule, which was to develop an attainment
- demonstration for Illinois and to achieve the RACT
- requirements in the Clean Air Act. There was nothing
- said about addressing downwind transport.
- That said, I'm not implying that the Agency
- is not addressing that in their attainment
- 19 demonstration. In fact, that would be required. But
- I don't know that they have to address it
- specifically in this rule, and I'm not aware of what
- components of this rule are designed to achieve those
- 23 reductions outside of Illinois.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: And you touched on this

- earlier in your testimony. Just to clarify, isn't it
- true that US EPA tightened the ozone standard in
- 3 2008?
- 4 MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Do you know if the Chicago
- 6 area or the Metro East area are currently attaining
- 7 that standard?
- MR. KOLAZ: I know that they are not.
- 9 MS. VETTERHOFFER: And isn't it also true that
- US EPA tightened the PM 2.5 standard in 2006?
- MR. KOLAZ: They did for the 24-hour time
- 12 period.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: And do you know if the
- 14 Chicago area or the Metro East area are currently
- 15 attaining that standard?
- MR. KOLAZ: No, I do not believe they are in all
- 17 areas.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: On page 7 of your testimony
- under paragraph G, you state that US EPA has the
- 20 authority to determine that RACT is satisfied. Can
- you please explain or elaborate on what you meant by
- 22 that?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes. As the Agency has stated in
- their Statement of Reasons and in other documents

- 1 produced for this rule, they are obligated to develop
- an attainment demonstration that contains various
- components and various elements, one of which is the
- 4 demonstration that they've satisfied the reasonably
- available control technology requirements for the
- 6 Clean Air Act. Once that plan is assembled, that's
- 7 not the end of the process. That has to be submitted
- to the US EPA, and it's US EPA that deems whether or
- 9 not the Illinois EPA has, indeed, satisfied the
- 10 requirements. And that was the point of my comment.
- 11 They are the ones who decide if you've done it
- 12 properly.
- Therefore, my -- I took that point to
- 14 really address the fact that anything that US EPA
- might be able to share regarding their view of
- 16 NOx RACT would be very important in determining what
- NOx RACT should be. And they have made several
- explicit statements in that regard, and I think those
- 19 are important for the Agency to consider in
- developing their program to satisfy the US EPA that
- 21 Illinois has complied with that provision of the
- 22 Clean Air Act.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: So you aren't saying that the
- 24 State doesn't have a role in determining what is

- 1 NOx RACT, correct?
- MR. KOLAZ: The State does -- That's correct.
- 3 That's correct.
- 4 MS. VETTERHOFFER: Just to summarize, so
- generally what you're saying is US EPA has the
- authority to approve the State's rules, but you're
- 7 acknowledging that the State has the responsibility
- 8 to develop and adopt the rules first, correct?
- 9 MR. KOLAZ: Correct.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Hasn't US EPA made many
- 11 statements regarding what it considers NOx RACT? For
- example, Exhibit A summarizes NOx RACT requirements
- in other states; is that correct?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: And doesn't the summary also
- list the date that US EPA approved many of those
- 17 state's RACT rules?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- 19 MS. VETTERHOFFER: And isn't it true that
- NOx RACT requirements vary from state to state?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: On page 8 of your testimony,
- you state the position that subpart M of Illinois'
- 24 proposed rule is unnecessary for the purposes of this

- 1 rulemaking. Does subpart M have requirements that
- reduce NOx emissions from electric-generating units
- or EGU's?
- $^4$  MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Doesn't subpart M refer to
- 6 the MPS or the multi-pollutant standard which is
- 7 contained in the Illinois Mercury Rule and the CPS or
- 8 combined-pollutant standard which is currently in
- 9 CAIR?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Aren't the MPS and CPS
- requirements voluntary? In other words, don't the
- companies affected by the MPS and CPS have the choice
- of whether or not they wish to participate?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: To your knowledge, have the
- companies located in the non-attainment areas that
- operate -- chosen to participate under the MPS and
- 19 CPS options?
- MR. KOLAZ: They have.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: By so choosing, aren't those
- companies exempt from this NOx RACT proposal?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Still on page 8 and 9 of

- 1 your testimony regarding non-EGU's, assuming that
- 2 CAIR is not -- federal CAIR is not vacated by the
- 3 Court, do you know what happens to the NOx SIP call
- 4 in 2009?
- MR. KOLAZ: Are you -- The NOx SIP call for each
- 6 use is incorporated into the CAIR program and is
- 7 conducted through the CAIR program. As far as
- 8 non-EGU's, that would probably be a better question
- 9 for me to ask you because the Illinois EPA has a
- 10 rule -- There is a rule that is active and on the
- 11 books for non-EGU's that requires allowances to be
- issued to non-EGU's to satisfy the NOx SIP Call.
- 13 Those allowances have not been issued nor has there
- been any provision made to state how facilities can
- comply with subpart U in the absence of receiving the
- 16 allowances that the rule says they will receive.
- There is still the obligation that those
- 18 non-EGU's meet the NOx SIP Call next year. And I
- 19 know there is a pending action before the Board
- that's been pending for a couple years. And I know
- there's periodic status strengths, but I am unaware
- of what's going to happen or what the Agency's intent
- is. I will simply state though that that is a rule
- that's been submitted to US EPA and it's part of the

- 1 State's SIP.
- As far as my view is today, it's still
- required to be met, and it takes some attorneys to
- 4 decide how a company can comply without receiving
- 5 allowances the rule says they should receive. But
- the obligation does not go away. In some fashion,
- 7 the Illinois EPA is going to have to show the US EPA
- 8 next year that the non-EGU's are complying with
- 9 NOx SIP Call. That is an obligation on the State as
- well as on the non-EGU's.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Under Illinois' CAIR rule,
- which has been adopted by the Board, are non-EGU's
- allowed to participate in CAIR's NOx training
- 14 program?
- MR. KOLAZ: No.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: In the citation at the top of
- page 9 of your testimony regarding the NOx SIP Call
- and NOx RACT, didn't US EPA justify this rationale as
- 19 follows? US EPA said, quote, at the time that EPA
- promulgated the NOx SIP Call rule, EPA estimated that
- in the NOx SIP Call control case -- and then I'm
- paraphrasing a bit -- the non-EGU's subject to the
- 23 State's cap and trade program would achieve a
- 24 60 percent reduction in levels?

- MR. KOLAZ: That is -- Let me look at that. I
- 2 can tell you that's close to what they said, but not
- exactly the context in which they said it. I do have
- 4 that citation here.
- 5 MS. VETTERHOFFER: I have it as well.
- 6 MR. KOLAZ: If you could just give me a minute.
- 7 That's a very important point to be made.
- MR. DAVIS: What's the citation of that
- 9 statement?
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: I believe it was the final
- implementation rule for the eight-hour ozone at
- 12 71657. I can find out for you.
- And actually I skipped a bit, but I was
- actually quoting straight from the very first column
- at the top.
- MR. KOLAZ: And I have that. Let me read the
- whole paragraph. And let me start by saying what it
- 18 says is, for the reasons that I'll read, US EPA
- 19 believes that the NOx SIP Call creates beyond-RACT
- 20 emission reductions because US EPA considers RACT to
- 21 be in the range of 30 to 50 percent and that the
- 22 NOx SIP Call reductions were on the order of
- 23 60 percent. Therefore, it was beyond RACT. It was
- the justification for saying, therefore, US EPA would

- 1 consider the NOx SIP Call.
- It says, "At the time that EPA promulgated
- 3 the NOx SIP Call rule, EPA estimated that in the
- 4 NOx SIP Call control case EGU's would achieve a
- 5 64 percent reduction beyond the base case
- 6 requirements and that the non-EGU's subject to the
- 7 State's cap and trade program would achieve a
- 8 60 percent reduction from uncontrolled levels. These
- 9 EGU and non-EGU reductions were clearly beyond the
- 10 30 to 50 percent expected from a RACT program. We
- 11 stated in the final NOx SIP Call rule that the
- reductions achieved by that program represent
- reductions beyond those required by Title 4 or
- 14 Title 1 RACT."
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: To your knowledge, have the
- sources subject to subpart U that are located in the
- non-attainment areas in Illinois achieved a
- 18 60 percent reduction from uncontrolled levels?
- MR. KOLAZ: I believe so.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Do you have any supporting
- 21 documentation?
- MR. KOLAZ: I do. And this is documentation
- that is shared with the Illinois EPA.
- The NOx SIP Call rule for non-EGU's went

- into effect in 2004, and it allocated allowances at a
- level that would represent the reduction that
- 3 Illinois EPA and US EPA agreed was necessary in
- 4 Illinois. That reduction, you know, should have been
- sufficient to meet all of the requirements of the
- 6 NOx SIP Call.
- Now, the last year that I have available
- 8 for Illinois shows that in 2007 Illinois EPA issued
- 9 4,817 allowances to non-EGU's, again, by operating
- within those allowances. That would mean that you
- would have the NOx SIP Call reductions which US EPA
- says in the reference I read would be 60 percent. In
- that same year, the NOx emissions from those affected
- units was 2,415 tons, which is half of what they were
- allotted, which would be well beyond what US EPA says
- is a 60 percent reduction. So I would say that would
- be more on the order of 80 percent. And that's a
- 18 statewide total.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: So are you saying that your
- document shows a 60 percent reduction in NOx levels
- 21 from uncontrolled levels?
- MR. KOLAZ: No. The document itself doesn't.
- What I'm saying is when you consider the method that
- was used by the Illinois EPA and US EPA to establish

- the allowance level, which itself is supposed to
- represent a reduction. And that reduction, as US EPA
- says, can be done by a company applying controls,
- 4 which some did. It could be achieved by buying
- 5 allowances. US EPA recognizes that as being an
- equally effective method and a very economic method
- for achieving the air quality goals.
- 8 So I'm saying the fact of 4,817 allowances
- 9 were issued in itself establishes what US EPA says
- was a 60 percent reduction in what I'll call
- uncontrolled levels. But I'll point out that even
- then some companies had lower NOx burners than
- others. But it was from a base line. I'm saying
- because of that, if I can show you, as this document
- does, that companies operated at half of what they
- were allowed, then clearly that's beyond -- even
- beyond the 60 percent that US EPA says that allowance
- 18 number represents.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Ms. Vetterhoffer, if I may
- interrupt you for a moment.
- Mr. Davis, Mr. Kolaz has referred to a
- 22 couple of specific documents. One I believe is a
- 23 citation from the Federal Register and the second
- document I believe -- correct me if I'm wrong -- that

- describes emission reductions attributable to
- subpart U. Do you have paper copies of those that
- you might be willing to move into the record as
- 4 hearing exhibits?
- 5 MS. HIRNER: The one -- Can I answer this
- 6 question? I don't know what the procedure is.
- 7 MR. DAVIS: I don't see why not.
- 8 MS. HIRNER: The one are reductions from
- 9 companies that we had -- I don't know. I think we
- have to find if that's public information or not.
- MR. KOLAZ: We shared this document with
- 12 Illinois EPA in the past.
- MR. DAVIS: Then, yes. I guess I can just enter
- these both as exhibits.
- MS. BASSI: Mr. Fox, will these be put on the
- website so that everyone can see them?
- 17 HEARING OFFICER FOX: I will note that you have
- requested that and ask our assistant clerk to do so
- 19 at his earliest opportunity.
- MS. BASSI: Not the Federal Register. We don't
- 21 need the Federal Register.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: But, yes, I will ask our
- assistant clerk to do so specifically in request to
- your request, Ms. Bassi.

- Mr. Davis, do I hear a motion to admit the
- 2 two documents that you've handed to me as exhibits in
- 3 this hearing?
- 4 MR. DAVIS: Yes, please.
- 5 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Having moved that the
- 6 Federal Register, Volume 70, page 71657, be admitted
- 7 as Hearing Exhibit No. 6 and that the document
- 8 entitled Summary of NOx Budget Allocations and Usage
- 9 2004 to 2007 be admitted as Hearing Exhibit No. 8, is
- there any opposition to the motion?
- Neither seeing nor hearing any, they will
- be marked and admitted as those two hearing exhibit
- 13 numbers.
- And, Mr. Davis, I appreciate your help in
- supplying copies of those. Thank you.
- And, Ms. Vetterhoffer, I interrupted you.
- 17 I appreciate your forbearance in letting me do that.
- 18 Please continue.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Thank you.
- In Exhibit 8 -- that's now Exhibit 8 in
- this hearing -- wasn't the non-EGU allocation in
- subpart U based on a reduction from a projected 2007
- 23 inventory?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.

