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4	(Reporter marked document for
5	identification as Petitioner's
6	Exhibit No. Redirect 1)
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8	(Reporter marked documents for
9	identification as Petitioner's
10	Exhibit Nos. 11 and 26)
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12	JUDGE STORMS: Let's go back on
13	the record.
14	We do have a couple of things that
15	we need to address that were left over from
16	this morning. The initial thing that I'd like
17	to address is the submission of Petitioner's
18	Redirect Exhibit No. 1 which has been provided
19	to the Bench. Have copies been provided to
20	the parties as well?
21	MS. KARN: Yes, they have, Your
22	Honor.
23	JUDGE STORMS: Is there any
24	objection to Petitioner's Redirect Exhibit No.
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1	MR. POLK: Your Honor, I
2	haven't First of all, it looks to be, you
3	know, accurate and is represented by counsel
4	as a selection, and I haven't had time to
5	confirm that it was included on the disk that
6	was provided in response to a data request;
7	so, at some point, I might Well, I'd like
8	to reserve the right to enter additional pages
9	from that transcript at some point if
10	necessary.
11	JUDGE STORMS: Okay, but do you
12	have any objection to the admissibility?
13	MR. POLK: I don't have any
14	objection to the admissibility at this time.
15	JUDGE STORMS: We'll show
16	Petitioner's Redirect Exhibit No. 1 admitted
17	into the record of this cause.
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19	(PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT NO. REDIRECT
20	1, BEING AN EXCERPT FROM A
21	TRANSCRIPT IN DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB
22	790 FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA
23	UTILITIES COMMISSION, ADMITTED INTO
24	EVIDENCE.)
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1	JUDGE STORMS: The one other
2	issue, and I believe Petitioner brought this
3	to my attention yesterday, was the request for
4	admission pro hac vice of Mr. Finnigan. That
5	is something that I did not rule on, and I
6	wanted to take a look at the actual motion. I
7	had a chance to take a look at that, and I
8	recognize that and I'll grant this on the
9	record they are more beneficial to be in
10	written form so that they can be submitted to
11	the Supreme Court as necessary.
12	So, is there any objection to the
13	admission pro hac vice of Mr. Finnigan?
14	If not, we will show that granted
15	on the record, and we will follow up with a
16	written Docket Entry as well that confirms the
17	ruling today.
18	With that, Petitioner, you may
19	call your next witness.
20	MR. FINNIGAN: Thank you, Your
21	Honor. We'd like to call as our next witness
22	Ms. Lynn Good.
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1 LYNN J. GOOD, a witness appearing on behalf of
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- 2 the Petitioner, having been first
- 3 duly sworn, testified as follows:

- 5 **DIRECT EXAMINATION,**
- 6 QUESTIONS BY MR. FINNIGAN:
- 7 Q Good afternoon, Ms. Good. Would you, please,
- 8 state your full name for the record, please?
- 9 A My name is Lynn J. Good.
- 10 Q By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
- 11 A I'm employed by Duke Energy Corporation as
- 12 Senior Vice President and Treasurer of the
- 13 Company.
- 14 Q Do you have before you two documents marked
- for identification purposes as Petitioner's
- 16 Exhibit No. 10 and Petitioner's Exhibit No.
- 17 10-Confidential?
- 18 A Yes, I do.
- 19 Q Do you have any changes or corrections --
- 20 Well, strike that.
- 21 Can you identify those documents
- as your prefiled direct testimony in these
- 23 causes?
- 24 A Yes, I can.
- 25 Q Do you have any changes or corrections to your

- 1 testimony?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Please walk us through what those changes are.
- 4 A On Page 4 of my direct testimony, Line 14, I'm
- 5 amending the incentive basis points adjustment
- 6 to return on equity from 200 to 150.
- 7 On Page 7, Lines 12 and 13, I'm
- 8 amending the rating from Standard & Poor's for
- 9 senior secured debt to an A rating and senior
- 10 unsecured debt to an A- rating, and I'm
- including a sentence which would indicate that
- 12 Standard & Poor's updated the Company's credit
- rating in May of 2007.
- 14 And then on Page 11, Line 17, I'm
- revising the basis points incentive return on
- 16 equity from 200 to 150.
- 17 Q Is that all?
- 18 A Those are all of the amendments that I would
- 19 make. The one point that I would indicate,
- 20 however, is that my testimony does include
- 21 cost estimates related to the construction of
- the plant as well as overall cost estimates
- for Indiana, and revisions to those estimates
- have been included as part of the FEED study
- as well as in the rebuttal testimony of other

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       Thank you. The changes that you mentioned,
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       are those all in your public testimony as
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       opposed to your confidential testimony?
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       They are changes to my public testimony.
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    Q And have you marked those changes on the
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       exhibit in pen with your initials and today's
       date?
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      I have.
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    Q Do you adopt the documents that are before you
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       as Petitioner's Exhibit No. 10 and 10-
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       Confidential as your sworn testimony in this
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       cause?
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                   MR. FINNIGAN: Your Honor, I'd
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       like to move into evidence Petitioner's
       Exhibit No. 10 and Exhibit No. 10-
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       Confidential.
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                    JUDGE STORMS:
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       objection, we'll show Petitioner's Exhibits 10
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       and 10-Confidential admitted into this cause.
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2	THE PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
3	MS. LYNN J. GOOD, ADMITTED INTO
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4	(GOOD'S PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY,
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MR. FINNIGAN: Nothing further,
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                   JUDGE STORMS: Mr. Hartley?
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                   MR. HARTLEY:
                   JUDGE STORMS: Mr. Polk?
                   MR. POLK: Thank you, Your Honor.
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    CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MS. LYNN J. GOOD,
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       QUESTIONS BY MR. POLK:
    O Good afternoon, Ms. Good.
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    A Good afternoon.
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    Q Now, according to the witness schedule that
       was handed to us, you travel, but you don't
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       sound like you're from North Carolina; is that
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       true?
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      That's true.
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       All right. Are you in North Carolina now?
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       I am.
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      How do you like it?
      The weather is spectacular.
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    Q Now, as I understand it, your
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       responsibilities, and I'm looking at Page 1 of
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       your testimony, Line 16, they encompass
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       financial risk management of the companies'
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       exposure.
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                    Would that be the interest rate on
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       debt?
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       So I imagine you follow closely what the
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       rating companies like Standard & Poor's and
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       Moody's do?
    A Yes, I do.
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    Q Do you know if they've made any comments --
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       any of those companies have made comments
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       recently with respect to the risk of IGCC
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       technology versus other technologies?
    A Yes, I'm aware that S&P has published
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       information about various technologies that
       are being considered for generation.
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                   MR. POLK: May I approach the
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       witness, Your Honor?
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                    JUDGE STORMS: Yes, you may.
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                   identification as Intervenor's -
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                   CAC Exhibit No. CX-6)
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    Q Now, Ms. Good, I've handed to you a document
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       marked for identification as CAC Cross-
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- 1 Examination Exhibit No. 6, and I will
- 2 represent to you that it is a news article
- 3 from The News Journal delaware online, and at
- 4 the bottom of the page, there is a web address
- 5 where this can be downloaded from the
- 6 Internet; is that correct?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q And the article is dated May 16, 2007?
- 9 A It indicates it was posted May 16, 2007, yes.
- 10 Q And what is the headline of the article?
- 11 A "Investors warned against coal-to-gas power
- 12 plants".
- 13 O So is this referred to as one of the Standard
- 4 & Poor's series or reports that we were just
- discussing?
- 16 A No.
- 17 Q No? Can you tell me what this does refer to?
- 18 A Well, this is a newspaper article, as you
- indicated. The reports that I was referencing
- 20 are their published works.
- MR. FINNIGAN: Your Honor, I'm
- going to object to any further questions with
- 23 respect to this news article unless there is a
- 24 proper foundation laid for it. Ms. Good has
- 25 testified that she's familiar with the

