THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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EVERGREEI	N FS, INC.,)	
	Petitioner,	•	PCB 11-51 PCB 12-61
	vs)	(UST Appeal)
ILLINOIS AGENCY,	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION)	ALCO YED
	Respondent.)	FEB 17 200
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taken before HEARING OFFICER CAROL WEBB, by
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within and for the County of Cook and State
of Illinois, at the Illinois Pollution Control
Board, 1021 North Grand Avenue East (North
Entrance), Springfield, Illinois, on the 15th
day of February, 2012, A.D., at 10:00 o'clock
a.m.

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5	HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Good morning.
6	My name Carol Webb and this is the hearing for
7	Consolidated Dockets PCB 11-51 and 12-61, Evergreen
8	FS, Inc. versus IEPA. It is February 15th and we
9	are beginning at 10:00 a.m.
10	For the record, although
11	Petitioner is located in Livingston County, there
12	was no known public interest in this case. Thus,
13	I granted the party's request to hold the hearing
14	in Springfield.
15	I'll note for the record that
16	there are no members for the public present
17	although members or the public may submit public
18	comment if they so choose.
19	Petitioner in this case appeals
20	on numerous grounds including the absence of any
21	determination that the referenced prior release
22	was deemed ineligible on the Agency's failure
23	to either limit its review to the application or
24	provide a pre-denial opportunity to respond.

- 1 The decision deadline in this
- 2 case or these consolidated cases is June 21, 2012.
- 3 This hearing was noticed pursuant to the act and
- 4 the Board's rules and will be conducted pursuant
- to Sections 101.600 through 101.632 of the Board's
- 6 procedural rules.
- 7 At this time I'd like to ask
- 8 the parties to please make their appearances
- ⁹ on the record.
- MS. JARVIS: Melanie Jarvis, Special
- 11 Assistant, Attorney General for the Illinois EPA.
- MR. SHAW: Patrick Shaw, counsel for
- Evergreen FS, Incorporated.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Okay. Are
- there any preliminary matters to discuss today?
- MS. JARVIS: We have some matters
- about documents that inadvertently got in record
- that relate to a different site.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Okay. So
- these documents should be removed from the record?
- MS. JARVIS: These documents should
- be removed from the record.
- The first document starts on
- Page 723 and ends on Page 731 and it relates to

- a site called Arrowsmith Evergreen FS.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Okay.
- MS. JARVIS: The next document begins
- on Page 861 and ends on Page 865 and it relates to
- 5 Arrowsmith Evergreen FS.
- 6 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Now, do these
- 7 documents say Arrowsmith on them?
- MS. JARVIS: Yes.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Okay.
- MS. JARVIS: In the heading.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Okay.
- MS. JARVIS: As opposed to Dwight
- Evergreen FS, which is the site at issue today.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Okay.
- MS. JARVIS: Okay. The next are
- 16 technical review notes and it starts on Page 1062
- and ends Page 1063.
- Then we have a letter from the
- 19 Agency. It starts Page 1064 and ends Page 1068.
- Then we have another letter
- that starts Page 1069 and ends Page 1079.
- I believe that's all the
- 23 documents.
- HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Okay. Are

- there any other preliminary matters to discuss
- on the record today?
- All right. Hearing none,
- 4 Mr. Shaw, would you like to give an opening
- 5 statement?
- 6 MR. SHAW: I will just give a quick
- opening statement understanding there will be a
- 8 briefing schedule for --
- 9 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Yes.
- MR. SHAW: -- for this?
- HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Correct.
- MR. SHAW: I understand the hearing
- officer's role here is to sort of make some
- decisions about the relevance and be able to rule
- on objections.
- 16 I'll give a little bit of an
- outline of the issues that we're presenting here
- today so that you can make the rulings. Hopefully,
- there won't be any objections, but counsel is
- 20 right, of course. This case involves an old
- facility, maybe 50 years -- or 50 years ago.
- 22 It's been an Amoco station.
- In 1991, there was an incident
- 24 reported and the incident reported something like