- MS. VETTERHOFFER: So it's based on an old
- projection, not actual uncontrolled emissions; is
- 3 that correct?
- 4 MR. KOLAZ: Well, it's -- The term
- 5 "uncontrolled" is oftentimes used by the Agency and
- others in a very general sense to represent emissions
- 7 as they exist at a certain point in time. There's
- 8 rarely an effort made to determine what controls are
- 9 actually in place at any given unit. In that sense,
- 10 that's correct.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: So there were no CEMS,
- 12 continuous emission monitoring systems, in place when
- you did the projection on -- when those projections
- were made in your Exhibit 8?
- MR. KOLAZ: Well, there should have been. CEMS
- have been around for a very long time.
- MS. BASSI: Could I ask a clarifying question?
- 18 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Please, Ms. Bassi. Go
- 19 ahead.
- MS. BASSI: Ms. Vetterhoffer, what year -- I'm
- 21 sorry. I got lost here. What year were the
- 22 projections made?
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: It looks like they were based
- on 1995 emission levels.

- MS. BASSI: Okay.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: So you're acknowledging that
- they were projections though; is that correct?
- 4 MR. KOLAZ: Well --
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: These are based on reductions
- from projected 2007 inventory?
- 7 MR. KOLAZ: Are you referring to numbers I
- 8 present in my --
- 9 MS. VETTERHOFFER: The allocation.
- MR. KOLAZ: The allowances that the Agency
- 11 issued?
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Yes.
- MR. KOLAZ: I'm sure they were. The Agency and
- US EPA established the rule, established the
- reductions, wrote the rule, and told companies to
- 16 comply with the rule. So I assumed, in essence, it
- was a project we were all involved in.
- MS. HIRNER: If I could.
- The Agency provided us with those numbers,
- so I think it would be more appropriate for the
- 21 Agency to describe how they came up with those
- original numbers than it would be for us to try to
- 23 figure out how the Agency came up with the initial
- 24 projection.

- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Well, I'm not asking to
- describe how the Agency came up with those things.
- 3 I'm simply pointing out that they were, in fact,
- 4 projections.
- MS. BASSI: So put it in comment.
- 6 MR. KOLAZ: I mean, the thing is -- I'm trying
- 7 to be helpful here. What I'm saying in my testimony
- 8 is the Agency is attempting to satisfy the US EPA's
- 9 requirement for NOx RACT. At the October 14 hearing,
- the Agency was asked if it was their goal to go
- beyond RACT, and they said, no, simply to meet RACT.
- 12 I made the analysis to determine that the Agency was
- aiming for a specific emission target that would
- require them to go beyond RACT and, indeed, there
- wasn't.
- Now, I'm going back to US EPA and saying,
- "Well, US EPA, since you are the ones who have to
- approve the Agency's plans, what do you say is
- 19 NOx RACT?" The US EPA in this document we've talked
- about says NOx SIP Call is beyond RACT. Now, whether
- they're wrong and there's new information or
- whatever, what this says is if you submit -- Even
- 23 now. Even without this rule, if you submit a RACT
- demonstration that shows you're satisfying the

- 1 NOx SIP Call, for the ozone part of the RACT
- obligation US EPA, by its own admission, would accept
- that. That's really the point of what I'm trying to
- 4 say.
- Now, I assume that if somebody went back
- 6 and reanalyzed all this data -- I mean, certainly the
- 7 data available today with all the continuous emission
- 8 monitors is certainly more precise. But I don't know
- 9 that it's correct to go back 10 or 12 years and try
- to guess or question the basis for which both US EPA
- and Illinois EPA established a rule that is still on
- the books.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Wasn't the NOx SIP Call a
- 14 trading program to reduce long-range transport of
- 15 ozones?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: So then it is not a local
- controlled program? In other words, a source located
- in Chicago could trade with a company in New Jersey
- and still comply with the rule?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Would the air quality in
- 23 Chicago benefit from such a trade?
- MR. KOLAZ: It could.

- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Is it possible that it would
- not benefit from such a trade?
- MR. KOLAZ: It's possible.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Isn't it true that one of the
- 5 deficiencies that the Court raised when it vacated
- the federal CAIR is that a trading program doesn't
- 7 address non-attainment areas? In other words, it
- 8 doesn't guarantee benefits in non-attainment areas?
- 9 MR. KOLAZ: I never testified to that -- the
- details of what was involved in that decision which
- is still being mulled over in the courts, so I really
- don't know. I do know from the documents that US EPA
- 13 published in the Federal Register on CAIR they did
- talk about multiple purposes for CAIR, multiple
- benefits, both ozone reduction and fine particulate
- reduction. The Agency itself in this attainment --
- in the documents it provides for the Chicago ozone
- attainment demonstration, appendix A and B, talked
- 19 about the impact of NOx controls. And somehow
- sometimes they don't help with the local level and
- 21 help more at the longer range level. So I think it's
- 22 a very complex question that might be site specific
- 23 and area specific.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: In your summary and

- 1 conclusions of IERG's position regarding this
- 2 proposal on pages 11 and 12 of your testimony, you
- 3 seem to be saying that no further control measures
- 4 need to be implemented in a non-attainment area. Is
- 5 that a fair characterization of your position?
- 6 MR. KOLAZ: Yes. I think that's probably very
- 7 close to my position.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Do you consider the air
- 9 quality in Chicago and the Metro East area to be good
- enough so that Illinois does not need to seek further
- emission reductions?
- MR. KOLAZ: I think the Illinois EPA by its
- document that it has on its website agrees that it
- is. They're requesting that the Chicago area be
- designated as attainment. That's certainly not based
- on the impact of this rule. At the same time, as I
- mentioned, they include information in their
- appendix A and B on that website that shows the fine
- 19 particulate levels are below 15 micrograms per cubic
- 20 meter.
- There is still a problem in the Metro East
- area, and that's a local problem, as the Agency has
- 23 said before, that they're dealing with. But the
- 24 Agency's already submitted attainment demonstration

- for Metro East. So -- And that's why I use the words
- it's close to what I conclude. I think that we're
- 3 substantially closer to having attainment for the
- 4 current standards that we're faced with today than
- 5 the Agency's rule and testimony and documents would
- 6 indicate.
- 7 MS. VETTERHOFFER: You testified earlier that
- 8 the Chicago non-attainment area is not currently
- 9 meeting the stricter ozone and PM 2.5 standards,
- 10 correct?
- MR. KOLAZ: I did. And that's correct.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: And the Illinois EPA included
- in its notice of public hearing that you've been
- 14 referencing for their non-attainment -- or for their
- 15 attainment demonstration is they're also at that
- public hearing going to be taking comment on
- establishing boundaries for the non-attainment area
- to be established pursuant to the strength in the
- 19 2008 ozone standard. Are you aware of that?
- MR. KOLAZ: You know, I wasn't before lunch, but
- 21 I am now.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: And we can make the notice of
- the public hearing for the attainment demonstration
- 24 an exhibit for this hearing. I don't actually have

- any more copies other than this one.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Mr. Kaleel, you had
- mentioned that there were some attachments to that
- that would be beneficial -- suggested that they'd be
- 5 beneficial.
- Does the document you have,
- 7 Ms. Vetterhoffer, include those?
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: It doesn't. It's simply the
- 9 notice of public hearing.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER FOX: It might be best in the
- interest of completeness with the help of your good
- office, Mr. Kaleel, to have submitted a complete
- document since those have been referred to.
- MR. KALEEL: If I could just clarify, the
- document we were referring to earlier was the
- attainment demonstration for the 1997 ozone standard.
- What we're referring to here at the same public
- hearing, which I think takes place in this building
- 19 next week, we also noticed that we will be taking
- 20 comments on the -- what we think the appropriate
- boundaries should be for the new non-attainment area
- to address the 2008 ozone standard. So they're
- separate documents. We'd be happy to provide both.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Having heard references to

- both of them, it sounds as if you're willing to
- supply copies of both of them as a filing with the
- Board subsequent to the hearing?
- 4 MR. KALEEL: Yes.
- 5 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Thank you very much,
- 6 Mr. Kaleel. It's much appreciated.
- 7 MS. VETTERHOFFER: And, again, earlier you
- 8 testified that at least one area that you're aware of
- 9 that's downwind of Chicago isn't currently meeting
- the new standards, or were you speaking of the old
- 11 standards?
- MR. KOLAZ: Well, if they don't meet the old,
- they won't meet the new.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Isn't Illinois obligated to
- seek further emission reductions to meet the new
- 16 stricter standards?
- MR. KOLAZ: Is your question saying that this
- rule is designed to meet those new standards?
- 19 MS. VETTERHOFFER: No. I'm simply saying is
- 20 Illinois obligated to take steps to seek further
- emission reductions to meet the new standards?
- MR. KOLAZ: Not necessarily. Not necessarily.
- The Agency is obligated -- it will be obligated at
- some point in the future to develop an attainment

- 1 strategy that shows how that standard would be met in
- Illinois. And just as its ozone document we keep
- referring to shows that current, on-the-books control
- 4 is sufficient, it's possible -- it's not a prediction
- on my part, but it's possible that the Agency could
- show that when considering the motor vehicle emission
- 7 reductions you mentioned earlier as being part of the
- plan that's a federal program, when the federal
- 9 diesel program is in place, when CAIR is in place,
- when everything that's already going down the pipe is
- in place, it will be sufficient to attain the new
- 12 fine particulate and new ozone standard in which case
- the Agency could conclude that there are no further
- emission reductions needed. So it is obligated to
- develop a plan. It's not automatic that they have to
- develop an emission reduction.
- What does seem to be the case in this rule
- is that the stated reasons in the attainment -- in
- the Statement of Reasons is that it's to attain the
- current standards and to develop RACT. We keep
- 21 bringing in these other things as if somehow those
- have a role in this rule. That's why I mentioned
- earlier -- actually in some of the first questions we
- 24 answered -- that maybe it's more appropriate if the

- 1 Agency is attempting to address reductions in the
- future for the new standards that there be a second
- 3 stage or phase of this rule rather than trying to
- 4 mush this together into a rule that is supposedly for
- one purpose, but it is really being somewhat designed
- for another. That's what's messing up the whole
- 7 thing, having these very strict limits, which are
- 8 achievable given enough time and money, but not in
- 9 the time frame that the Agency's sticking in the rule
- because the Agency's trying to comply with a rule
- that really was due. They should have submitted the
- 12 RACT in September of '06, so we're two years beyond
- that. Now, they're trying to make up that time.
- 14 That's the dilemma.
- But I think the question you raised is a
- very good one. What should we be doing about the new
- standards, and should we be doing something about the
- 18 new standards in this rule? If we do it in this
- rule, how can we structure the rule to satisfy the
- 20 current requirements and the new requirements?
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: On page 12 of your testimony,
- you seem to be saying that if the State is slow
- 23 enough in submitting its NOx RACT rule the
- 24 requirement goes away. Is that a fair

- characterization of what you're saying?
- MR. KOLAZ: Well, I would never say it that way.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Is that, in essence, what
- 4 you're saying?
- MR. KOLAZ: It is, in essence, what happens.
- 6 And there's a very good example of that that US EPA
- 7 has in their Clean Air Interstate Rule. Let me
- 8 explain.
- 9 When US EPA came out with their Clean Air
- 10 Interstate Rule, they proposed a plan that involved
- 11 trading. When they proposed that plan, they said
- they considered that their Clean Air Interstate Rule
- would represent RACT for nitrogen oxides both for
- ozone and fine particulate. It would also do other
- things, but we're just focusing on nitrogen oxides.
- 16 And the plan -- You know, the first year for
- compliance with CAIR is January 1, 2009. And they
- were sued by the National Resource Defense Council
- who said that's not possible to say that that's
- NOx RACT if NOx RACT is not being applied at each and
- 21 every source.
- US EPA came back -- and, again, we have the
- documents that we can provide -- and in various
- 24 places in that document basically said that RACT