publications by the credit rating agencies 1 2 with regard to the Company, but this is a 3 newspaper article that has selectively pulled out some comments by a credit rating agency. 4 If Mr. Polk wants to ask questions about the underlying Standard & Poor's report that's reported in this newspaper article, we 7 would have no objection to that, but to 8 question Ms. Good about a newspaper article 9 that selectively pulled out one comment in a 10 11 Standard & Poor's report that this lady has 12 not indicated that she has seen before, I don't believe there has been a proper 13 14 foundation laid for that. 15 JUDGE STORMS: Mr. Polk, any 16 response? MR. POLK: You know, it is a 17 published article easily downloadable. 18 19 can represent that she's not familiar with the article. It raises certain issues with 20 respect to the reports. She said she is 21 22 familiar with the reports which provides the 23 stepping-off point to see whether she agrees 24 with the article or not. It seems perfectly admissible to me. 25

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been offered at this point. If you'd like to
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       proceed and attempt to lay additional
       foundation for the submission of the document,
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       please do so.
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    Q (Mr. Polk continuing) Ms. Good, are you
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       familiar with the reports that this article
       purports to discuss?
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    A Could I take a moment to read the article?
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    Q Certainly.
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                   JUDGE STORMS: Let's go off the
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       record.
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                   JUDGE STORMS: Let's go back on
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       the record.
    Q (Mr. Polk continuing) Ms. Good, you said you
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       do rely on reports from Standard & Poor's and
       Moody's as part of your job; correct?
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    A I didn't say that I rely on the reports. I do
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       read the reports.
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    Q Do they have any impact on your decision
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       process?
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A Well, certainly, we need to be aware of the

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JUDGE STORMS: Well, it has not

- 1 positions that the agencies have taken with
- 2 regard to certain issues because as we review
- 3 our particular circumstances regarding our
- 4 financial condition and projects, it is just
- 5 important to be cognizant of the positions
- 6 that they've taken.
- 7 Q Okay. Now, after reading the article, does it
- 8 appear to be speaking about the reports that
- 9 you're familiar with?
- 10 A S&P has issued a report on climate change and
- also on technologies in general, and in those
- 12 reports, they have indicated that for the
- first time in a building cycle of base-load
- generation, they see no single technology that
- 15 will dominant the construction. They see
- opportunities as well as the fact that
- 17 companies will build IGCC, will build coal,
- 18 nuclear, as well as gas-fired generation.
- 19 It's the reflection of the fact that there is
- a high commodity price environment, carbon
- 21 legislation, energy efficiency, and no single
- technology will dominate the landscape going
- forward.
- 24 Q Down around the middle of the page, there is a
- 25 paragraph that starts out, "'We are more

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confident that climate change is happening,
       and we are more confident that it will be of
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       significant cost, but the cost of remediation
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       remains very uncertain because we don't have
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       the technology yet, 'said Standard & Poor's
       Chief Economist David Wyss."
                    Is that a comment from Standard &
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       Poor's that you're familiar with or, at least,
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       a sentence that you're familiar with from
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       those reports that you just discussed?
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       I don't recall specifically reading Standard &
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       Poor's views of future costs, but it is
       consistent with our belief and understanding
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       that those costs are yet to be determined and
       are in the future.
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                   MR. POLK: Your Honor, at this
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       time, I would offer into the record CAC
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       Cross-Examination Exhibit No. 6.
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                    JUDGE STORMS:
       objection?
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                   MR. FINNIGAN: Yes, Your Honor.
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       object for the reasons that I stated earlier.
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document.

This is just a selective quote by

this newspaper reporter from The News Journal

in Delaware just pulling out one piece of 1 2 information from a Standard & Poor's report. With regard to the one quote that 3 Mr. Polk asked Ms. Good about, she said she 4 didn't recall whether that quote was from the Standard & Poor's article or not. So, I believe there has been no foundation laid for 7 the admissibility of this document, and I 8 object to its admission. 9 10 MR. POLK: Your Honor, I would 11 simply add that it may go to the -- two 12 things: One, they just offered a selective quote from our witness in North Carolina from 13 14 something that purports to be a transcript, but it has not been certified by the 15 Commission down there, and I haven't had a 16 chance to review it myself. 17 18 Second, I think the argument that 19 it is from a published newspaper article that 20 appears on the web doesn't speak to its admissibility. It may speak to the weight of 21 22 the evidence that the Commission chooses to 23 give it, but under the rules of evidence, it 24 would be a public document that would be admissible. 25

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       concerned about your comment regarding the
       previous exhibit, not necessarily this one as
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       much but the previous one. You didn't have an
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       objection to the admissibility of that
       exhibit, did you, Petitioner's Redirect 1?
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       that what you're referring to?
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       didn't object to that exhibit, but I also
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       asked for the ability to, you know, supplement
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       the record with additional pages of that
       transcript if I felt it was necessary.
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       familiar with from Standard & Poor's as a way
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       to see what her views of the opinions raised
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       in this article are. It goes to the weight of
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       the evidence, not to whether this is
       admissible, and then the Commission Staff may
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       choose to ignore this once it's admitted.
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                    JUDGE STORMS: We'll show CAC
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       Cross-Examination Exhibit No. 6 admitted into
       this cause.
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JUDGE STORMS: Mr. Polk, I'm a bit

1	to the weight of the evidence rather than the
2	admissibility. So, we'll show it admitted
3	over Petitioner's objection.
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5	(INTERVENOR'S - CAC EXHIBIT NO.
6	CX-6, BEING A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE
7	FROM THE NEWS JOURNAL ENTITLED
8	"INVESTORS WARNED AGAINST
9	COAL-TO-GAS POWER PLANTS", ADMITTED
10	INTO EVIDENCE.)
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- 1 JUDGE STORMS: Mr. Polk, you may
- 2 proceed with your questions.
- 3 MR. POLK: Certainly.
- 4 Q Now, Ms. Good, I think we've established that
- 5 you're not familiar with The News Journal
- 6 delaware online as a newspaper? It's not
- 7 something that you would normally read in the
- 8 course of your business?
- 9 A That's correct.
- 10 Q Do you ever read Electric Utility Week?
- 11 A I have in the past. I don't recall any recent
- 12 articles that I've read.
- 13 Q Now, you recently or just a few moments ago
- testified that the credit ratings by the
- different agencies were updated.
- When did those updates occur?
- 17 A Standard & Poor's updated our ratings in May
- 18 of 2007.
- 19 Q Okay. Is there a Standard & Poor's report
- 20 attached to your testimony anywhere that shows
- 21 that?
- 22 A I just amended my testimony to indicate the
- upgrade.
- 24 Q But we don't have a copy of the report that's
- been admitted into the record?