- a loss of 5,700 gallons of fuel from an underground
- storage tank as reported to the Illinois Emergency
- 3 Management Agency.
- 4 Subsequently, as we go through
- 5 this, the issue has become what was the nature
- of the 1991 incident versus a 2007 incident.
- 7 The nature of the 1991 incident is one in
- 8 which the Agency has indicated that it was not
- 9 eligible, it was not a UST release and, therefore,
- there's an apportionment between the 2007 and
- 11 1991 incidents.
- The 1991 record, which is
- filed here with the Board, and they have pretty
- much all the evidence it's going to have from
- 15 1991, '92 and '93, and it's kind of a confusing
- story. As I said, there was a call to the
- 17 Emergency Management Agency reporting a release
- and loss of product of 5,700 gallons and then
- 19 30 days later, they reported to the Agency what
- 20 they had figured out and discovered and what
- they had in response to this. In particular,
- the response was to fuel discovered in a creek
- that two and a half miles away.
- 24 At that time they told the

- 1 Agency something slightly different. They
- 2 indicated that there was 500 gallons of fuel
- 3 lost according to their product reports and
- 4 they collected 100 so far, and that it was
- 5 traveling along the tile to this creek. They
- 6 had been sort of gathering it there.
- 7 They also gave the Agency at
- 8 that time a copy of the bill -- the repair bill
- 9 saying there was damage to the line between
- the diesel tank and the diesel dispensing pump
- and specifically this submergible tank pump in
- there that was damaged and repaired. That was
- believed to be the cause of the release. It was
- a slightly different story than the first one.
- The third story was about 18
- months later, which is the one that the Agency
- has indicated is the basis of dispute here, was
- that the owner/operator indicated that the
- release must have been caused by an overfill
- of an observation or monitoring well on the
- 21 site.
- 22 And based upon that, the
- decision was made in '92 or so that there was
- no eligibility because that was not -- according

- to the Agency at that time -- not a discharge
- into or from the underground storage tank
- 3 system.
- 4 Now, we dispute a lot of
- 5 legal and factual issues here. The only thing
- that we are bringing today is the testimony
- of a professional engineer to comment upon the
- 8 record in a way that I can't. I sort of just
- 9 commented on it, but we're not introducing any
- new evidence into the record. It is what I
- think the Board sometimes discussed as explaining
- the record or providing some sort of expert
- opinion as to the record.
- The person we have here is
- Mike Keebler from Environmental Management and
- that will be the sum of our testimony here
- today to sort of discuss the factual scenarios
- and none of the legal issues. We will save
- those for the briefs. Thank you.
- HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Ms. Jarvis,
- would you like to make any opening statements?
- MS. JARVIS: I'll save mine for the
- 23 brief.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Okay.

- 1 Mr. Shaw, would you like to present your case?
- MR. SHAW: Yes. We would like to
- 3 call Mike Keebler.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Okay. In
- fact, you could stay right there if you want to
- question him over there. I just want him to look
- 7 towards the court reporter.
- MR. SHAW: Okay. If you don't mind
- 9 me looking over your shoulder, Melanie?
- MS. JARVIS: No, I don't mind. I'll
- move my records to give you some room.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: And would you
- please swear him in?
- 14 (Witness sworn.)
- 15 WHEREUPON:
- 16 MICHAEL R. KEEBLER, P. E.
- called as a witness herein, having been first duly
- sworn, deposeth and saith as follows:
- 19 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 20 BY MR. SHAW
- Q. Could the witness please state your
- 22 name for the record?
- A. Michael Keebler.
- Q. Mr. Keebler, what is your profession?

- 1 A. I'm a professional engineer. We do
- environmental and civil engineering consulting.
- More or less, our focus is mostly on underground
- 4 storage tank releases through the state of Illinois.
- ⁵ Q. Now, what is your relationship to
- 6 Environmental Management?
- 7 A. I am the president.
- 8 Q. How long have you been the president
- 9 of Environmental Management?
- 10 A. Almost six years.
- Q. How many?
- 12 A. Six years.
- Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the
- 14 Evergreen FS underground storage tank release
- in Dwight, Illinois in an old fuel 24 site?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How did you first become familiar
- 18 with that site?
- A. We took this site over. We had a
- 20 contractor that had contacted us on behalf of
- the owner. They wanted to get the tanks out of
- there. The owner hired us, which was Evergreen FS,
- to oversee the tank removal. We discovered that
- there was contamination prior to removing the tanks.