- is -- what's reasonably available is a factor of the
- time. In order to make the maximum reductions by
- January 1, 2009, electric generating units would have
- 4 to make certain decisions on what sources to control,
- 5 and they could not control every source equally.
- 6 Therefore, if these electric generating units -- What
- 7 US EPA thought they would do is pick the most
- 8 efficient economically and emission reductionwise
- 9 units to control. By doing that there would be more
- emission reductions by January 1, 2009, than there
- would be if they tried to do some level of control in
- 12 every single unit. So US EPA was not saying that
- given five more years there couldn't be more done.
- 14 They were just saying in that time frame allowed.
- What I'm saying is a rule proposed in 2005
- or '06 by the Illinois EPA RACT would look much
- different than a rule that's proposed in 2008, 2009,
- or '10 compliance state. So I am saying by delaying
- 19 you are changing what's reasonably available.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: On page 13 of your testimony,
- you correctly list the dates by which Illinois should
- have submitted and implemented NOx RACT rules. Isn't
- 23 it true that US EPA can't approve Illinois attainment
- demonstrations for ozone and PM 2.5 until Illinois

- addresses this requirement?
- MR. KOLAZ: That's correct.
- MR. DAVIS: Can we take a minute or two just to
- 4 collect?
- 5 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Yes. Why don't we take a
- 6 break until 2:30.
- 7 MR. DAVIS: That would be fine. Thank you.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very well.
- 9 (WHEREUPON, a recess was had.)
- 10 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Ms. Vetterhoffer was in
- the course of questions. If you're ready to resume,
- thank you for your patience.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Thank you.
- Isn't it true that US EPA can't approve a
- redesignation request for either ozone or PM 2.5
- until Illinois addresses their NOx RACT requirement?
- MR. KOLAZ: That's correct.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: On page 12 of your testimony,
- 19 you state that the Agency's compliance date of May 1,
- 20 2010, is, quote, inconsistent with the US EPA's
- requirement, closed quote, and you question how the
- 22 Agency's proposed NOx RACT limits would contribute to
- 23 attainment of the ozone standard or advance the
- 24 PM 2.5 standard date. We asked Ms. Hirner this

- earlier as well. But isn't it true that the
- 2 Agency has changed its compliance date for the
- NOx RACT rule from January 1, 2009, to May 1, 2010,
- 4 specifically in response to IERG and other industry's
- 5 comments that the 2009 compliance date wasn't
- 6 achievable?
- 7 MR. KOLAZ: The date was January 1, 2009,
- 8 originally. It has been changed to May 1, 2010. Is
- 9 that what you were asking?
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: And would you agree that it
- was in response to IERG's comments that the original
- date was not achievable?
- MR. KOLAZ: I think that was the Agency's
- 14 counter-offer.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Does IERG now feel that the
- 16 current compliance -- or since IERG now feels that
- the current compliance date is inconsistent with
- 18 US EPA requirements, is IERG now recommending that
- the Agency change the date back to January 1 of 2009?
- MR. DAVIS: We already answered this question.
- MR. KOLAZ: I can answer your question.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Okay. Go ahead.
- MR. KOLAZ: No.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Thank you.

- MR. KOLAZ: Because the problem is connected
- with some of the earlier questions you asked which
- had to do with timing, and timing in the case of RACT
- 4 is everything. And I know I keep saying the same
- 5 thing. But I think there's nothing that illustrates
- 6 this problem better than saying that if the Agency is
- 7 proposing an attainment demonstration for ozone in
- 8 Chicago that says we can attain with on-the-books
- 9 controls and does not cite this rule and if the
- 10 Agency is providing data that says we've attained the
- ozone standard, then what is the point of this rule?
- 12 I'm not saying there's not a point to this rule in
- 13 some fashion because, as you've mentioned earlier,
- there's the new standards and there's various other
- things coming on the horizon. But I'm saying these
- other issues are not articulated sufficiently well to
- understand how they contribute to that rule.
- 18 I'm saying that a completely different
- approach needs to be done because US EPA said,
- 20 "Submit the ozone RACT SIP by September of 2006 and
- implement RACT by May 1, 2009." So the Agency
- rule -- compliance date of May 1, 2010, does not
- 23 comply with that federal requirement. US EPA said
- that the fine particulate RACT needed to be in place

- 1 by January 1, 2009. May 1, 2010, is not January 1,
- 2 2009.
- As you have said -- and you're absolutely
- 4 correct -- the Agency still has to address RACT. In
- 5 the case of ozone, they have to address RACT by
- 6 showing that RACT has been implemented, and they can
- 7 do that in the ways I've already talked about. In
- 8 the case of fine particulate, they would have to
- 9 address the reasonably available control measure by
- showing that implementing those cannot advance the
- 11 compliance date by one year. How can you advance the
- compliance date by one year when you're implementing
- the rule after the compliance date? That's my whole
- 14 point. So you do need to take a completely different
- approach to addressing your obligations, but I don't
- think it's by formulating this kind of thing you have
- 17 here.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Ms. Bassi, did I see you
- indicate that you had a follow-up question?
- MS. BASSI: He already answered the question I
- 21 was going to ask.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very well. Thanks.
- Ms. Vetterhoffer, we're sorry to interrupt.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: On page 15 of your testimony,

- 1 you indicate that some IERG member facilities require
- 2 up to three to five years to plan for new capital
- projects. Are you referring specifically to
- 4 petroleum refineries?
- MR. KOLAZ: Petroleum refineries are one group,
- 6 but not solely.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: What other facilities are you
- 8 referring to?
- 9 MR. KOLAZ: Well, electric-generating units are
- a good example. Subpart M requires those units to
- meet a limit of .09 by May 1, 2009. That's not
- 12 possible. In fact, the Agency's own CPS and MPS
- which was promulgated in 2007 gives these industries
- to 2012 to implement a NOx limit of .11. So that's
- kind of incongruous. If that rule gives them five
- years to implement a higher number, how can they
- possibly implement a lower number in a fraction of
- the time? That's an example. And it is true that
- 19 right now those companies are signed up for CPS or
- MPS. Therefore, why do you need subpart M?
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Would you agree that
- 22 subpart M addresses compliance date issues according
- 23 to use?
- MR. KOLAZ: No. I don't know how it does.

- MS. VETTERHOFFER: You testified earlier that
- subpart M references the MPS and the CPS. Do the MPS
- and CPS address compliance issues for each use?
- 4 MR. KOLAZ: They do. If those limits for those
- 5 units are RACT -- if .11 for NOx is RACT by 2012,
- then what is the point of having .09 by May 1, 2010,
- 7 in that rule? From my evaluation of the modeling
- 8 that LADCO did on behalf of Illinois, the modeling
- 9 does not include .09. The Agency is, in essence,
- saying, "We have a rule that we don't intend on
- applying to EGU's. And we don't have modeling, and
- we don't use .09." My point is what is the function
- of subpart M?
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Getting back to the petroleum
- refineries, are you aware that the Agency has been
- working with the refineries to address compliance
- 17 date issues?
- MR. KOLAZ: The refineries and other companies
- besides refineries as well.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Do you think that the
- 21 extensive deconstruction planning required by
- 22 petroleum refineries is typical of other industries?
- MR. KOLAZ: I think each industry has their own
- complexities that they have to deal with, which

- includes, not the least anymore, is financing. As
- 2 I've had so much experience with some companies,
- financing now is a whole different situation than it
- 4 was six months ago. And that's an aspect of planning
- for these projects that cannot be overlooked.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: On page 16 of your testimony,
- you state that economic reasonableness is affected by
- 8 the period of time allowed for compliance. Are you
- 9 saying that a control measure becomes more
- 10 economically reasonable if more time is allowed for
- 11 compliance?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: On page 7 of your
- 14 testimony --
- MR. RAO: Can I ask a follow-up?
- 16 Following up to the earlier question, do
- 17 you have any suggestions as to, you know, how much
- 18 more time some of these industries may need to make
- 19 it economically reasonable?
- MR. KOLAZ: I do. And I mentioned a little bit
- earlier about the 2014 and '15 time frame, which, as
- you know, on the CPS and MPS rule for
- electric-generating units we've talked about actually
- has compliance in that time frame -- in 2012 and

- 1 beyond. Illinois' Clean Air Interstate Rule has --
- 2 and the US EPA rule kicks in -- has a 2009 to '14
- 3 time frame and ratchets down in 2015. So I think,
- 4 generally speaking, that would be the time frame we'd
- 5 be talking about.
- But then, again, we'd be talking about
- 7 making those reductions for an entirely different
- purpose than is before us now. That's why I think if
- 9 the Agency, having done all the work they've done to
- 10 establish these technologies and these limits, wants
- to consider working on an another phase of the rule
- with a later compliance date to address -- or attempt
- to address fine particulate and, you know, the
- 14 24-hour -- the new 24-hour fine particulate standard
- and the new ozone standard, then that's a different
- matter, but something -- one that we'd be willing to
- 17 talk about.
- MR. RAO: In relation to this proposal, the
- 19 Agency has what you have recommended as three options
- in the discussions on the compliance date. Are those
- what you suggest for this proposal?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MR. RAO: On page 21 you had three options that
- you had recommended to address problems with the

- 1 compliance date issues?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes, it is.
- MR. RAO: Okay.
- 4 MR. KOLAZ: And I'll add there's other
- 5 possibilities as well besides these three options.
- Especially with the discussion we've had today, it's
- 7 clear that the Agency, as they've asked their
- question, clearly are anticipating that there are
- 9 benefits to this rule and purposes to this rule that
- were not included in the Statement of Reasons. On
- that basis, we somewhat, in my testimony or my
- 12 answering questions today, have somewhat modified
- these by saying, "Well, if you're really trying to do
- something for the future, why don't we establish a
- future-looking attainment date and discuss that?"
- MR. DAVIS: I think it would be appropriate if
- we could take this opportunity to ask the Agency
- maybe a few questions with regard to, you know,
- whether or not these purposes that they've been
- 20 assuming in the rule are, you know, actual purposes
- 21 behind this proposal.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: The Agency has filed a
- 23 Statement of Reasons. It has filed testimony for the
- first hearing that occurred on October 14 and have

- 1 not pre-filed testimony specifically for this hearing
- and have not sworn in any witnesses. I think the
- 3 Agency has spoken quite clearly about what its
- 4 purpose is and what its reasons are in adopting this.
- MR. DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.
- 6 MR. RAO: Okay. And thank you.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: On page 7 of your testimony,
- 8 you assert that for EGU's in the Chicago
- 9 non-attainment area compliance with CAIR is presumed
- 10 to satisfy NOx RACT for ozone. You also assert that
- for non-EGU's compliance with the NOx SIP Call
- satisfies the RACT requirements. Isn't it true,
- however, according to the US EPA's final eight-hour
- ozone limitation rule it states at their discretion
- they are free to conduct a case-by-case RACT
- determination for any source or RACT determinations
- or certifications for groups of sources?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: In other words, states are
- not required to rely on the NOx SIP Call or on CAIR  $^{20}$
- to satisfy RACT, correct?
- MR. KOLAZ: That's correct. But the Agency has
- 23 said they were attempting -- that their whole purpose
- was to satisfy the US EPA requirements for RACT, not

- 1 to go beyond RACT.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Isn't it true that the US EPA
- also stated in its phase two of the eight-hour ozone
- 4 implementation rule that a state has discretion to
- 5 define RACT to require greater emission reductions
- 6 than specified in EPA quidance?
- 7 MR. KOLAZ: Yes. As I stated, the Agency in
- 8 their Statement of Reasons and in testimony
- 9 October 14 said that was not their purpose, and my
- whole testimony has been premised on those
- 11 statements.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: But you would agree that a
- 13 state has discretion to do so?
- MR. KOLAZ: Absolutely. That's why I refer to
- that emission reduction target. That would be what
- the Agency would do. We need more reductions than
- 17 RACT would bring, and they would establish
- appropriate limits. As I keep saying and as the
- 19 Agency stated, no, it would establish RACT and take
- whatever emission reductions resulted and put that
- in. But what you say is true, but that's not what
- 22 I've heard so far from the Agency.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: During the last hearing,
- Dr. Staudt provided in his answers to pre-filed