- 1 A There is a public press release that was
- issued in connection with the upgrade. I'm
- 3 not certain whether that has been admitted
- 4 into evidence or not.
- 5 Q But you have no doubt a press release would
- 6 support your statement?
- 7 A No doubt.
- 8 Q Okay. Is that because it comes from Standard
- 10 A It does.
- 11 Q Okay. How many reports did Standard & Poor's
- issue with respect to climate change?
- 13 A I'm aware of one.
- 14 Q Only one?
- 15 A With respect to climate change specifically.
- 16 I'm aware of an article with respect to
- generation technologies that I referenced in
- 18 the previous answer to your question.
- MR. POLK: May I approach the
- witness, Your Honor?
- JUDGE STORMS: Yes, you may, Mr.
- 22 Polk.
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       (Mr. Polk continuing) Now, Ms. Good, I've
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       just handed you what's been marked for
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       identification purposes as CAC
       Cross-Examination Exhibit No. 7, and in the
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       upper left-hand corner there is a citation
       from Westlaw, and I would represent that it is
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       an article downloaded from Westlaw, a trade
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       article, from Electric Utility Week and The
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       McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. dated May 21,
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       2007. Is that what it appears to you to be?
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       Yes.
    Q All right. And I would assume that you
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       have -- given your earlier testimony, you
       don't read Electric Utility Week regularly; at
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       least, you have not read this article?
      I have not.
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       Now, before you -- Well, first of all, have
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       you read the Moody's reports that you referred
       to earlier?
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    A I didn't reference any Moody's reports.
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       I'm sorry, the Standard & Poor's report?
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- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q You've read -- How many of those reports have
- 3 come out that touch on generation and IGCC
- 4 technology in the last month?
- 5 A Mr. Polk, I don't know the precise number of
- 6 reports and articles that have been issued by
- 7 S&P or whether what I call a report is what
- 8 you call an article or vice versa.
- 9 I have read two publications by
- 10 S&P, one with regard to climate change and one
- 11 with regard to base-load generation
- 12 construction.
- 13 O Okay. Now, this article seems to indicate
- that there have been 15 climate change reports
- as this publication categorizes them.
- Do you think that's because they
- 17 use a different term for them or are you just
- 18 familiar with different reports or not
- 19 familiar with all the reports?
- 20 A I don't know.
- 21 Q You don't know? This article represents -- If
- you look about two-thirds of the way down,
- there is a quote that starts off, "'Human use
- of fossil fuels is a significant part of the
- 25 problem. Even if we aren't the primary cause,

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1 humans have to fix the problem.'" "'While
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- 2 much uncertainty surrounds the cost, it'll
- 3 clearly be significant, but not impossible to
- 4 bear -- and almost . . . "
- 5 A I'm sorry. If I could interrupt? Could you
- 6 direct me? I'm having trouble following where
- 7 you are.
- 8 Q About two-thirds down the page.
- 9 COMMISSIONER ZIEGNER: What page,
- 10 Mr. Polk?
- MR. POLK: Page 1.
- 12 WITNESS GOOD: Thank you.
- JUDGE STORMS: Ms. Good, have you
- seen this report previously?
- 15 WITNESS GOOD: I have not.
- JUDGE STORMS: Do you need
- 17 additional time to take a look at it before
- 18 you respond?
- 19 Mr. Polk, how many questions do
- 20 you have on this report? It seems beneficial
- 21 that Ms. Good would have an opportunity to
- 22 review it.
- 23 MR. POLK: Well, I was hoping not
- 24 to have too many, but after the last
- cross-examination exhibit, it may be more than

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I expected.
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                    JUDGE STORMS: Well, if she hasn't
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       seen the document, perhaps we should take a
       few minutes and let her take a look at it.
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                    MR. POLK: Okay.
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                    WITNESS GOOD: Thank you.
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                    JUDGE STORMS: Let's go off the
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       record.
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                    (Off the Record)
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                    JUDGE STORMS: Let's go back on
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       the record.
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                    Mr. Polk, please proceed.
                    MR. POLK: Thank you.
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    Q If you could turn to Page 2, and down about
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       the fourth not exactly paragraph but fourth
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       from the bottom, it says, "10 unnamed power
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       companies examined", and then below that, it
       says, "S&P looked at -- but did not name --
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       potential EBITDA outcomes for '10 large power
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       companies' . . . "
                    Just for the record, and for those
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       of us a little less familiar with some of
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       these terms, can you explain what EBITDA is?
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- 1 A It is earnings before interest, taxes,
- 2 depreciation and amortization. It is a
- 3 measure of cash flow.
- 4 Q Now, according to this article, the S&P report
- 5 found that utilities with carbon-light
- 6 portfolios would end up fairly neutral with
- 7 respect to their EBITDA and their credit
- 8 quality under carbon regulations.
- 9 Now, I know you can't verify
- whether that position was actually in Standard
- 11 & Poor's report, but is that an assumption or
- 12 a belief that you hold?
- 13 A I'm not in a position to speculate on the
- outcome of carbon legislation. I think you
- 15 have to reach conclusions based on a proposed
- 16 scenario for the remediation.
- 17 Q Well, under the Company's carbon emission
- 18 forecasts, as someone whose job it is to
- manage risks for the Company, would you
- 20 believe that risks are higher for a company
- 21 that has 50 percent of its generation coming
- from coal or higher for a company that has
- 23 nearly 100 percent of its generation coming
- 24 from coal?
- 25 A It is outside of my responsibility to manage

- 1 the risks associated with our emissions out of
- our generating stations. I would refer that
- 3 to other witnesses.
- 4 Q Well, we're not talking -- We're talking about
- 5 financial risks and credit ratings. It is
- 6 your job to manage risk with respect to credit
- 7 ratings, isn't it?
- 8 A It is my job with respect to credit ratings.
- 9 Q And with respect to credit ratings, would it
- 10 be riskier for a company that has higher coal
- 11 generation under carbon regulations that a
- 12 company has proposed than not?
- 13 A Additional financial risks -- Could you repeat
- the question? I'm sorry.
- 15 Q Would the financial risks for a company that
- has high levels of coal generation be higher
- 17 under carbon regulation than the risks --
- 18 financial risks for a company that has less
- 19 fossil fuel generation?
- 20 A I would expect carbon remediation or the
- 21 administration of carbon technology to have a
- greater impact on companies with fossil fuel
- generation, but I believe the outcome, the
- costs, the form of remediation, the
- technology, is not certain enough at this

- 1 point for me to reach a conclusion on the
- 2 impact on this company.
- 3 Q Would risks be higher with less certainty?
- 4 A Would risks -- financial risks be higher? I
- 5 think risks need to be evaluated within a
- 6 context, and I think uncertainty by itself is
- 7 not enough information to conclude decisions
- 8 upon.
- 9 Q But increased uncertainty usually increases
- 10 the return that investors want or interest
- 11 rates that investors desire?
- 12 A Let me just speak about the process with S&P
- up to this point. We're talking about risks
- that presumably are in 2013 and 2015, and as
- 15 S&P and others have looked at the financial
- 16 portfolio of the Company at this point, carbon
- has not been raised as a significant risk. If
- 18 you look at the press release in connection
- 19 with our upgrade, carbon remediation was not
- 20 referenced in any way; so, although it is a
- 21 broad industry issue that we need to prepare
- for, think about and plan for, it is not
- 23 having an immediate impact on our credit
- 24 ratings.
- 25 Q But it certainly could have a future impact;