- We had to go out there and take a soil sample,
- waited for the envelope to come back and they were
- 3 above the IEPA Tier 1 objectives.
- Q. And about what year was this?
- 5 A. That would have been 2007.
- 6 Q. Okay. And subsequently, has
- 7 Environmental Management, Inc. been doing the
- 8 consulting work on this project?
- 9 A. Yes.
- Q. And that would be all the consulting
- work on the project?
- A. Yes, all of it.
- Q. As part of your job at Environmental
- Management, have you been reviewing the documents
- and the filings in this release?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Have you prepared all of the
- documents?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. Who are some of the people who have
- 21 prepared the documents?
- A. Eric Andrews, which he no longer
- works for us, and then the project manager in
- 24 charge of it now is Alan Curtis.

- Q. Before you came here today, had
- you reviewed the records on file with the Agency
- 3 regarding this release?
- ⁴ A. Yes.
- ⁵ Q. Without repeating some of the things
- 6 that I tried to gather out of the record in my
- opening statements, I may have a few questions
- for you about some the components of the record
- 9 or some of the items and what they are and what
- 10 they do.
- One, of course, would be the
- observation well. What is an observation well
- or what is -- and what is the purpose of an
- observation well at an underground storage tank
- 15 site?
- A. An observation well -- typically,
- the way they install them is they usually put
- 18 four observation wells around the perimeter of
- the underground storage tanks to detect if the
- groundwater shows a sheen of the product that
- was being stored in the tank.
- They typically put it in the
- backfill of the tank excavation. That's the
- most likelihood to determine where the release

- would be. More or less, it's about a -- usually,
- 2 it's like a nine-inch well. It's very distinctive
- 3 compared to, you know, the tank system itself
- 4 where the fill of the -- the fill in the tank
- 5 is.
- Q. Well, let me back you up there.
- 7 You said nine inches. Do you mean nine inches
- 9 in diameter or deep?
- 9 A. Oh, nine inches in diameter.
- Q. Nine inches in diameter. How deep
- do they usually go?
- A. Well, they'll put them into the
- groundwater table. Probably no deeper than 20
- 14 feet.
- Q. Okay. I think I interrupted you,
- but were also going to discuss the fill pipe?
- What is a fill pipe?
- A. Typically, the fill pipe is where
- the off-loading truck would fuel the tanks from
- their tanker truck. They would connect a hose
- to it. It's usually a quick connect for the
- tanker truck hose to connect to it so it's securely
- 23 tight.
- Q. Does an observation well have a

- quick connect?
- A. No, it does not. And the fill
- pipes are typically a three or four-inch
- 4 connection where the observation well is much
- 5 larger.
- 6 Q. I had another question regarding
- 7 the record. In the record, there is an indication
- 8 that the tank -- the tank or the diesel tank in
- ⁹ the diesel tank system or pipes were tested by
- two different organizations. In your experience,
- 11 is that normal?
- 12 A. It can be. Typically, whoever
- tested the tanks, they have to be certified by
- the manufacturer as well as meeting all of the
- state requirements for having a license. So
- piping, typically someone else could test that,
- but they still would have to be licensed by
- the -- by the state.
- 19 Q. There are different licensing
- requirements for these two elements?
- 21 A. Same licensing, but one would have
- to be licensed by the manufacturer. So if the --
- let's say if the maintenance guy that normally
- 24 repairs the pumps and dispensers and all that

- stuff, they may not have the license that the
- guy who installed the tank might have because
- 3 they can't certify the tank if they don't have
- ⁴ a license to do that.
- ⁵ Q. In terms of testing the tank's
- tightness, what is the -- what would be the
- 7 normal method of doing that in the early
- 8 '90s?
- 9 A. Usually, you do it based, like,
- on a volumetric. Based on the volume of the
- tank, they pretty well put something in there
- to test level of the tank over time and if the
- tank -- the test has to be able to detect a
- lowering of the tank, at least .1 gallons per
- 15 hour.
- So whatever method they used,
- they have to at least be able to meet that
- criteria and if the tank loses product over
- that period of time, that means it probably
- ²⁰ has a leak.
- Q. How much is normally considered
- tight or not tight in that kind of test?
- A. Well, anything that if it's leaking
- over .1 gallons per hour, it's got some kind of