- questions information showing that SCR has been used
- for RACT at the Merrimac power plant in New
- 3 Hampshire. Do you happen to recall that?
- 4 MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Do you have any reason to
- 6 believe that Dr. Staudt is incorrect that SCR was
- 7 used for compliance with New Hampshire's RACT
- 8 requirement at the power plant in 1995?
- 9 MR. KOLAZ: No, no reason to not believe that.
- MS. BASSI: I'm sorry. What year was that?
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: 1995.
- MR. KOLAZ: I will add that US EPA has said that
- 13 SCR and SNCR are what they consider to be beyond
- 14 RACT. Again, we're talking about US EPA being the
- ones who decide whether or not the Agency has
- satisfied RACT. In their mind, SCR is beyond RACT
- 17 and so is SNCR.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: And, yet, US EPA approved
- 19 New Hampshire's RACT plan as RACT, correct?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes. As you said, you can go beyond
- 21 RACT. US EPA is not going to refuse any state's
- effort to do more than is required.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: And do you know if US EPA
- 24 made a finding that New Hampshire's RACT was actually

- 1 beyond RACT?
- MR. KOLAZ: No, I don't know if they have. I
- don't know that they would bother. I think all they
- 4 would make sure is that you've satisfied RACT.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Were you aware that SNCR has
- 6 also been used to comply with RACT rules going back
- 7 to 1995 and perhaps since?
- 8 MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- 9 MS. VETTERHOFFER: So back in 1995 SNCR and SCR
- were both used as RACT, is that correct, by certain
- 11 states?
- MR. KOLAZ: I am not surprised by what you've
- said. I can't say I specifically looked, but I would
- 14 not dispute what you're saying as being accurate.
- You know, one important thing to note is
- something you brought up earlier. If a company's
- 17 already made emission reductions, which many have
- because of the NOx SIP Call, the incremental
- 19 reduction they would make with SCR would drive the
- 20 cost -- the economics of the SCR quite extensively.
- 21 Someone installing an SCR back in 1995 would in all
- likelihood not have been subject to any emission
- reductions, and the cost benefit analysis would be
- 24 much different than what it would be to install that

- 1 today after companies have already taken steps to
- 2 comply with the NOx SIP Call. So it might not be
- 3 RACT.
- I mean, the technology -- No question about
- 5 what the technology can do. The important part of
- the analysis is what's reasonably available, and that
- 7 has to do with timing. As the RACT definition says,
- 8 it says RACT at a particular source. And so RACT for
- 9 a facility in New Hampshire in 1995 does not mean
- that that's RACT for a facility in Illinois in 2008.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Is it your opinion that,
- 12 although SNCR and SCR have been used as RACT in other
- states, you believe that Illinois should not avail
- itself of the benefits of this technology?
- MR. KOLAZ: That sounds kind of harsh to say it
- 16 like that.
- No. I think Illinois EPA needs to do --
- take appropriate steps to implement an emission
- 19 reduction program that has very specific goals and
- outcomes. And I believe that heartily. And I worked
- 21 for the Illinois EPA for over 30 years, you know, as
- chief of the bureau over there. I can sympathize
- with what the Agency needs to do here. I can
- 24 sympathize with all the pressures that are on the

- 1 Agency right now.
- I'm saying to put together a thoughtful or
- 3 carefully structured rule takes a lot of time. It is
- 4 highly complex. I think this very discussion we're
- 5 having now of using this rule to fit a purpose that
- 6 we haven't even tried to address, you know, with a
- future rule indicates, you know, to me a certain
- 8 amount of frustration on the part of the Agency. I
- 9 don't doubt that in looking forward five to six to
- seven years there will be many more SCR's and SNCR's
- installed. But to say that those can be done by
- May 1, 2010, I think is completely misconstruing the
- purpose of RACT. It's not questioning the ability of
- the technology.
- I'll also add you have to look at the times
- that we're in right now, which has changed greatly in
- the last six months. I'm dealing with a lot of
- companies who could go out and in two hours have
- hundreds of millions of dollars worth of financing,
- but now can't do that. And you're talking about a
- much different time. And there's been no analysis
- done of that. A lot of analysis has been done on the
- ability of the technology, but not an analysis to
- show how that technology is reasonably available

- 1 today in Illinois.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Doesn't the proposed RACT
- 3 rule leave it up to the owner to choose the
- 4 technology that best suits their needs rather than
- 5 impose a particular technology?
- 6 MR. KOLAZ: It does except when you establish an
- 7 emission rate. One of the options that was mentioned
- 8 earlier said to put in case-by-case RACT. That was
- <sup>9</sup> just an option we're saying could be done which would
- 10 allow exactly what you're talking about. There would
- 11 be no specific emission limit. You would say by
- May 1, 2009, come in and show what you can do. That
- would work. Some states -- Pennsylvania does that.
- 14 It's case by case. There's no hard and fast emission
- limit. You come in and you show them what you can
- do, what the economics are, what the technology is.
- 17 Then that becomes your RACT.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: I'm simply saying that
- 19 Illinois' rule doesn't necessarily say X amount of
- 20 technology must be implemented, correct?
- MR. KOLAZ: Not in those words. But it
- establishes a limit that leaves no questions to what
- you're going to have to do in some cases.
- MS. BASSI: Can I ask a follow-up?

- 1 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Ms. Bassi, please go
- <sup>2</sup> ahead.
- MS. BASSI: Mr. Kolaz, did you review the
- technical support document that the Agency submitted
- 5 with its proposal?
- 6 MR. KOLAZ: I did look at that, yes. I didn't
- 7 review it as thoroughly as I have these other
- 8 documents that were part of my testimony.
- 9 MS. BASSI: Do you recall in the technical
- support document whether the Agency assumed certain
- 11 types of control measures that would be applicable to
- various industrial sectors?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. BASSI: And would a basis for that be that
- certain boiler -- you can control a boiler with some
- things and you can't use those same things to control
- a different type of equipment?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. BASSI: So is it the case that, even though
- the rule establishes only emission limits, there are
- some presumptions as to the control technology that
- is necessary to achieve those limits?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. BASSI: Thank you.

- MS. VETTERHOFFER: On pages 22 and 23 of your
- 2 pre-filed testimony, you discuss the differences
- between the expected emissions using the proposed
- 4 rule and the expected emissions using IERG's
- 5 alternative emission rates, and you reference
- 6 Exhibit 2 at the end of your testimony. In
- 7 Exhibit 2, using simple subtraction, the Agency's
- 8 projected emissions in industrial boilers under the
- 9 proposed RACT are 2,068 tons versus 3,054 tons using
- your alternative rates. Does that seem right to you?
- MR. DAVIS: Could you repeat that, please?
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: The proposed -- For
- industrial boilers, the Agency's projected emissions
- are 2,068 tons versus 3,054 tons using IERG's
- recommended rates. And that's in Exhibit 2.
- MR. KOLAZ: Exhibit 2 that I have shows that the
- 17 Agency's reduction for their proposal would be 3,231
- tons and that IERG's reduction would be 2,244 tons.
- MR. RAO: That's the same numbers we have in our
- 20 copies.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Just one second.
- Those numbers in the first column you have
- the annual emissions. The total's 5,298.9. In the
- 24 second -- well, the fourth column are estimated

- 1 reductions. We simply subtracted the estimated
- 2 reductions to get what your emissions would be.
- MR. DAVIS: Oh, I see.
- 4 MR. KOLAZ: Yes, I see what you're saying.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Sorry for the confusion.
- 6 MR. KOLAZ: So --
- 7 HEARING OFFICER FOX: I'm sorry,
- 8 Ms. Vetterhoffer. You took the figure -- for
- 9 instance, the 3,231.3 tons in reduction that this
- exhibit shows from -- that would be attributable to
- the Agency's proposal and subtracted that from the
- total of 5,298 to yield actual emissions and not the
- 13 emissions reductions?
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: That's correct.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Got it. Thank you very
- 16 much.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Well, either using those
- numbers or the actual numbers in the table, would
- 19 that make your alternative about 50 percent higher in
- emissions than the Agency's proposed RACT reduction
- or about 1,000 tons higher?
- MR. KOLAZ: I hate to talk those kind of
- percentages. Again, you're just talking about a fact
- of math, and that's correct.

- But I would point out that since RACT is
- supposed to be 30 to 50 percent reduction, IERG's
- number as 42 percent reduction is right in the range
- 4 of RACT. The Agency's proposal of 61 percent exceeds
- 5 RACT limits. So we're trying to show that we can get
- 6 a comparable, acceptable reduction with our numbers.
- 7 And that, again, was always the point of my
- 8 testimony.
- 9 MS. VETTERHOFFER: I'm going to switch to a few
- questions about the TSD. You testified on page 16
- that the Agency's technical support document relied
- on information that's inconsistent with the rule,
- such as they relied on these units or units that are
- smaller than those affected by the rule. Are you
- specifically referring to Tables 2-2 and 2-3 of the
- 16 TSD, which are the data provided from the Cleaver,
- 17 Brooks study?
- MR. KOLAZ: That certainly is an example of what
- 19 I was talking about.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Is there any other data in
- the TSD that, in your opinion, is inconsistent with
- the rule from the perspective of new units or units
- 23 smaller than those affected by the rule?
- MR. KOLAZ: You're saying my testimony said it

- was inconsistent with the rule?
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Yes. Relied upon
- 3 installations inconsistent with the content --
- MR. KOLAZ: With the content of the rule, yes.
- 5 Right. Yes, that is what I said. And I was
- 6 referring -- We can talk about the Cleaver, Brooks
- 7 table as one example.
- 8 MS. VETTERHOFFER: Can you just right now cite
- 9 any other areas of the TSD that you think are
- similarly inconsistent with the content of the rule?
- MR. KOLAZ: I did not tabulate those instances.
- In response to Ms. Bassi's comment, I said I did -- I
- forgot the term I used. But I did look through the
- 14 TSD. I did not really thoroughly analyze it like I
- had other documents. The purpose of my review of the
- 16 TSD, which I think is what you're talking about, is I
- view the TSD as being a good document for identifying
- what technology is capable of doing as a general
- matter. What I did not see is a thorough analysis
- that showed how that technology could be considered
- reasonably available given the time line in the
- 22 Illinois EPA rule and the specific circumstances that
- 23 exist in Illinois.
- As Dr. Staudt testified -- and I agree with

- him wholeheartedly -- he said individual
- 2 installations have different challenges, different
- footprints, different situations that can affect the
- 4 economics. While I would not have expected a
- 5 detailed case-by-case analysis of each facility in
- 6 Illinois, I would expect some analysis that talked
- 7 about units of the size and of the types that we had.
- 8 Instead, there seemed to be a combination of a
- 9 variety of sources of information that were compiled
- without specific regard to relating those
- circumstances we face in Illinois. So in that sense,
- 12 again, I think it's useful to see what can be done,
- but I don't think it's convincing in terms of saying
- this, therefore, is reasonably available control
- technology in Illinois as designed into our proposed
- rule. And that was the point of that part of my
- 17 testimony.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: You state on page 5 of your
- 19 testimony that US EPA defines RACT as the lowest
- emission limitation that a particular source can meet
- 21 by applying a control technique that is reasonably
- 22 available considering technological and economic
- feasibility. Do you agree with this definition of
- 24 RACT?