- 1 correct?
- 2 A I believe it is an issue that is significant
- 3 to this industry and will have to be addressed
- 4 not only for our company but for others at the
- 5 appropriate time.
- 6 Q Are you familiar with a Standard & Poor's
- 7 study on carbon capture entitled "How Close is
- 8 Carbon Capture and Sequestration to Being
- 9 Ready for Prime Time"?
- 10 A I am not familiar with that.
- 11 Q Okay. If you would turn to Page 4 of the
- 12 cross-examination exhibit, please?
- 13 A Sure.
- 14 Q About seven paragraphs down, again, the quote
- purports to quote the S&P report here and
- says, "But 'In any case, legal and regulatory
- issues would be of paramount importance to the
- 18 preservation of credit quality as CCS is put
- into practice on a large scale'."
- Now, I know you can't verify
- 21 whether that was in the report or not, but is
- that a position that you would agree with?
- 23 A I think constructive regulatory recovery is
- 24 always important to credit quality.
- 25 Q How about liability issues?

- 1 A Please clarify what you mean by liability
- 2 issues.
- 3 Q If a company is facing increased liability or
- 4 potential increased liability from say an
- 5 environmental hazard, uncertain technology,
- 6 unproven technology, would that tend to
- 7 increase their risk profile as the equity and
- 8 lending community look at that company?
- 9 A I'm not in a position to conclude on the
- 10 liability or technology risk. I think those
- 11 are questions associated or more suited to our
- 12 experts who work in that area; so, I would
- refer you to Mr. Roebel or Mr. Moreland for
- 14 questions about technology.
- 15 Q Okay. Again, I'm not asking about the actual
- 16 risk from technology; I'm asking how the
- 17 financial markets view companies that have
- 18 that risk.
- 19 A And those risks do not exist today. We don't
- 20 have carbon sequestration in operation.
- 21 Q So there is absolutely no risk to the Company
- from having to comply with carbon regulation;
- is that your position?
- 24 A I'm speaking about currently. We have no
- 25 carbon sequestration. We don't have carbon

- legislation that is impacting our company. I
- 2 indicated in a previous answer that that is an
- 3 issue that impacts the industry, creates risk
- 4 in the future, but it is not having an impact
- 5 on the credit ratings today.
- 6 Q Does the potential for future regulations or
- 7 future interest rate hikes or future wars in
- 8 the Middle East change risk profiles that the
- 9 financial markets use?
- 10 A I think there is, you know, broad macro risks
- 11 that impact the financial market to greater
- 12 and lesser extents at certain times.
- 13 Q And are you familiar with the testimony of the
- other witnesses for Duke in this proceeding?
- 15 A I'm generally familiar.
- 16 Q Are you familiar with the fact that those that
- 17 have expressed an opinion on the likelihood of
- 18 carbon regulations all seem to believe,
- 19 whether it was Mr. Rose or Mr. Stowell or Ms.
- 20 Pashos, that they're going to happen sometime
- in 2009, 2010, roughly speaking, and that
- there is going to be a cost to comply with
- these carbon regulations in 2013 or 2015 or
- 24 2020, and the dates may vary, but they all
- seem to agree that there is going to be

- 1 regulation, and there is going to be a cost to
- 2 comply?
- 3 A I am aware of that.
- 4 Q And you're saying that none of that impacts
- 5 the Company's financial risk today?
- 6 A Mr. Polk, I find that the questioning is
- 7 broad, and you're asking for a specific
- 8 opinion around testimony that I've submitted
- 9 on credit ratings and credit quality, and all
- of those judgments that I'm referencing are
- 11 within the context of an intermediate view of
- the Company's risk profile. Certainly this
- industry and this company with fossil
- 14 generation have risks associated with changing
- 15 legislation, et cetera, but it is not
- impacting the evaluation of our credit metrics
- today.
- 18 Q But it certainly could impact the Company's
- 19 credit rating five or ten years from now?
- 20 A It could as it impacts others in the industry.
- 21 Q And the choices that the Company makes today
- 22 will determine how well it is positioned to
- deal with those future risks; correct?
- 24 A It is certainly something that is part of our
- 25 planning process today.

- 1 Q Have you compared the credit risk of Duke to
- 2 other companies based on their generation
- 3 portfolio?
- 4 A I have not.
- 5 Q Would you agree that with potential regulation
- 6 coming, that companies with different
- 7 generation portfolios may stand to do better
- 8 or worse under that regulation and, therefore,
- 9 be viewed in better or worse terms by the
- 10 financial community?
- 11 A I think depending upon the outcome of the
- 12 legislation and the way it impacts the
- individual companies, there could be
- 14 differences.
- MR. POLK: Your Honor, at this
- 16 time, I'd like to move into the record CAC
- 17 Cross-Examination Exhibit No. 7.
- 18 JUDGE STORMS: Is there any
- 19 objection?
- MR. FINNIGAN: No objection, Your
- Honor.
- JUDGE STORMS: We'll show CAC
- 23 Cross-Examination Exhibit No. 7 admitted into
- this cause.

1	(INTERVENOR'S - CAC EXHIBIT NO.
2	CX-7, BEING A DOCUMENT ENTITLED
3	"ELECTRIC UTILITY WEEK COPYRIGHT
4	2007 THE McGRAW-HILL COMPANIES,
5	INC. MAY 21, 2007", ADMITTED INTO
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- 1 O (Mr. Polk continuing) Now, Ms. Good, you said
- 2 you are familiar with documents that come
- 3 directly from Moody's and Standard & Poor's;
- 4 correct, because you've seen some of them?
- 5 A I have seen some of them.
- 6 Q And you give them a certain higher level of
- 7 credibility than you would give to a news
- 8 article about those reports; correct?
- 9 A Certainly higher than selected quotes taken
- 10 out of context.
- 11 Q Well, that's why we attempt to introduce the
- 12 whole article.
- 13 Are you familiar with a recent
- 14 report from Moody's Investors Service on
- "Regulation Of Greenhouse Gases"?
- 16 A I am not.
- 17 MR. FINNIGAN: Your Honor, if Mr.
- 18 Polk is going to ask Ms. Good about a specific
- 19 article from Moody's and whether she's
- 20 familiar with it, I would ask that she be
- 21 given the article and a chance to examine it
- 22 before she's asked about it in the abstract.
- JUDGE STORMS: I understand, and
- let's see where the question is going. I was
- 25 hoping that that would be the first and last