- leak somewhere and they've got to repair it.
- Q. Now, in this situation, there was
- a repair done and the invoice describes it as a
- 4 repair of an STP, I believe. What do you know
- 5 what an STP is?
- A. Yes. It's the submersible pump
- that is put in to more or less suck the product
- out of the tank and send it to the dispensers.
- 9 Q. Okay. Would that have been in
- 10 close proximity to the tank?
- 11 A. It's right above the tank. I mean,
- it's in ground, but above the tank. It's got more
- or less a probe that sticks into the tank. It
- 14 probably stays three inches or so off the bottom
- of the tank and then the pump is on top that
- sucks the fuel from the tank and sends it to the
- dispensers.
- Q. Is there anything particularly
- 19 significant about it being submersible?
- A. More or less, that's pretty much
- just one type. It shouldn't -- it should only
- suck from the tank. It shouldn't suck from
- 23 anything else. It's more or less underground.
- Q. Having looked at the documents

- from 1991, 1992 and 1993 regarding this site, do
- you have any opinion with a reasonable degree of
- 3 certainty whether the Agency record is consistent
- with an overfill of the observation well?
- 5 A. No. There is no consistency, but
- they did, like I said, check the piping. They
- 7 did determine that there was a leak in the piping
- 9 pretty well a day or two after the release was
- 9 reported. They fixed the piping and then that's
- when they tested the tank as well to make sure
- everything was back in so they could get the
- 12 facility back in operation.
- The other thing is that my
- opinion would be that most of these tank drivers
- that do this every day, no matter what, they
- would be able to connect the tank line that they
- used to pull or put into the underground storage
- tank fill pipe. They have a quick connect there.
- 19 It's a three or four-inch hose. If they would
- have pulled the observation well, they would have
- to take the cap off or they would have to more or
- less pull the lid off and stick the hose in there,
- which they know there would be no way to connect
- ²⁴ it.

- 1 There's not too many tank
- drivers that wouldn't know what to do and wouldn't
- know what they're doing when they're putting fuel
- in a tank. That's why I don't think it was a
- 5 direct spill into the observation well. It could
- 6 have been other things. It could have been where
- 7 it overspilled when they were fueling the tank.
- 8 It could have been the piping itself, but definitely
- 9 my opinion would be they couldn't stuck that in
- 10 that well.
- 11 Q. Since your firm has been involved
- in this, you guys have done some more analytical
- analysis of the property than probably was done
- in the early '90s, I assume?
- MS. JARVIS: I'm going to
- object to that because that's speculative
- as to whether or not they have done more
- than the people who were on the site there
- 19 first.
- MR. SHAW: Okay. I will reask
- the question.
- 22 BY MR. SHAW:
- Q. The work that Environmental Management
- has done with the site since 2007, has it indicated

- any further information about the nature of
- ² contamination on the property?
- A. When the release was reported, it
- 4 was in '91. They found the contamination into
- 5 a nearby creek that's on the east side of our
- 6 property about two and a half miles away.
- 7 The contamination that's found
- 9 presently is actually west and south of the tank
- 9 pit. So the investigation work that was done
- back in '91 that was limited determined that
- there was very low levels of soil and groundwater
- contamination on the site at the present time.
- Now, the levels are extremely high and the plume
- is extremely large compared to '91.
- Q. How many releases were -- how many
- tanks reported releases in 2007?
- A. I think three or four. I think three
- maybe.
- Q. Well, it's in the record so I don't
- want to quiz you on that.
- What is the groundwater flow at
- the property?
- A. The groundwater flows to the south.
- Q. Okay. Now, assuming that there was

- a release -- I'm just saying assuming. It's
- 2 a hypothetical. I think I can ask an expert,
- but I want to make sure it's clarified as a
- 4 hypothetical.
- 5 Assuming that there was a
- for release into the observation well in '91, how
- 7 significant could that release have been and
- 8 do you have any opinion as to how much of
- 9 that contamination could still persist through
- 10 2007?
- 11 A. The way the first reporting was
- 12 cited is that there was a field tile that ran
- from the tank pit all the way across to the
- creek and based on the observation at that time,
- they are saying that the release happened, if
- it did happen at the observation well, it would
- have gone out immediately into the creek and
- whatever was remaining would have been in the
- 19 backfill of the tank.
- They did put some absorbent
- material in the one observation well. It actually
- was on the southwest side of the tank, not on the
- east side. All the other observation wells came
- back clean except the southwest side, which also,