- MR. KOLAZ: Yes. That is the definition of
- 2 RACT.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Just to dissect this a
- 4 little, the definition indicates that RACT is the
- 5 lowest emission limit for a source considering two
- 6 things, reasonably available considering
- 7 technological feasibility and reasonably available
- 8 considering economic feasibility. Would you agree
- 9 with that?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Would it be fair to say that
- low NOx burners and other combustion controls,
- including ultra low NOx burners, are pretty widely
- used and are reasonably available for most
- 15 facilities?
- MR. KOLAZ: They're widely available. As a
- general matter, you could argue they're reasonably
- 18 available.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: And you're aware that SNCR
- has been installed on hundreds of boilers, including
- industrial boilers, as discussed in the TSD, correct?
- MR. KOLAZ: Could you say that one more time?
- MS. HIRNER: If I could step back a minute
- though. When you asked the question about the low

- 1 NOx burners and you asked if they were available or
- widely available or generally available, and that
- answer, as Dave said, was yes. They're available,
- 4 but we're not certain that they can meet the limits.
- 5 MS. VETTERHOFFER: Right. And I didn't ask
- 6 that.
- MS. HIRNER: I thought it was important to
- 8 clarify instead of just saying yes. There's another
- 9 part to that.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Okay. Thank you.
- Back to the question, and I'll restate it.
- You're aware that SNCR has been installed
- on hundreds of boilers, including industrial boilers,
- 14 as discussed in the TSD? Would you agree with that?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Since it has been used on
- industrial boilers as shown in the TSD, doesn't that
- mean it is available from the perspective of
- 19 technological feasibility?
- MR. KOLAZ: Maybe. And the maybe isn't on what
- 21 I would consider to be technology. I've seen US EPA
- incorporate the aspect of timing and economics into
- technologically available. I would think it would be
- on the reasonably side. But I have a document where

- 1 US EPA talked about timing and economics as
- 2 technically feasible.
- With that clarification, I would say that
- 4 in the term reasonably available technology there is
- 5 the aspects of timing and economics depending upon
- 6 where you want to put those two topics, whether you
- 7 want them to be reasonably available or
- 8 technologically available. With that caveat, I would
- 9 say, yes, technically the equipment and the science
- is available. It is technologically available. You
- can go buy an NCR. You can go buy an SCR. You can
- buy a low NOx burner. These are not things that are
- being developed today. They are available.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: And similar to SNCR, SCR has
- been installed on hundreds of utility boilers and
- albeit fewer industrial boilers; is that correct?
- MR. KOLAZ: I will not disagree with that. I'm
- not one to say how many. Certainly it's common. I
- 19 haven't tabulated how many. If you say it's
- hundreds, I have no reason to question that.
- 21 Somebody else here might have more knowledge on how
- 22 many there is. I do know on industrial boilers from
- talking with non-IERG members, as you imply, it's not
- 24 common on industrial boilers.

- MS. HIRNER: And one other thing. We were
- talking about reasonably available, which is one part
- of the formula. But when you look at the definition
- 4 of RACT, it's just not only available, but feasible
- 5 as well. I mean, it's an additional part that we
- 6 don't want to lose sight of. It's feasible as well.
- 7 MS. VETTERHOFFER: Dr. Staudt previously
- 8 testified about SCR's when used as RACT on a utility
- 9 boiler in New Hampshire. On page 34 of the TSD,
- because of the success of using SCR on utility
- boilers, there's good reason to use SCR's on ICI
- boilers. However, in many cases the cost of
- 13 retrofitting SCR on an ICI boiler will make it less
- $^{14}$  attractive for other approaches for NOx control. Do
- you agree with that statement?
- MR. KOLAZ: I'm really -- I could agree that
- that's what Dr. Staudt said. I'm not questioning
- Dr. Staudt. I can't say that I have done an
- 19 independent analysis. What you say is consistent
- with my general understanding.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: That's fine. Thank you.
- Since you've testified that low NOx burners
- and other combustion modifications, such as ultra low
- NOx burners, are reasonably available technically, as

- is SNCR and possibly SCR, doesn't that mean that,
- according to the definition of RACT, if these
- 3 technologies are economically feasible as well they
- 4 may be RACT? And I know you didn't make any
- 5 representations about economic feasibility.
- 6 MR. KOLAZ: Could you state your question one
- 7 more time?
- 8 MS. VETTERHOFFER: Sure.
- 9 You've testified that low NOx burners and
- other combustion modifications, such as ultra low NOx
- burners, are reasonably available technically, as is
- 12 SNCR and perhaps SCR, doesn't that mean that,
- according to the definition of RACT, if these
- technologies are economically feasible they may be
- 15 RACT?
- MR. KOLAZ: You know, I'm trying to be careful
- in my answer because I'm not sure what you mean by,
- 18 "May be RACT." That would cover part of the analysis
- involved in determining if it's RACT. If you did the
- economic analysis, that would involve a time frame.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Well, you agree that the
- US EPA's factors are technologically feasible and
- economically feasible; is that correct?
- MR. KOLAZ: Right. And keeping in mind that

- 1 timing is a component of that analysis.
- MR. DAVIS: Can I ask a clarification?
- You're asking him to ignore the portions of
- 4 the definition that specify a particular source and
- 5 economic feasibility?
- 6 MS. VETTERHOFFER: No.
- 7 I'm simply saying I know you didn't make
- 8 the representation regarding economic feasibility.
- 9 Let's just assume for a moment that they are
- economically feasible. You've testified that they're
- technically reasonable, available, and feasible.
- 12 Could they be considered RACT?
- MR. KOLAZ: If we're talking in a philosophical
- sense and not specific to this rule, I would agree.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: And doesn't the definition of
- 16 RACT you cited state that it is -- stated that it is
- 17 the lowest emission rate considering technical and
- 18 economic feasibility?
- MR. KOLAZ: That is the definition.
- 20 MS. VETTERHOFFER: And doesn't that mean that if
- the Agency specified a rate that was not the lowest
- 22 emission rate considering technical and economic
- 23 feasibility it would fall short of that?
- MR. KOLAZ: No, that's not correct.

- 1 MS. VETTERHOFFER: Can you elaborate?
- MR. KOLAZ: I will. As an example, in the fine
- particulate implementation rule, which I do cite in
- 4 my testimony and the Agency cites in their Statement
- of Reasons, it says, if the State could not achieve
- significant emissions reductions during 2008 due to
- 7 time needed to implement the potential measures or
- 8 other relevant factors, then the State and EPA could
- 9 conclude that there are no further reasonably
- 10 available control measures for that area that would
- advance the attainment date by one year or more
- 12 relative to the presumptive outer limit for
- 13 attainment dates.
- 14 Keep in mind, as I said earlier, for fine
- particulates reasonably available control measures
- 16 include RACT. That's a type consideration. In the
- case of ozone, the RACT limit, although it's a
- reasonably available control measure, is an absolute
- 19 requirement. You have to do that.
- So here's a case where you can come up with
- a reasonably available control technology and
- conclude that they can't advance the attainment date
- because you're not implementing it until, let's say,
- May 1, 2010. Therefore, you don't have to do it. So

- that's not the only consideration.
- MS. HIRNER: If I could add, we're talking about
- economically feasible. The Agency in its comments to
- 4 Midwest Generation's questions said that the amount
- 5 that they used for RACT was 2500 to \$3,000 per ton.
- 6 So, you know, I would say that if you're putting
- 7 something out and asking if it is economically and
- 8 technologically feasible, then the presumption would
- 9 be that it would cost no more than 2500 to 3,000 per
- 10 ton. If it did de facto, it would not be RACT.
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: And, Mr. Kolaz, you were
- citing the PM 2.5 description of what RACT is for
- ozone. Though you don't have the whole -- I was
- simply saying, you were citing the PM 2.5
- interpretation of what is RACT, but for ozone you
- don't have the RACT most advanced attainment date by
- a year or more; is that correct?
- MR. KOLAZ: That's correct.
- 19 MS. VETTERHOFFER: And the definition we were
- citing is the one that's used for ozone; is that
- 21 correct?
- MR. KOLAZ: That's correct.
- MS. HIRNER: At 2500 to 3,000 per ton maximum.
- MR. KOLAZ: In the case of ozone, it is a

- 1 little -- there is a little nuance that's important
- to keep in mind. As was mentioned earlier, the
- Agency has been cited by the US EPA and put on notice
- 4 that the sanction clock is ticking because they have
- 5 not submitted their RACT demonstration. And that's
- for ozone. Not for fine particulates, just for
- ozone. That was due September 2006 except for EGU's.
- 8 For EGU's it was due July 9 of 2009. The Agency can
- 9 satisfy that NOx RACT requirement now, even without
- this rule, by submitting their NOx SIP Call in their
- 11 proposal. My point is it can be a different type of
- 12 analysis because the Agency -- I mean, the US EPA has
- 13 clearly stated what they would expect as NOx RACT.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Ms. Bassi?
- MS. BASSI: To clarify then, Mr. Kolaz, are you
- saying that this, quote, absolute requirement for
- 17 RACT for ozone or even RACT for PM 2.5 could be
- satisfied by a rule that is already either a rule in
- 19 Illinois or a rule that's even in Illinois' SIP
- 20 already?
- MR. KOLAZ: Yes.
- 22 And to even clarify a little further, if
- the specific federal requirements are carefully
- 24 attended to, it would have to be a rule that was in

- effect by May 1, 2009. Though the CPS and MPS get
- 2 additional reductions which will benefit Illinois'
- environment and is a good thing, my point is those
- 4 reductions don't come by May 1, 2009.
- 5 MS. BASSI: Was the rule in effect by 2009?
- 6 Does the rule have to be in effect or the reduction?
- 7 MR. KOLAZ: The reduction.
- 8 MS. BASSI: Okay.
- 9 MR. KOLAZ: The reductions have to occur by
- 10 May 1, 2009. It's within 30 months after September
- 11 2006 or the start of the first ozone season after
- that. 30 months is about roughly March of '09. The
- first ozone season's May 1.
- Therefore, one strategy is to say that
- since, as we have talked about before, the attainment
- demonstration shows the NOx SIP Call on the books as
- 17 enough. I would put in the NOx SIP Call that's
- already on the books, already been operating, and say
- 19 that's NOx RACT.
- MS. BASSI: For ozone?
- MR. KOLAZ: For ozone, yes. And that sanction
- thing is only for ozone.
- 23 And you're done. I'm not suggesting throw
- 24 away the rule and throw away all the planning that's

- gone into this. I'm saying, if you're talking about
- the sanction issue somehow being tied into this rule,
- I'm saying it's not tied into the rule. It could be
- 4 handled tomorrow if the Agency decided to do that.
- 5 And then let this rule be developed in a way that
- 6 really does consider what's needed in the future
- because truly the horse has left the barn on the
- 8 current standards that we're trying to address.
- 9 MS. VETTERHOFFER: I don't have any other
- 10 questions.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER FOX: No further questions of
- 12 Mr. Kolaz from the Agency. You were complete with
- 13 Ms. Hirner earlier; is that correct?
- MS. VETTERHOFFER: Yes.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very good.
- We are nearly to 3:30. We've been going
- for a couple of hours since lunch. Why don't we take
- a quick break and resume at 3:30. At that point we
- will begin with ConocoPhillips. I believe Mr. Dunn
- is still with us and prepared to give some questions.
- 21 (WHEREUPON, a recess was had.)
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: Before we took a break for
- about 10 or 15 minutes, the Agency had indicated that
- 24 it had completed its questions for Mr. Kolaz and

- 1 Ms. Hirner on the basis of their pre-filed testimony.
- 2 According to the order that we had discussed at the
- top of the day, it was agreed that the next questions
- 4 would be for Mr. Dunn who had pre-filed testimony on
- behalf of ConocoPhillips. Ms. Hodge was kind enough
- during the break to hand to me a copy of Mr. Dunn's
- 7 pre-filed testimony plainly printed right off the
- 8 Board's web page.
- And, Ms. Hodge, I suspect you have a motion
- that you'd like to bring to the Board's attention?
- MS. HODGE: Yes, I do. I would move to admit
- 12 that.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: Excellent. Ms. Hodge has
- 14 moved that that would be marked and admitted into the
- record in this proceeding as Exhibit No. 9. Is there
- any objection to its admission as such?
- Neither seeing nor hearing any, Ms. Hodge,
- it will be marked as Exhibit No. 9.
- As we also had discussed, if Mr. Dunn would
- like to begin with a brief summary or has any other
- statement to begin with, we can certainly move to
- that now and then to questions, of course, in due
- 23 time.
- MS. HODGE: Thank you.