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        is appropriate to provide it to Ms. Good.
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                    JUDGE STORMS: Mr. Polk, please
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       proceed.
                    MR. POLK: Well, I think I'd like
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       to give Ms. Good a little time to review this
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                    JUDGE STORMS: Let's go back on
       the record.
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                    Mr. Polk, you may proceed with
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       your questions.
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                    MR. POLK: Certainly.
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                    MR. FINNIGAN: Excuse me, Your
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       Honor, I'm sorry, but I object to any
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       credit rating impacts to a private
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       investor-owned utility company, and this
       article deals with the regulation of carbon as
       it impacts public power electric utilities.
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       this case because the article itself talks
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       about how the risks of carbon regulation for
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       smaller public companies face greater
       challenges than investor-owned companies
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       because they are smaller, but they have some
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       benefits in that they're self-regulated, and
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       they have more certain cost recovery.
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                    MR. POLK: Your Honor, I'm going
       to object because it appears that counsel is
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       testifying here.
                    JUDGE STORMS:
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       opportunity to respond.
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                   MR. FINNIGAN:
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       that I think we're getting a little far
       afield; so, I don't believe this is relevant.
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                   JUDGE STORMS: Please respond, Mr.
       Polk.
                   MR. POLK: Thank you, Your Honor.
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       As an expert on financial risks of utilities,
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       the witness is in a position where she can
       differentiate between what risks may apply to
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       public utilities versus investor-owned
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       utilities and whether those risks apply --
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       less, and, in fact, those are some of the
       questions that I intended to explore.
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       know, relevant to counsel for Duke, but we
       just had a long discussion about how CO2
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1	raised in this article may have more or less
2	application to Duke.
3	JUDGE STORMS: Mr. Polk, it is my
4	understanding that Have you offered this
5	exhibit at this point? I mean, we will assume
6	that the exhibit is to be offered in this
7	cause, but it does I would expect to see
8	some type of a relationship to her testimony,
9	and it seems to me that's how the previous
10	exhibits were being utilized more as a guide
11	to discussion points than the actual
12	admissibility of the document itself.
13	Therefore, I will allow you to
14	proceed with your questioning, and we'll show
15	CAC Exhibit Cross-Examination Exhibit No. 8
16	admitted into this cause over the Petitioner's
17	objection.
18	MR. POLK: Thank you, Your Honor.
19	(INTERVENOR'S - CAC EXHIBIT NO.
20	CX-8, BEING A DOCUMENT ENTITLED
21	"REGULATION OF GREENHOUSE GASES:
22	SUBSTANTIAL CREDIT CHALLENGES
23	LIKELY AHEAD FOR U.S. PUBLIC POWER
24	ELECTRIC UTILITIES", ADMITTED INTO
25	EVIDENCE.)

- 1 Q (Mr. Polk continuing) Now, Ms. Good, you talk
- about the -- in your testimony on Page 5, the
- 3 implications of Duke Energy Indiana's capital
- 4 needs during the 2007 through 2009 period.
- 5 Do you talk about Duke's financial
- 6 needs beyond 2008 or beyond 2009?
- 7 A I don't specifically reference capital costs
- 8 beyond 2009, but I do indicate that
- 9 constructive regulatory treatment of the
- 10 capital costs are important to maintain the
- 11 credit quality of the Company.
- 12 Q And would those capital cost requirements
- 13 change if the technology that the Company were
- implementing here needed to be modified at
- some point to comply with safety and
- 16 environmental regulations?
- 17 A I have not provided any capital costs beyond
- 18 the period of '07, '08 and '09 in my
- 19 testimony. It is my understanding that we
- 20 have submitted as part of the FEED study the
- 21 capital costs for the plant, but I'm not aware
- 22 if any additional capital costs nor
- 23 projections of capital costs under carbon
- 24 regulation have been shared.
- 25 Q Now, turning to Cross-Examination Exhibit No.

- 8 which I just handed you a few moments ago,
- this is specifically a Moody's -- they call it
- 3 a Special Comment dealing with credit
- 4 challenges ahead for U.S. public power
- 5 electric utilities.
- 6 Public power electric utilities
- 7 have some differences compared to
- 8 investor-owned utilities in the credit risks
- 9 that they face; is that correct?
- 10 A I'm not familiar with the public power
- industry to differentiate all those
- 12 differences in risks.
- 13 Q Okay. But if we went through some risks that
- this report claims are faced by public power
- 15 utilities, you might be able to identify
- 16 whether those same risks are faced by an
- investor-owned utility; namely, Duke, and
- whether those risks would impact the capital
- 19 requirements and the credit rating going
- 20 forward and the financial risk going forward;
- 21 correct?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q All right. If you turn to Page 2 under the
- 24 paragraph that says "Regulatory Cost Bring
- 25 Credit Challenges To Public Power Electric

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1 Utilities", and down about midway in that
2 sentence or paragraph it says, "Credit risk
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3 could increase should regulation supercede

4 adequate technological advancement in carbon

5 capture, transmission and storage."

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7 further what applies to municipal utilities in

8 fact or not, but do you think that would be a

9 fair assessment of the credit risk faced by

10 Duke should regulation supersede adequate

11 technological advancement in carbon capture,

12 transmission and storage?

13 A I can see some years in which the credit risk

14 could increase if regulation came ahead of

forms of remediation, and the cap and trade

16 system didn't work, but, you know, those are

17 hypothetical scenarios, and it is difficult

for me to opine on that for a specific impact.

19 Q As someone who manages the Company's credit

20 risk, isn't it important that you look at

21 hypothetical scenarios to view which ones are

22 more or less likely, assess the risks and

23 hedge against those risks?

24 A Yes, assuming we have some viable

25 hypotheticals to look at and evaluate, and it

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is our view that carbon legislation is coming,
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- 2 but there is still a variety of scenarios
- 3 under which that could occur, and we are
- 4 looking at those from the standpoint of public
- 5 policy and understanding how we would position
- 6 the Company in those scenarios from a public
- 7 policy standpoint, but we've not gone to the
- 8 point of modeling any specifics down to
- 9 matters of credit quality because they aren't
- 10 developed to the point of doing that kind of
- 11 modeling and assessment.
- 12 Q Below that paragraph that we just looked at,
- there is a series of bullet points entitled
- 14 "Potential credit challenges for public power
- due to the regulation of greenhouse gases
- include: ", and the first bullet point is
- 17 "Public power utilities that own coal-fired
- 18 generation could lose some of their current
- 19 cost advantages."
- 20 Would that risk be the same for an
- investor-owned utility?
- 22 A In certain scenarios, I believe it could be.
- 23 Q The second bullet, "Utilities may face power
- supply imbalances and further exposure to
- 25 natural gas price volatility, particularly if

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Would that be a risk that an
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       investor-owned utility might face as well?
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       balance of generation in our portfolio, how
       we've addressed energy efficiency, demand-side
       management, how much gas is in our portfolio,
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       et cetera. So, I would defer to another
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       witness that is more familiar with the basic
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       generation into the future to answer that
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       question.
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       please? Right above Figure 2, the sentence
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       right above Figure 2, "Nonetheless, Moody's
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       expects the gap between the all-in cost of
       gas-fired generation and coal-fired generation
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       to narrow as new environmental regulations
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       governing C02 are implemented."
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       will occur or not, and I can't ask you to
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       not, but if the gap between the all-in cost of
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       gas-fired generation and coal-fired generation
       were to narrow, how would that impact the
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       credit ratings of the company that had a
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demand continues to grow."