- 1 you know, if the tiles are on the east side and
- there's a release, it would be all throughout
- 3 the whole backfill and they should have detected
- 4 it on the east side as well as on the south side.
- 5 So that's why if there was a
- 6 release into the observation well, it would be
- 7 in all the -- it should pretty well be in all
- 8 the observation wells especially if it was
- ⁹ 5,700 gallons. That's a substantial amount at
- one release.
- 11 Q. If 5,700 gallons was released on
- the day that the Illinois Emergency Management
- 13 Agency was called, would that be something you
- would expect to be visible at the property?
- A. Yes, very visible.
- Q. Do you have an opinion as to whether
- or not the 500-gallon statement or 5,700-gallon
- statement, which one is more likely to be correct
- 19 here?
- A. Well, based on the corrective
- 21 action -- the remedial action that they did
- immediately, pretty well any product -- it
- 23 floats on water.
- So if it went into the creek

- and it happened that quickly, they should have
- been able to absorb a tremendous amount more
- 3 than 100 gallons, which is all at the time that
- 4 they said they ended up being able to collect
- 5 at the time.
- If that was the case, if it
- 7 would have spilled out onto the surface water,
- 8 they would have been able to absorb almost all
- 9 of that and then they made a determination that
- the tile was clean after they did the immediate
- cleanup, which was in a couple of days there,
- which also there should have been a lot of
- residual type of petroleum still this that
- pipe in a couple of days unless there was
- a huge re-event or something, which I don't
- know if that was the case or not.
- 17 Again, there would have been
- a lot more product they would have discovered
- in the creek or in the observation wells.
- Q. Do you have an opinion to a
- reasonable degree of certainty as to what the
- most likely cause of the 1991 release was?
- A. Well, I think that station has been
- there for 50 years, 40 or 50 years. Typically

- what we see on sites is that it's a historic
- release. There could have been numerous releases
- prior to '91. There is -- there is no way for
- 4 us to determine that either.
- 5 Same with us trying to determine
- 6 between '91 and 2007 except if the levels are much
- 7 higher. Then you know there's been some releases
- 8 if you have some data showing that the site was at
- ⁹ this level at a certain year and then at this level
- years down the road. That's really the only way
- that you can determine, you know, where this stuff
- 12 came from.
- MR. SHAW: I don't have any
- 14 further questions.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Ms. Jarvis?
- MS. JARVIS: If I could have just
- 17 a second --
- 18 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Sure.
- MS. JARVIS: -- so I can pull out
- the documents that I want to look at.
- 21 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 22 BY MS. JARVIS
- Q. Mr. Keebler, you were -- it's been
- 24 16 years before you came on-site since the '91

- 1 release, correct?
- A. I was never on the site.
- 3 Q. You have never been on-site?
- 4 A. Well, no. I mean --
- ⁵ Q. I mean, it was 16 years from the
- '91 release and until you eventually went on-site --
- it was 16 years between the '91 release and 2007?
- 8 A. Right.
- 9 Q. So you weren't present to know what
- happened at the site during that spill?
- 11 A. Correct.
- Q. So your opinion is based solely on
- your review of the record?
- A. And professional.
- Q. Okay. So I'm going to direct you
- to a couple of documents. The first one is the
- 17 IEMA report and that's at Page 6 of the record.
- 18 I'm going specifically to the
- 19 narrative. If you could, read that narrative
- starting with the pink all the way to the period
- 21 there.
- A. Do you want me to read it here
- 23 (indicating)?
- Q. Right here where it starts, "They