- 1 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Sure.
- MS. HODGE: My name is Katherine Hodge. I'm
- with the law firm of Hodge, Dwyer, Zeman, and I'm
- 4 here today on behalf of ConocoPhillips. Mr. David
- 5 Dunn, who is the environmental director at the
- 6 ConocoPhillips Wood River Refinery, is here on behalf
- of ConocoPhillips to testify regarding the stringency
- 8 and impact of the Agency's proposed limits for
- 9 industrial boilers and process heaters. Also present
- is Monica Rios, an associate with my firm.
- Before Mr. Dunn gets started here, I would
- just like to tell the Board we really do appreciate
- this opportunity to offer this testimony today and to
- 14 also thank the Agency for some of our recent meetings
- and discussions on behalf of ConocoPhillips in an
- 16 attempt to address some of our concerns with this
- 17 rule.
- The Wood River Refinery, which is located
- in Madison County in the Metro East area, is a crude
- oil refinery that refines thousands of barrels of
- crude oil per day. As part of its refining process,
- the refinery operates at least four boilers and 17
- 23 process heaters that will be impacted by the Agency's
- proposed rule. Mr. Dunn's testimony today, as well

- as his answers to any questions, will demonstrate the
- Agency's proposed limits for boilers and process
- heaters are too stringent. Mr. Dunn will also
- 4 provide examples of the extensive cost to install
- 5 NOx controls to comply with the proposed rule. In
- 6 addition, his testimony would demonstrate why the
- 7 proposed compliance date cannot be met by
- 8 ConocoPhillips, which is the basis for
- 9 ConocoPhillips' support of the Agency's recent
- discussions with refineries regarding extension of
- the proposed compliance date.
- Mr. Dunn would like to make a brief
- statement for the record today, and then he is
- available to answer any questions on his pre-filed
- testimony.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very good. Mr. Dunn,
- 17 please go ahead.
- MS. HODGE: Do we need to swear?
- 19 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Yes. Thank you for
- 20 reminding me.
- (WHEREUPON, the witness was duly
- sworn.)
- MR. DUNN: Good afternoon. I'm David Dunn, and
- I am the environmental director for ConocoPhillips at

- the Wood River Refinery in Madison County. The
- 2 facility refines over 300,000 barrels of crude oil a
- day and to do so operates six boilers and 41 process
- 4 heaters. Of these units, four boilers and 17 process
- 5 heaters are greater than 100 million Btu's and will
- be significantly impacted by the Agency's proposed
- 7 rule. We have reviewed the Agency's proposal and
- 8 determined that it requires overly stringent and
- 9 unreasonable NOx controls for many of the refinery's
- 10 boilers and heaters.
- 11 As discussed in more detail in my
- testimony, the refinery has recently installed ultra
- low NOx burners on a boiler as required under a
- consent decree entered into in 2005. The
- installation of the ultra low NOx burners, which were
- installed during a recent maintenance turnaround,
- took approximately 21 months, and we determined that
- the estimated cost per ton of NOx control is over
- 19 \$20,000 per ton controlled.
- Similarly, the refinery recently completed
- the installation of ultra low NOx burners on an
- 22 existing process heater. This process heater did not
- have NOx emission-reducing burners prior to this
- 24 project, and the project took approximately 18 months

- to complete. The cost of control per ton of NOx is
- in excess of \$15,000 per ton, and this does not
- include the cost of a CEMS. In addition, the total
- 4 cost of purchasing and installing CEMS for the rest
- of the affected units, both boilers and process
- 6 heaters at the refinery, is estimated to be over
- 7 \$12 million.
- 8 The cost per ton controlled for boilers and
- 9 process heaters are in excess of the generally
- 10 accepted amounts that the Agency has referenced in
- its own testimony. The proposed limits are too
- stringent and are beyond RACT. As stated in my
- testimony, ConocoPhillips supports a lower emission
- limit for boilers and process heaters as proposed by
- 15 IERG.
- My testimony also discusses the problems
- raised by the Agency's proposed averaging provisions.
- 18 Although averaging plans allow for flexibility and I
- 19 appreciate it, the Agency's proposed plan does not
- 20 allow for consideration of important factors, such as
- credit for applicable units that are no longer in use
- 22 after 2001, the installation of new replacement
- heaters with ultra low NOx burners after January 1,
- 24 2002, and the reduction of firing in a process

- 1 heater. In addition, I'd like the Board to consider
- only requiring those units greater than 250 million
- Btu's per hour to require CEMS.
- 4 Although ConocoPhillips appreciates and
- 5 supports the Agency's intention to allow a three-year
- 6 extension for the installation of CEMS, annual
- 7 performance testing is sufficient to demonstrate that
- 8 the process heaters and boilers over 100 million
- 9 Btu's per hour and under 250 million Btu's per hour
- meet the applicable limit. ConocoPhillips also
- supports the Agency's suggested alternate compliance
- schedule for refineries that we've discussed in our
- meetings.
- The current proposed May 1, 2010,
- compliance deadline cannot be met by ConocoPhillips.
- In order to install the required controls,
- 17 ConocoPhillips must evaluate all of the potentially
- affected units, complete engineering studies on each
- unit, obtain construction permits, order equipment,
- 20 prepare for shutdown, and install the controls. The
- 21 required pre-planning process and implementation will
- take at least 18 months for each heater.
- 23 Installation of controls should be completed during
- 24 scheduled turnaround times over the next several

- 1 years rather than forcing the refinery to take any
- 2 unscheduled shutdowns. Consequently, ConocoPhillips
- will not be able to install the necessary controls
- 4 considered in the compliance deadline -- considering
- 5 the compliance deadline is approximately 16 months
- 6 away and the proposed rule is not yet final.
- 7 I want to thank the Board for the
- 8 opportunity to testify today and request that the
- 9 Board take into consideration my testimony regarding
- 10 the overly stringent RACT requirements and the
- averaging provision as well as compliance of deadline
- issues. And I'm happy to answer any question.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: Mr. Dunn, thank you. I
- 14 suspect that there are some. We can proceed
- immediately to those if you're set.
- MR. DUNN: That would be fine.
- 17 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Ms. Roccaforte, please go
- ahead.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Just to emphasize again, it is
- true that ConocoPhillips and the Agency have had
- 21 discussions concerning alternative compliance dates
- 22 to the characteristics of the refinery?
- MR. DUNN: That's true.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: It's true that the Agency has

- indicated a willingness to work with ConocoPhillips
- to address these concerns?
- MR. DUNN: And we have indicated that interest
- $^4$  to you as well.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: And you are willing to continue
- 6 to work with us?
- 7 MR. DUNN: Yes, I am.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: On page 6 of your testimony,
- you state that ultra low NOx burners are well beyond
- 10 RACT. On page 8 you state, ultra low NOx burners are
- 11 BACT. Does the proposed RACT rule require the use of
- 12 ultra low NOx burners?
- MR. DUNN: No, it does not.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: And the proposed rule just
- specifies an emission rate, correct?
- MR. DUNN: That's correct. The proposed rule
- does propose an emission factor for RACT. It's not a
- 18 given technology.
- However, by setting that emission factor,
- you are setting de facto emission control
- technologies. Those technologies could be any of the
- things that were discussed in prior testimony.
- However, obviously we're looking for economic issues
- 24 as well. Those economic issues drive those control

- 1 technologies down to something below the emission
- factors, either the .074 boilers or the .08 -- I'm
- 3 sorry -- .08 for boilers, .07 for process heaters.
- 4 That would indicate that we have -- we are looking at
- 5 least at low NOx burners probably with FGR, flue gas
- 6 recirculation, or ultra low NOx burners.
- 7 MS. ROCCAFORTE: If ultra low NOx burners are
- 8 considered BACT, then is SCR BACT or beyond RACT?
- 9 MR. DUNN: It depends on the application. It
- 10 could be -- If you're familiar with the BACT
- determinations, SCR can be determined as BACT in some
- 12 cases, and ultra low NOx burners can also be
- considered BACT in other cases.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Would you be surprised to learn
- that BACT was determined to be a combination of ultra
- low NOx burners, plus FGR, plus SCR's BACT for
- 17 boilers at the ConocoPhillips refinery in Trainer,
- 18 Pennsylvania?
- MR. DUNN: I'm not aware of that.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: In forming your opinion, you
- 21 expressed on page 8 that ultra low NOx burners were
- 22 BACT. Did you examine the US EPA's RACT/BACT
- clearinghouse to determine what emission rate was
- specifically specified for ultra low NOx burners in

- those cases where it was specified as BACT?
- MR. DUNN: I have reviewed the BACT
- 3 clearinghouse and looked at some of those things.
- 4 BACT clearinghouse is difficult to interpret. I will
- 5 grant you that.
- 6 MS. ROCCAFORTE: Would you be surprised if such
- 7 review showed that BACT emission limits where ultra
- low NOx burner technology was determined to be BACT
- 9 were far lower than what is proposed as RACT limits,
- typically in the range of 0.02 to 0.04 pounds per
- 11 MMBtu's?
- MR. DUNN: I'm not surprised that that is
- included in the BACT analysis. I also am aware that
- 14 some of the ultra low NOx burner emission limits are
- actually as high as .07.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: So then isn't the proposed RACT
- 17 limit of 0.08 pounds per MMBtu less than BACT?
- MR. DUNN: Yes, until you determine whether you
- 19 have a requirement -- unless you specify a technology
- that reaches just 0.08 or 0.07. Without that
- specification, I can't determine whether ultra low
- NOx burners are the actual technology that I need to
- use or not or whether low NOx burners would satisfy
- 24 that.

- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Can you say what the emission
- levels of ultra low NOx burners are on gas-fired
- 3 boilers?
- 4 MR. DUNN: It depends on the type of fuel you're
- 5 using.
- 6 MS. ROCCAFORTE: Gas-fired?
- 7 MR. DUNN: Again, it depends on the type of gas
- 8 you're burning. Natural gas tends to get lower
- 9 emission factors. The .02 to .04 is probably about
- 10 right. For refinery fuel gas, which is our primary
- gaseous combustion, we typically see higher than
- 12 that, up to .05.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Page 27 of the technical
- 14 support document describes lean pre-mixed combustion
- and ultra low NOx burners. Do you, by any chance,
- have that in front of you?
- MR. DUNN: I do not.
- MS. HODGE: We will in just a minute.
- We have it now.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: What is the NOx emissions level
- 21 shown in figure 2-12 for an ultra low NOx burner?
- MR. DUNN: I don't see ultra low NOx burner in
- 23 2-12.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Is the rapid mix burner an

- 1 ultra low NOx burner?
- MR. DUNN: I don't know.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Let's assume -- Assume it is.
- 4 What is the emission rate, for example, at a load of
- 5 100 MMBtu per hour?
- 6 MR. DUNN: That says eight parts per million.
- 7 MS. ROCCAFORTE: And the NOx emission levels
- 8 shown in tables 2-9 and 2-10 -- I'm sorry. Page 28.
- On page 28, the NOx emission level shown in
- table 2-9 and 2-10 for ultra low NOx burners are
- around seven to eight parts per million; is that
- 12 correct?
- MR. DUNN: That's what the tables say, yes.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: So this data indicates that
- ultra low NOx burners can provide emission rates of
- around 9 parts per million or less, correct?
- MR. DUNN: With lean pre-mixed combustion and
- probably using natural gas. Although I'm not certain
- 19 of that.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: So isn't nine parts per million
- under 0.015 pounds per MMBtu?
- MR. DUNN: I don't know how I can leap to that
- in my own mind. That's a calculation that's
- necessary, and I can't do that in my head.

- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Would you look at page 14 of
- the technical support document. If we look at -- For
- example, Baxter Healthcare has an 8.9 parts per
- 4 million. If you go over to the NOx column, the
- 5 column right after it, it's .014 pounds per MMBtu.
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 MR. DUNN: I do see that.
- 8 MS. ROCCAFORTE: Does that help you with the
- 9 conversion?
- MR. DUNN: It doesn't help me with the
- 11 conversion. Is certainly helps -- If that is
- 12 accurate -- Which I don't know if it is or not. But
- if that is accurate, that is what the table reads.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Assuming it's accurate then,
- wouldn't that be below the proposed emission rate of
- 16 0.08 in the proposed rulemaking?
- MR. DUNN: If that is accurate, that would be
- below that. Again, it depends on is this lean mix?
- 19 Is it refinery fuel gas? Are there other factors
- that could raise that emission factor?
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: If your company, by its choice,
- 22 chooses to use ultra low NOx burner technology and is
- 23 capable of achieving significantly lower NOx
- emissions than the proposed limits, isn't it true

- that under the averaging provisions of the rule ultra
- low NOx burners would not be required on all of your
- boilers and process heaters?
- 4 MR. DUNN: That's our hope. We probably will
- overcontrol some boilers and heaters using ultra low
- 6 NOx burners in order to offset those boilers and
- heaters that we will not control. However, even if
- 8 the cost -- Even at that particular point, even with
- 9 averaging, the cost of this rule is very significant.
- 10 It's going to be large even with the averaging
- 11 provision. I'm still estimating. Based on what I've
- been able to do with the existing averaging provision
- and even some of the other things that we talked
- about in our meeting, we're still looking at
- controlling more than half of our heaters and boilers
- in order to make the desired emission factors.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: You have estimated the cost of
- using -- utilizing the averaging provisions?
- MR. DUNN: We've done back-of-the-envelope costs
- only. We have not done any detail engineering.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: On page 7 of your testimony,
- you state that the estimated cost of controlling NOx
- from one of your boilers is in excess of \$20,000 per
- ton. Would you explain how you derived this figure?

- MR. DUNN: I can share some with the Board. To
- go into details would be not useful for this
- 3 particular time.
- 4 But the cost was based on a similar cost
- 5 determination completed and demonstrated in a paper
- done by -- presented that discussion by the
- 7 Pennsylvania RACT determination. There is a -- and a
- 8 loan repayment over 15 years based on a 7 percent
- loan recommended by the IEPA in November of 2007, a
- conversation that we had trying to understand how to
- 11 estimate the cost per ton. The cost calculations
- were based on uncontrolled boiler and heater emission
- 13 factors. In this particular case, AP42 is what we
- were using to calculate the actual emissions from
- this heater and then installing technology in this
- particular case, ultra low NOx burners, to reach the
- permitted emission factor.
- 18 Instead of using what Pennsylvania used to
- estimate the potential cost of the technology itself,
- the capital cost itself, I actually used the
- 21 authorization for expenditure and cost estimated by
- 22 my company and then broke it down from there. The
- estimate -- The estimate includes electricity,
- material and maintenance, overhead, property tax,

- insurance, administration costs, as well as the cost
- <sup>2</sup> of capital.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Do you, by any chance, have a
- 4 hard copy of that cost analysis to share with the
- 5 Board?
- 6 MR. DUNN: I actually shared that with the IEPA
- 7 in January of 2008 under confidential business
- 8 information. I do not have a copy of that today to
- 9 share.
- MR. RAO: Would it be possible for you to
- provide a copy at a later time?
- MR. DUNN: As long as it's recognized it's under
- confidential business information, I think we can
- 14 probably provide that.
- MS. HODGE: Subject to trade secret.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Precisely. And our
- 17 procedural rules do spell out a procedure for filing
- it as that and keeping it as such.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Wouldn't the actual emissions
- level achieved be lower than the permitted level?
- MR. DUNN: We hope so. The actual emissions
- could be lower. But, again, because of our need to
- ensure compliance, we will permit things. And that's
- what I base my calculations on. They could be lower.

- 1 That would be to the benefit of Metro East.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Can you share with us what the
- 3 actual and permitted levels were?
- 4 MR. DUNN: The permitted levels for the -- Let's
- 5 see. For the boiler, the permitted level is 0.07
- 6 pounds of NOx per million Btu's.
- 7 Are we currently talking about the boiler?
- 8 MS. ROCCAFORTE: And the actual?
- 9 MR. DUNN: The actual emissions factor for the
- 10 boiler -- I do not have the boiler emissions factor.
- 11 But it is -- It is less than the AP42 factor. We are
- required -- That particular boiler is required to run
- testing for the NOx credits program, so it is not the
- 14 AP42 factor.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: In an averaging plan, wouldn't
- those extra tons of NOx you left out of the cost
- calculation be useful to other units?
- MR. DUNN: It could be. However, in developing
- 19 a compliance plan, I must comply with that. So I
- don't know what the -- How can I project what the
- 21 future actually would be in order to include that in
- 22 my averaging plan? I have to base it on some
- 23 baseline number in order to ensure that I can meet my
- 24 averaging plan.

- MS. ROCCAFORTE: With regard to the specific
- installation that you described on page 7 as costing
- \$20,000 per ton of NOx, how old was the previous set
- 4 of burners?
- MR. DUNN: I don't know that answer. I can
- 6 provide that later. I don't have it right now.
- 7 MS. ROCCAFORTE: Do you know, by any chance, how
- 8 old the previous burner management system was?
- 9 MR. DUNN: I do not have that with me here. I
- can provide that to you if you'd like.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Do you think they're more than
- ten years old?
- MR. DUNN: I will say probably.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Can you explain why this cost
- is so much higher than the published literature?
- MR. DUNN: I haven't actually reviewed the
- 17 published literature at least in as much detail as
- 18 you provide. And I have -- I'm not certain why it
- 19 is.
- However, the capital cost for this project
- includes a significant modification of the fire box.
- In order to put the ultra low NOx burners in, we did
- have to modify the fire box, which actually took the
- boiler off line for about three months. And that

- 1 modification was actually to accommodate the
- 2 difference in flame -- the difference in flame length
- 3 that the ultra low NOx burners have included with it.
- 4 There was also a modification to improve the
- 5 combustion mixing actually within the fire box in
- order to reduce CO emissions.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: On page 10 of your testimony,
- you state that the project cost to install ultra low
- 9 NOx burners on one of your process heaters was in
- excess of \$15,000 per ton. Can you explain how you
- 11 derived this figure?
- MR. DUNN: That calculation was done in the same
- manner as the boilers.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: And I assume you can't -- don't
- have the cost analysis to share with the Board today?
- MR. DUNN: That's correct.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Can you provide one?
- MR. DUNN: Yes. Again, subject to the business
- 19 confidentiality issues and trade secret.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: On page 11, you state that the
- cost per ton of NOx to control other heaters is
- 22 expected to be greater than the cost in the example
- you just mentioned. Why will they be more expensive?
- MR. DUNN: There's a variety of reasons. We

- 1 selected the heaters that -- the heaters and boilers
- that are being modified because they are going to be
- the easiest ones to modify. We had a requirement
- 4 within our consent decree that we had to put --
- 5 install ultra low NOx burners or take additional
- 6 controls to eliminate the NOx emissions up to
- 7 30 percent of our total NOx emissions from the
- 8 facility. So we were looking for where can we get
- 9 the easiest, least expensive projects to take
- advantage of the greatest amount of emission controls
- 11 for NOx. We've identified these as the two that
- have -- are currently controlled as the ones that are
- the easiest and also fit with the schedule in order
- to comply with the consent decree schedule.
- The reason they're the easiest is because
- particularly the heater -- the first heater -- the
- 17 ultra low NOx burners fit very nicely into the fire
- box. The fire box itself had to have a slight
- modification, but not a significant modification.
- Therefore, it controlled the cost. It also helped
- 21 that the -- that particular facility was going
- through a turnaround, had the right timing, and we
- can get the project done and implemented on a timely
- 24 basis.

- The boilers itself -- The boiler -- Because
- we have just a figure of time, we have extra boilers
- running. We have not an excess number of boilers,
- but we have an available boiler to bring online. We
- 5 can take that boiler offline and modify it. A
- 6 three-month outage for a process unit -- You might
- 7 imagine a three-month process outage would
- 8 significantly affect economics, so we have to hit
- 9 turnarounds with the process units. Boilers we can
- take offline and do modifications more easily. Still
- it's a long time to have a boiler out.
- Other projects that this proposed rule
- would require will -- could require significant
- 14 modifications around several -- well, of the fire
- boxes. In fact, some of them could require that we
- tear down the existing heaters and rebuild new
- heaters. So the cost for that will be very
- 18 significant.
- MR. RAO: Can I ask a follow-up question?
- Mr. Dunn, do you have the turnaround cycle
- 21 for your process heaters? Is that something that you
- 22 maintain, like a log?
- MR. DUNN: We project a turnaround schedule, yes,
- in order for our planning purposes.

- MR. RAO: Would it be possible to provide the
- Board with the schedule for your heaters just to give
- us an idea of what's scheduled for --
- 4 MR. DUNN: Recognizing that the heaters -- We're
- 5 not doing turnarounds on heaters themselves. We do
- turnarounds on units. We do not have an excess
- number of heaters, so we can't take heaters out and
- 8 run other heaters harder. I will have to -- Excuse
- 9 me.
- MS. HODGE: We will certainly check on that.
- But that moves even beyond, you know, some of the
- trade secret claims that we might make. There's some
- real business confidential issues. We will be happy
- 14 to check on it. If we can get clearance to figure
- out a way to submit it, we will.
- MR. RAO: Thank you.
- I was looking at your pre-filed testimony
- on page 5 where, Mr. Dunn, you mentioned how this
- turnaround affects when these heaters can be
- upgraded. So I just wanted to get a better handle on
- what are these projection dates.
- MR. DUNN: In my testimony, I say we typically
- 23 complete one -- a complete cycle every five to six
- years depending on the effort required to make the

- 1 turnaround.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: If it helps the Board out, we
- 3 have been in negotiations with the refineries. We
- 4 understand the situation. We're working on amending
- 5 the proposal to address that with turnarounds.
- 6 MR. RAO: So whatever you come up with will
- 7 address their issues?
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Yes.
- 9 MR. RAO: Okay.
- MR. JOHNSON: How many units? You say heaters
- 11 and units.
- MR. DUNN: I think my answer is nine. I think
- that's right. I don't have it off the top of my head
- where that's at.
- MR. RAO: You have nine operating units?
- MR. DUNN: No. We have nine units that would
- 17 require -- that have the 17 heaters that could
- 18 require modification.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Regarding the cost estimates of
- 20 the \$20,000 per ton and \$15,000 per ton shown on
- 21 pages 7 and 10 of your testimony, what was the
- 22 capital recovery period you used in your calculation?
- MR. DUNN: I believe the capital recovery period
- was 15 years.

- MS. ROCCAFORTE: In each case, what percent of
- the total capital cost did you amortize per year?
- MR. DUNN: I don't have that off the top of my
- 4 head.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Do you know if the amortization
- 6 rate changed for each year? Was it straight line or
- 7 an accelerated cost recovery method?
- MR. DUNN: I don't know the answer to that.
- 9 MS. ROCCAFORTE: What cost of capital did you
- 10 assume?
- MR. DUNN: 7 percent.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Is that expressed in constant
- dollars? If so, what was the base year of the
- 14 dollars?
- MR. DUNN: I don't know.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Do you know how much of the
- 17 cost was indirect charges, such as overhead?
- MR. DUNN: I don't have that off the top of my
- 19 head, but I know that it was significant.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: In the capital cost, did you
- include new burner controls?
- MR. DUNN: New as in?
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: New burner controls?
- MR. DUNN: Oh, burner control system?

- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Yes.
- MR. DUNN: Thank you.
- Yes, I believe so. I believe that's the
- 4 case because I believe the projects themselves had to
- 5 be modified in order to move from -- move to ultra
- 6 low NOx burner.
- 7 MS. ROCCAFORTE: What other changes to the
- 8 boiler or process heater were performed besides the
- 9 burner replacement that contributed to the overall
- 10 cost?
- MR. DUNN: Other than the burner replacement, on
- the floor -- For the heater project, the floor of the
- heater had to be modified slightly. And also there
- 14 was some additional -- There's some additional
- changes in order to ensure CO destruction -- carbon
- monoxide destruction efficiency. And then for the
- boiler project there was some demolition that
- occurred on the outside of the heater in order to get
- 19 access to installing the new systems. You had to
- 20 modify the heater box itself. We had to modify --
- 21 Well, we also installed some controls -- not
- controls, but modifications to ensure, again, CO
- destruction efficiency. And that's what I can recall
- 24 at this particular time. It's a fairly involved

- 1 project.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Did any heater tubes get
- 3 replaced?
- 4 MR. DUNN: I don't believe that heater tubes
- were replaced in either one of those particular
- 6 projects. Although they are anticipated.
- 7 MS. ROCCAFORTE: Do you know how much work was
- 8 done in the boiler process heater that was not in the
- 9 immediate vicinity of the burners?
- MR. DUNN: I don't know that.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Do any of the modifications
- 12 fall in the category of general facilities? By that
- 13 I mean other improvements not directly part of the
- 14 boiler --
- MR. DUNN: I don't believe so other than the
- boiler -- the demolition of the former pits burner.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: What was the initial and final
- 18 NOx emission rates assumed for each case? And were
- these actual controlled rates, or were they based on
- 20 required emission rates?
- MR. DUNN: Would you say that again, please?
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: What was the initial and final
- 23 NOx emission rates assumed for each case? And were
- these actual controlled rates, or were they based on

- 1 required emission rates?
- MR. DUNN: For the heater -- The AP42 emission
- factor used for the heater was at .271 pounds per NOx
- 4 per million Btu's. The permitted limit is .04 pounds
- 5 per NOx per million Btu's. For the boiler, as I've
- 6 said, I don't know -- I don't recall what the
- 7 original emission factor was, and I don't have -- I
- 8 don't have that with me. But the permitted rate was
- 9 .07 pounds per NOx per million Btu's.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: What capacity factor was
- 11 assumed in the calculation?
- MR. DUNN: In other words -- Can you reask --
- 13 rephrase?
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Usage level? The usage level?
- MR. DUNN: We're assuming 100 percent capacity.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: You state on page 6 of your
- testimony that the proposed limit would require ultra
- 18 low NOx burner technology. Why is that?
- MR. DUNN: This is for the boiler?
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Yes.
- MR. DUNN: We actually looked at low NOx burner
- technology and ultra low NOx burner technology. The
- vendors -- The burner vendors would not quarantee the
- required .08 pounds NOx per million Btu's for low NOx

- burners, and they -- we finally -- and we arrived at
- 2 ultra low NOx burners. They would guarantee
- performance up 0.07 pounds NOx per million Btu's for
- the burners based on refinery fuel gas consumption,
- but they would not guarantee any lower factor than
- 6 that.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: You mentioned the consent
- 8 decree earlier. Can you tell us the basis of the
- 9 consent decree?
- MR. DUNN: The basis? Why we have a consent
- decree? It's a variety of reasons, but focusing on
- 12 NOx RACT. The company -- The US EPA alleged that
- this particular facility was not permitting things
- 14 correctly for modifications that have occurred in the
- past, and we negotiated a settlement that said we
- would improve our operations by implementing certain
- 17 emission controls.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: So is it issues specific to the
- 19 Wood River Refinery or the company as a whole?
- MR. DUNN: No. It is a ConocoPhillips company
- 21 as a whole consent decree.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: And did those allegations
- entail modification of the heat transfer surface?
- MR. DUNN: I'm not certain. I was not part of

- 1 the -- Actually I wasn't at Wood River Refinery when
- 2 it was negotiated.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Is it fair to say that
- 4 ConocoPhillips considered this work routine
- 5 maintenance, but US EPA thought it was major
- 6 modification, thus, the consent decree?
- 7 MR. DUNN: Kathy, will you answer that for me?
- 8 MS. HODGE: Yes, I can answer that.
- 9 And I will tell you, too, I was not
- involved in this particular consent decree, but I
- 11 have been involved in other global consent decrees,
- 12 such as this one. It's my understanding that US EPA
- treats them all pretty much the same. They presume
- 14 liability. There's no specific findings of
- liability. They just presume liability and liability
- 16 for potential modifications. And then the parties
- 17 come to the table, and the defendants offer up what
- 18 kinds of reductions -- emission reductions that
- they're willing to offer. So I'm not aware of
- 20 anywhere there were actual findings of liability in
- 21 this kind of situation.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Can she be sworn?
- MS. BASSI: I'd like to know the relevance of it
- 24 all.

- MS. HODGE: I would characterize that as a legal
- 2 statement.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Well, he mentioned the consent
- 4 decree in his testimony.
- On page 9, you recommend the limit of 0.12
- 6 pounds per MMBtu for gas-fired boilers. What control
- 7 technology would be required to meet this limit?
- MR. DUNN: It could be anything. Let's see. It
- go could be a variety of things. It could be flue gas
- 10 recirculation. It could be no control at all. It
- 11 could be SCR. It could be ultra low NOx burners. It
- could be low NOx burners.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: On page 9 of your testimony,
- you state that the proposed emission limit will
- require that all affected process heaters install low
- NOx burners or ultra low NOx burners that you claim
- are well beyond RACT. Are you saying low NOx burners
- are well beyond RACT or just ultra low NOx burners?
- MR. DUNN: Low NOx burners are probably -- Based
- on what you're -- what the Illinois EPA has defined,
- low NOx burners are probably marginally -- they may
- or may not be RACT. They may not meet the emission
- limit. That's probably the case -- or may be the
- case. Ultra low NOx burners are -- will control

- 1 below the proposed emission factors.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Aside from equipment installed
- pursuant to the consent decree, has ConocoPhillips
- 4 added any other NOx controls at the Wood River
- 5 Refinery?
- MR. DUNN: Yes. We are currently in the process
- of installing SCR's on our catalatic tracking units,
- 8 and we have installed -- on many of our new units we
- have installed ultra low NOx burners as well.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: What was the motivation for
- 11 that?
- MR. DUNN: Permitting, BACT.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: What is the typical emission
- 14 rate of a refinery process heater on an uncontrolled
- basis per pounds per MMBtu?
- MR. DUNN: We currently use -- We have not
- 17 tested most of our process heaters because we have
- not been required to up to this point. We're
- currently using the AP42 factor of 0.27 pounds per
- NOx per million Btu.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: And what emission rate would
- you expect from a process heater after the
- 23 installation of a low NOx burner?
- MR. DUNN: Again, it depends on its use. But

- typically we expect that an ultra low NOx burner will
- 2 be able to achieve between .04 and .05 pounds NOx per
- 3 million.
- 4 MS. ROCCAFORTE: That was low NOx?
- MR. DUNN: Oh, I'm sorry. I assumed ultra low
- 6 NOx.
- 7 Low NOx? I haven't actually looked at it
- 8 for our particular facility. But I believe that the
- 9 literature says .06 to .08 pounds NOx per million, if
- my recollection's correct.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: On page 11, you state that the
- 12 cost per ton of NOx to control other heaters is
- expected to be greater than the cost in the example
- 14 you provided. Why would they be more expensive?
- MR. DUNN: I addressed this in part previously.
- We expect that the cost per ton will go up as the
- heaters become more and more difficult to retrofit up
- to the point where we're now replacing heaters in
- order to install low NOx or ultra low NOx burners.
- 20 Again, it's because the fire box configuration does
- 21 not meet the burner requirements and will have to be
- 22 significantly modified. There are some heaters that
- 23 are short enough where we will have to move tubes
- 24 around in order to keep them out of the flame zone.

- 1 We have some heaters where ultra low NOx burners
- just -- They just won't fit at all. We're trying to
- figure out what type of control that would require.
- We do have one heater -- We're evaluating
- whether it's a heater or not. We have 192 burners
- 6 there and one heater. And that is the one heater
- 7 where we're not certain how we would control it
- 8 without completely rebuilding the process unit
- 9 because the heater is actually part of the process
- 10 unit itself.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Is it typical to have 192
- 12 burners?
- MR. DUNN: That is rare. But we have one, and
- 14 it's a large one and will require a significant
- amount of averaging to average it down.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: You recommend a .012 pound per
- 17 MMBtu limit for process heaters on page 12 of your
- 18 testimony. What control technology would be required
- 19 to meet this limit?
- MR. DUNN: Control technology -- Again, the
- control technology could be a variety of things. It
- would depend on the type of heater that we would be
- installing, whether we can take advantage of the
- 24 averaging provisions, et cetera. They could range

- anywhere from flue gas recirculation to SCR,
- including low NOx and ultra low NOx burners, or in
- 3 some cases none at all.
- 4 MS. ROCCAFORTE: Why would you need an SCR to
- 5 meet a 0.12 -- Why would you -- Why would an SCR be
- 6 required to meet a 0.12 pound per MMBtu limit?
- 7 MR. DUNN: It wouldn't be required, but it
- 8 could -- By installing the SCR, it could enhance our
- <sup>9</sup> ability to average.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: So it would be the company's
- 11 option?
- MR. DUNN: Correct.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: Again, on page 12 you provide
- some recommendations regarding the proposed averaging
- provisions. Are you willing to continue to work with
- the Agency on this issue?
- MR. DUNN: Yes.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: On page 15 of your testimony,
- 19 you state that emissions using combustion controls
- are generally not subject to significant variation
- during normal operations. Can you explain why this
- 22 is true?
- MR. DUNN: Low NOx burners and ultra low NOx
- burners are fixed assets. They're not movable.

- 1 They're not necessarily subject to process changes
- themselves. As a result, the emission reductions are
- 3 reasonably consistent particularly during normal
- 4 operations. As long as the burner's in normal
- operating mode and it's properly monitored and
- maintained and it's getting the right oxygen and fuel
- 7 in the appropriate ranges, then there would only be
- 8 small variations in the emission factor itself.
- 9 MS. ROCCAFORTE: Do you have any information or
- data that you can provide to demonstrate this?
- MR. DUNN: I do not personally. The burner
- vendors could probably provide that.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: What about with regard to
- 14 post-combustion controls?
- MR. DUNN: Post-combustion controls? What's the
- 16 question? Is there a question there?
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: The statement that you made
- that combustion controls are generally not subject to
- 19 significant variations during normal operations, is
- that true for post-combustion controls also?
- MR. DUNN: It could be. Post-combustion
- 22 controls do require you to monitor certain things,
- 23 such as temperature of the SCR beds. During normal
- operation you would hope that you wouldn't have to

- 1 move around much. But, again, you do have the
- 2 process control aspect there as opposed to low NOx or
- 3 ultra low NOx burners which are fixed assets.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: And under what conditions might
- 5 emissions vary significantly?
- 6 MR. DUNN: Generally, it would be during an
- abnormal operation or if there's enough set in the
- 8 fuel gas system that may cause deposits to form on
- <sup>9</sup> the burners themselves. That is for burners only,
- not the post-combustion.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: And do you routinely monitor
- the parameters needed to ensure consistent emission
- performance?
- MR. DUNN: Yes.
- MS. ROCCAFORTE: I have nothing further.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Are there any other
- questions for Mr. Dunn on the basis of his pre-filed
- testimony at this time?
- 19 Seeing none, Mr. Dunn, thank you for your
- 20 testimony. It's much appreciated.
- May we go off the record just for a moment
- 22 or so.
- 23 (WHEREUPON, discussion was had
- off the record.)

1	HEARING OFFICER FOX: Having gone off the record
2	with the participants in this hearing, it was
3	determined that our wisest course would be to recess
4	for the day today at approximately 4:30 p.m. and to
5	reconvene in this room 9-031 at 9:00 a.m., according
6	to the original notice of hearings, and at that time
7	begin with questions based on the pre-filed testimony
8	of Mr. Siebenberger and Mr. Stapper of US Steel and
9	proceeding with the rest of our agenda. Is there any
10	procedural questions before we recess for the day?
11	I'm sure I speak for the Board members in
12	thanking you all for your testimony, your questions,
13	and your patience. See you in the morning. Thanks.
14	(WHICH WERE ALL THE PROCEEDINGS HAD
15	IN THE FOREGOING CAUSE ON THIS DATE.)
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