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- 1 higher percentage of this generation coming
- 2 from coal?
- 3 A I don't see a direct translation into that --
- 4 between that and credit quality.
- 5 Q Now, in your testimony on Page 8, you indicate
- 6 at Lines 18 through 21 that, "The credit
- 7 rating agencies expect cost deferrals to be
- 8 recovered on a timely basis . . . "
- 9 Recovered on a timely basis, I'm
- 10 assuming you're referring to construction work
- in progress, CWIP, and that type of thing?
- 12 A In this context, I would refer you to Line 16
- indicating some other general concerns that
- 14 agencies have referenced, and in this
- 15 particular event, I'm talking about fuel and
- other cost deferrals; so, again, it is a broad
- industry discussion where the agencies are
- 18 looking for timely cash recovery of costs that
- 19 have been deferred.
- 20 Q So, accelerated recovery of capital costs,
- 21 would that -- Sorry, I just lost my train of
- thought. I'll have to come back to that.
- On Page 10, you talk about the
- role of regulation and the role that it plays
- in determining the financial structure of the

- 1 Company, and you said the Company has not done
- any modeling at all with respect to potential
- 3 carbon regulation and how that will impact its
- 4 financial strength?
- 5 A I'm aware that the -- there are areas of the
- 6 Company that are looking at public policy and
- 7 also planning for future generation needs or
- 8 modeling with carbon costs.
- In my area of the Company, we're
- 10 looking at a more near-term, three to five
- 11 years, impact on the financial condition,
- results of operations, et cetera, and we're
- not modeling the cost of carbon.
- 14 Q How long will it take to construct the
- 15 proposed plant?
- 16 A My understanding is in service is mid-2011.
- 17 Q And it will be, assuming that it works as
- 18 promised, in rates for how many years?
- 19 A I believe we have depreciation to be recovered
- over a 30-year period; so, over the period of
- 21 time that it is in service.
- 22 Q And any risks of regulation associated with
- 23 the technology of that plant would carry out
- over the life of that plant if future
- regulations came into play; is that correct?

- 1 A Could you rephrase that? I'm sorry.
- 2 Q Sure. The choice of the technology today
- 3 creates or creates the potential for risks
- 4 from future regulation that aren't included in
- 5 your, I think you called it, intermediate
- 6 analysis of three to five years but would play
- 7 out in the long-term analysis; correct?
- 8 A Future carbon legislation and any
- 9 technological changes necessary for this plant
- 10 or any plant would impact future costs to the
- 11 Company.
- 12 Q And would have impacts on the Company's
- 13 financial risk?
- 14 A And I think you need to look at financial risk
- within the context of the Company's regulatory
- framework as well as the efforts management
- 17 has taken to control costs; so, I think it is
- 18 a broader picture.
- 19 Q Thank you.
- MR. POLK: No further questions,
- 21 Your Honor.
- Thank you, Ms. Good.
- JUDGE STORMS: Thank you, Mr.
- 24 Polk.
- Ms. Dodd, your witness.

- 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MS. LYNN J. GOOD,
- 2 QUESTIONS BY MS. DODD:
- 3 Q Good afternoon, Ms. Good.
- 4 A Good afternoon.
- 5 Q Would you turn to Page 7 of your testimony?
- 6 A Surely.
- 7 Q And on Line 1, you're discussing the safe,
- 8 reliable and low-cost service for your
- 9 electric customers. Do you see that?
- 10 A Yes, I do.
- 11 Q Okay. So, do you agree that providing
- 12 reliable service is important to your
- 13 customers?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Do you agree that providing low-cost service
- is important to your customers?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q And if you would turn to Page 8, Line 7, you
- discuss the importance of a consistent
- 20 ratemaking framework?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q Are you aware of any Indiana utility that has
- 23 received an incentive rate of return on their
- environmental projects or any projects for
- 25 that matter?

- 1 A I'm not familiar with the outcomes of other
- 2 cases in Indiana.
- 3 Q Has Duke Indiana or its predecessor PSI
- 4 received an incentive rate of return on its
- 5 past projects?
- 6 A I'm not aware that we've received an incentive
- 7 return.
- 8 Q And staying on Page 8, Line 14, you're talking
- 9 about the electric rates that are below
- 10 regional and national averages?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q What is the regional average?
- 13 A I don't have those figures with me.
- 14 Q What area is included in the region?
- 15 A I don't have that information with me.
- 16 Q Did you look at that at the time that you were
- 17 drafting your testimony?
- 18 A I did.
- 19 Q What was your source?
- 20 A Information supplied to me by others in the
- 21 Company.
- 22 Q What type of information?
- 23 A A comparison of our rates by customer class
- 24 with benchmark rates for the region and the
- 25 national average.

- 1 Q And you don't know what the region included?
- 2 A I don't recall.
- 3 Q And I believe you stated at the beginning of
- 4 your testimony that the figures in your
- 5 Exhibit 13-A and B have been updated by other
- 6 witnesses based on updates in estimated costs;
- 7 is that right?
- 8 A I'm sorry, Exhibit 13?
- 9 Q I'm sorry, Exhibit 10-A.
- 10 A Exhibit 10-A? Is that my testimony? I'm
- 11 sorry.
- MR. FINNIGAN: Are you referring
- to the confidential document?
- MS. DODD: Yes, I am.
- 15 A Okay. I'm sorry. Could you ask the question
- 16 again?
- 17 Q Yes. I believe you said that some of those
- numbers have been updated based on the FEED
- 19 study and other witnesses' testimony?
- 20 A That's right.
- 21 Q So these numbers are basically out of date
- 22 right now?
- 23 A Yes, they are.
- 24 Q Given the amount of the rate increase that
- 25 will result from approval of the IGCC plant

- and Duke's requested ratemaking treatment,
- will Duke's rates still be below the regional
- 3 average?
- 4 A I have not completed that comparison, but I
- 5 believe, you know, as we have looked at this
- for the rate request, we continue to take a look at
- 7 striking the right balance between customers
- 8 and rates and have reduced our request for the
- 9 incentive ROE in recognition of the rising
- 10 retail environment.
- 11 Q Going back to Page 8, on Line 19, you refer to
- 12 the need for a timely recovery?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q In your opinion, what is timely?
- 15 A You know, in this proceeding, we're requesting
- 16 recovery of financing costs, and there is a
- 17 slight lag associated with that, but it is
- measured in months, not years. That would be
- 19 my definition of timely.
- 20 Q All right. So, the allowed recovery as the
- 21 costs are incurred, you would view that as
- timely recovery?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q If you would turn to Page 10?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q And on Line 15, you refer to Duke's obligation
- 2 to serve its customers?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q Isn't that obligation to serve part of the
- 5 regulatory compact because Duke enjoys a
- 6 monopoly for the provision of its electric
- 7 service?
- 8 A Could you ask the question again, please?
- 9 Q Yes. Isn't the obligation to serve its
- 10 customers part of the regulatory compact in
- 11 exchange for Duke enjoying a monopoly for its
- 12 electric service?
- 13 A I believe that's part of it, yes.
- 14 Q Page 11?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Now, Line 13, you refer to Duke's IGCC
- 17 Project, coupled with the ongoing capital
- 18 commitments for maintenance and environmental
- 19 compliance?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q What's the reference to maintenance? What are
- 22 you referring to there?
- 23 A The ongoing capital commitment associated with
- 24 transmission and distribution.
- 25 Q And aren't Duke's operation and maintenance