- are missing."
- A. Oh, okay. It just says, "They are
- missing 5,300 gallons when buyer called me from
- Dwight Fire Department, he said his fire chief
- on scene, said company denied responsibility and
- 6 didn't tell about the large loss and they had told
- 7 FDA about."
- Q. So at that time the company appeared
- ⁹ to be covering up the release?
- MR. SHAW: Objection, speculation.
- HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Sustained.
- 12 BY MS. JARVIS:
- Q. Now, I'm going to show you what's
- on Page 68 of the record. It is something from
- Livingston Service Company and something by, I
- guess, your predecessor on the site, Midwest
- 17 Engineering Services.
- I'm going to direct you to
- 19 Page 75 and it's continued on to Page 76. So
- if you could read that that's in pink.
- A. "It is understood the release in
- diesel fuel may have occurred on-site during
- UST filling activities. Both Mr. Newman and
- Mr. Soloran indicated that one observation

- well located on the northwest corner of existing
- 2 UST cavity may have been mistaken as the diesel
- fuel UST fill by the tanker truck driver and
- 4 that an undetermined quantity of diesel fuel
- was subsequently off-loaded into the observation
- 6 well."
- Q. And you reviewed this document when
- you reviewed the rest of the record?
- 9 A. I did.
- Q. And if I could have what's marked
- as People's Exhibit 1, are you familiar with this
- 12 document?
- 13 (Document tendered
- to the witness.)
- 15 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. Yes, I am.
- 17 BY MS. JARVIS:
- Q. And, in fact, you were the signatore
- on this document, correct?
- A. Correct.
- Q. So you have asked the State Fire
- Marshal for a decision on whether or not this
- ²³ tank is eligible?
- A. Correct.

- Q. And according to that document, they
- 2 said that it was not?
- A. They didn't have all the information.
- Q. Well, yes or no, did they say that it
- 5 was able or not?
- A. At the time.
- 7 Q. You have refiled?
- A. Correct.
- 9 MS. JARVIS: Okay. That is all
- that I have.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Are you
- moving to --
- MS. JARVIS: Yes. I'm sorry.
- I am moving to enter that into evidence.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Is
- there anything?
- MR. SHAW: As I would like
- to point out, as maybe discussed
- before, that this is a document existing
- after the Agency's decision so I don't
- think it can be used for purposes of
- determining of whether or not the
- 23 Agency's decision was correct or not,
- but I do not have an objection to it

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1	being admitted into the record for a
2	somewhat more limited purpose such as
3	allowing the Board to know the totality
4	of circumstances that are going on
5	with this site so that it can make
6	a decision that is useful for it.
7	To be honest, I had not
8	seen this document before and I still
9	haven't seen this document.
10	HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Would
11	you like to see it right now?
12	MR. SHAW: I can kind of
13	probably guess that they are all
L 4	form letters, but I have not done an
15	analysis of that letter, but I think
L6	I understand that there is probably
L7	it's useful for the Board to have this.
18	I just want to say we
L9	do not agree that it should be used to
20	decide whether or not a decision was
21	correct.
22	HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Okay.
23	Well, I'm going to admit what's been
24	marked as Respondent's Exhibit No. 1

HEARING OFFICER WEBB:

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- Do you have anything further to present
- for your case?
- MS. JARVIS: No, I don't.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Okay.
- 5 Let's go off the record for a moment to
- discuss the briefing schedule.
- 7 (Whereupon, a discussion
- was had off the record.)
- 9 HEARING OFFICER WEBB: We'll go
- 10 back on the record.
- We have just a conversation off
- of the record about a briefing schedule. The
- transcript is due by February 28th and will be
- posted on the Board's website.
- The public comment deadline is
- 16 February 29th. Any public comment must be filed
- in accordance with Section 101.628 of the Board's
- 18 procedural rules.
- 19 Petitioner's brief is due by
- 20 March 20th and the Respondent's brief is due by
- 21 April 20th. Petitioner's reply brief is due by
- 22 May 1st.
- The mailbox rule will not apply
- 24 and if the parties file electronically, briefs must

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1	be filed by 4:30 p.m. on the due date.
2	Mr. Shaw, would you like make any
3	closing argument?
4	MR. SHAW: No, thank you.
5	HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Ms. Jarvis?
6	MS. JARVIS: No.
7	HEARING OFFICER WEBB: Okay. Again,
8	I will note that there are no members of the public
9	here to make any comments so I will conclude the
10	proceedings. We stand adjourned and I thank you
11	all for your participation.
12	MR. SHAW: Thank you.
13	(Whereupon, no further
14	proceedings were had in
15	the above-entitled cause.)
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