- 1 costs built into its base rates?
- 2 A These would be capitalized costs. I'm not
- 3 referencing operation and maintenance as part
- 4 of cost of service but rather the capital
- 5 costs.
- 6 Q Capital costs?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q And on the environmental compliance costs,
- 9 those are capital costs too?
- 10 A Yes, they are.
- 11 Q And isn't it correct that Duke currently has
- 12 an environmental tracker where it is
- 13 recovering the capital costs that it is
- incurring?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q So, you would agree that it is receiving
- 17 timely recovery of its capital --
- 18 environmental capital costs?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Towards the bottom of Page 10, the last word
- 21 there on the last line, where it starts the
- 22 new sentence and you're talking about
- certainty of cost recovery, and it goes over
- 24 to Page 11 --
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q -- would you agree that the ability to recover
- 2 costs through the tracker mechanism as they
- occur provides a certainty of cost recovery?
- 4 A I believe a combination of things -- approval
- of the plant, the estimated cost of the plant,
- 6 recovery of construction work in progress,
- financing costs -- taken as a whole provides
- 8 certainty.
- 9 Q So you're saying that Duke needs certainty
- 10 that it can recover every single cost that it
- 11 will incur related to this project?
- 12 A I believe up to our estimated cost estimates
- that we share in this case, that's part of
- 14 this proceeding.
- 15 Q Up to the estimated costs as you have right
- 16 now?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Would you agree that the ability to recover
- 19 capital costs incurred and approved by the
- 20 Commission even if the plant ultimately is not
- 21 used and useful provides a certainty of cost
- 22 recovery?
- 23 A Yes.
- MS. DODD: Nothing further. Thank
- 25 you.

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JUDGE STORMS: Mr. Mohler, your
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       witness.
                   MR. MOHLER: Thank you, Your
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    CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MS. LYNN J. GOOD,
       QUESTIONS BY MR. MOHLER:
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    Q Ms. Good, can you turn to Page 8? It seems to
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       be a popular page of your testimony.
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       There you talk about the key strengths and
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       concerns about Duke Energy Indiana, and in
       that first sentence of your answer, you say
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       that, "The credit rating agencies have
       generally made reference to the constructive
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       regulatory environment in Indiana, and the
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       favorable cost structure of Duke Energy
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       Indiana, which together provide electric rates
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       that are below regional and national
       averages."; is that correct?
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       recovery of capital spending has also been
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       cited as support for the credit quality of
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Duke Energy Indiana."; correct?

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- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Ms. Good, would you agree that Indiana's
- 3 electric rates have been below regional and
- 4 national averages also in part because of the
- 5 significant amount of coal-fired generation
- 6 located in Indiana?
- 7 A I don't know that to be the case, but it makes
- 8 logical sense to me that it might be, but I
- 9 haven't looked at the components of the cost
- 10 of certain fuel-based rates, et cetera.
- 11 MR. MOHLER: Thank you. No
- 12 further questions.
- 13 JUDGE STORMS: Mr. Reed, your
- 14 witness.
- MR. REED: Thank you, Your Honor.
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- 17 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MS. LYNN J. GOOD,
- 18 QUESTIONS BY MR. REED:
- 19 Q Good afternoon, Ms. Good.
- 20 A Good afternoon.
- 21 Q They stole all the good stuff. Pardon the
- 22 pun.
- I'd like to talk about so many
- things, but let's start with the 150 basis
- 25 point adder if we can.

- 1 A Okay.
- 2 Q Could you turn to Page 7 of your testimony,
- and in particular, the question that begins on
- 4 Line 7 where we discuss Duke Energy Indiana's
- 5 securities and their current ratings?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Do you have that?
- 8 A I do.
- 9 Q Fabulous. Is Duke Energy Indiana a publicly
- 10 traded company?
- 11 A The debt is placed in the public market, but
- there is no publicly traded equity.
- 13 Q So when you talk about Duke Energy Indiana's
- securities, then, in this question, are you
- referring only to their publicly issued debt?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Excellent. Let's drop down to Line 14 so I
- 18 can get a little clarity here. It says, "Duke
- 19 Energy Indiana's current senior unsecured
- 20 credit ratings were set by Moody's in
- November, 1995 . . . " Do you see that?
- 22 A I do.
- 23 Q Can you tell me whose senior unsecured credit
- ratings you're talking about since I don't
- 25 believe Duke Energy Indiana existed in

- 1 November of 1995?
- 2 A The predecessor company.
- 3 Q Which predecessor would that be? Would that
- 4 be Cinergy Corp.? Would that be PSI?
- 5 A It would be PSI. Cinergy Corp. has a separate
- 6 credit rating.
- 7 Q So when we look at Lines 14, 15 and 16, the
- 8 credit ratings set by Moody's in November of
- 9 1995 was for PSI?
- 10 A I believe the company was PSI in 1995.
- 11 Q And in June 2002, whose credit ratings would
- we be discussing?
- 13 A Public Service of Indiana.
- 14 Q And in April 2006?
- 15 A I don't recall whether the change in name to
- Duke Energy Indiana occurred simultaneously
- 17 with the closing of the merger or
- subsequently; so, it is either Public Service
- of Indiana or Duke Energy Indiana.
- 20 Q Those would be the -- But in any event, what
- 21 you're discussing is the separate Indiana
- 22 entity; correct?
- 23 A That is correct.
- 24 Q Excellent; thank you.
- I note when you offered your

- 1 evidence -- your testimony into evidence, on
- 2 Lines 12 and 13, I notice that you made
- 3 updates to Standard & Poor's current rating;
- 4 is that correct?
- 5 A That is correct.
- 6 Q And if I heard you correctly, Standard &
- 7 Poor's has upgraded senior secured debt to A
- 8 and senior unsecured debt to Al; is that
- 9 correct?
- 10 A A and A-.
- 11 Q A-, I'm sorry.
- 12 Did I hear you correctly that you
- 13 believe Standard & Poor's made that update in
- 14 May of 2007?
- 15 A That is correct.
- 16 Q Can you tell me when your testimony was filed,
- 17 ma'am?
- 18 A I signed my testimony in October of 2006
- which, I presume, is around the time that it
- 20 was filed, but I don't know the exact date.
- 21 Q Do you know when the Company's rebuttal
- 22 testimony was filed?
- 23 A I did not submit rebuttal testimony; so, I
- don't know.
- 25 Q Okay. Let's do it this way.

- 1 At any time after you filed your
- 2 testimony, did you supplement either your
- 3 workpapers or -- I said workpapers.
- 4 Did you supplement your workpapers
- 5 with a copy of this Standard & Poor's report
- 6 so that I could look at it?
- 7 MR. FINNIGAN: Your Honor, I don't
- 8 believe Ms. Good has any workpapers.
- 9 JUDGE STORMS: So that answered
- 10 the question.
- 11 MR. REED: I think that's kind of
- my point.
- 13 Q I'm just trying to figure out why you updated
- 14 your testimony to provide information to
- demonstrate how the Company's financial
- strength has grown but then didn't provide us
- 17 with a copy of the documents that supported
- 18 that opinion?
- 19 A There was a public press release that could be
- 20 found in a variety of places. I didn't
- 21 intentionally withhold the information. It is
- 22 a matter of public information.
- 23 Q I guess my point is: Since you were relying
- on that as part of your testimony, I would
- 25 have expected to see that as a workpaper so

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                    Would it be possible for me to get
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       a copy of that?
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                    JUDGE STORMS: What are you
       requesting, Mr. Reed?
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                   MR. REED: The documents that
       support Ms. Good's revised testimony that
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       Standard & Poor's has upgraded the senior
       secured debt and senior unsecured debt
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       ratings.
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                    MR. FINNIGAN: Yes, we have a copy
       of the press release, and we can provide it to
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       you. Would you like to see it now?
                   MR. REED: Actually, if I could,
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       that would be great.
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                   MR. FINNIGAN: Sure.
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                    JUDGE STORMS: Let's go off the
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       record.
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                 (Off-the-Record Discussion)
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                    JUDGE STORMS: Let's go back on
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                   MR. FINNIGAN: Your Honor, I just
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- 2 understanding that we did provide a copy of
- 3 this article along with Mr. Fetter's
- 4 workpapers.
- JUDGE STORMS: Okay.
- 6 MR. REED: Your Honor, the record
- 7 should also reflect that counsel has been
- 8 gracious enough to provide me with an
- 9 additional copy here today.
- JUDGE STORMS: Thank you.
- MR. REED: With that, Your Honor,
- 12 I am prepared to proceed.
- JUDGE STORMS: Please proceed.
- MR. REED: Thank you.
- 15 Q Ms. Good, do I read this Standard & Poor's
- 16 report correctly that when the senior
- 17 unsecured debt was upgraded from BBB to A-,
- that that is not just a one grade upgrade but
- 19 a two grade upgrade?
- 20 A Yes, it is.
- 21 Q Ma'am, are you also aware that in the -- Well,
- let me rephrase that.
- 23 Are you familiar with a credit
- 24 reporting service called AUS?
- 25 A I am not.

- 1 Q You've never heard of the AUS credit reporting
- 2 services?
- 3 A I have not.
- 4 Q Very well. Then, I presume, you would also be
- 5 unaware that in June of 2007 AUS reported that
- 6 Moody's had upgraded your senior secured debt
- 7 from A3 to A2?
- 8 A I am not aware of the Moody's upgrade.
- 9 Q Thank you, ma'am.
- 10 Earlier, when you were talking to
- 11 Mr. Polk, there was a long discussion about
- 12 whether or not future carbon regulation
- 13 would -- I'm sorry -- is currently having an
- impact on Duke's credit rating. Do you recall
- 15 that conversation?
- 16 A Yes, I do.
- 17 Q And I believe your contention there was that
- 18 since there is no current carbon regulation,
- 19 that the prospect of carbon regulation was not
- 20 having an effect on Duke's current credit
- 21 rating; is that correct?
- 22 A I believe that's correct. It was not
- 23 referenced in any of the information that was
- shared with us in connection with the upgrade
- 25 nor was it a subject of discussion in our

- 1 meetings with the agencies.
- 2 Q Do you believe that the potential that this
- 3 IGCC plant could be built is affecting Duke's
- 4 current credit rating?
- 5 A The agencies are aware of our plans to build
- 6 the IGCC plant, and in the public press
- 7 release associated with the upgrade, they
- 8 acknowledged the level of capital expenditures
- 9 that the Company is projecting over the next
- 10 few years are significant, and that
- 11 constructive and timely rate relief is
- important to maintain credit quality.
- 13 Q Would that be a yes?
- 14 A They are aware that we're building an IGCC
- 15 plant, yes.
- 16 Q Okay. So, they're aware that you're building
- 17 an IGCC plant.
- 18 Would you agree with me that
- 19 they're likely aware of the estimated cost and
- 20 how that will affect Duke's -- Duke
- 21 Indiana's -- Duke Energy Indiana's rate base?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q And you would agree with me, as we discussed
- earlier, that they recently upgraded your
- 25 current rating?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Wouldn't you, therefore, agree with me that
- 3 that sort of weakens your argument that you
- 4 need 150 extra basis points?
- 5 A I would make two points on that matter. The
- 6 upgrade of Duke Energy Indiana was part of a
- 7 review of the entire Duke family of companies,
- 8 and specifically the agencies referenced the
- 9 change in the business profile of the Company,
- and the reduced risk profile of the entire
- 11 family was a key factor in the upgrade.
- 12 The second point that I would make
- is that the incentive rate of return on equity
- that we've requested in this proceeding is
- 15 consistent with the legislative statutes in
- 16 Indiana, and it is my understanding that there
- is no requirement to indicate or to justify
- 18 the receipt of that return based on access to
- 19 capital credit methods or financial integrity.
- 20 Q Let's go back to the first point that you just
- 21 made. You said that the Duke credit
- 22 upgrade -- I'm sorry -- the Standard & Poor's
- 23 upgrade was relevant based on the whole Duke
- family; is that correct?
- 25 A That is correct.

- 1 Q But we were just talking and I asked you
- 2 questions about the range of the secured and
- 3 unsecured debt, and you told me that was
- 4 Indiana -- Duke Energy Indiana specific.
- 5 A It is.
- 6 Q Okay. Who's riskier, Duke Indiana -- Duke
- 7 Energy Indiana or Duke?
- 8 A S&P uses a methodology of establishing the
- 9 business profile -- business risk profile.
- 10 Duke Energy Indiana has the risk profile of
- 11 four. The holding company, Duke Energy Corp.,
- 12 has the risk profile of five.
- 13 Q Which means?
- 14 A The holding company is more risky than the
- 15 individual utility, Duke Energy Indiana.
- 16 Q And that would be, presumably, because Duke
- has a number of unregulated assets,
- international assets, items that aren't
- 19 guaranteed cost recovery built into rates,
- 20 that kind of stuff; right?
- 21 A It has about 10 percent of its operations
- internationally. It also has investments in
- 23 non-regulated jurisdictions such as Ohio.
- 24 O And that would include nuclear as well;
- 25 correct?

- 1 A The nuclear investment is in Duke Energy
- 2 Carolinas, and that business risk profile is a
- 3 four consistent with Duke Energy Indiana.
- 4 Q My point is that Duke Energy Indiana is less
- 5 risky than Duke who just had their credit
- 6 rating upgraded, and yet Duke Energy Indiana
- 7 wants an extra 150 basis points on what is
- 8 likely to be something on a round range of \$2
- 9 billion; is that a fair assessment?
- 10 A I believe it is roughly 1.98, yes.
- 11 Q Would I be correct, ma'am, that the -- Well,
- one of the things that you talk about in your
- testimony here on Page 6 going over to Page 7
- where we are talking about the benefits -- the
- 15 question on Page 6, Line 20, how customers
- will benefit from achieving your financial
- 17 objectives, and you talk about the safe and
- 18 reliable and low-cost service that you
- 19 discussed with Ms. Dodd. Do you see that?
- 20 A Yes, I do.
- 21 Q I'm going to assume that Duke is going to
- 22 build a safe plant whether or not they get
- their 150 basis points?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q It will be reliable?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q We won't go into the low-cost part. We'll
- 3 leave that alone.
- 4 Part of the other -- The flip side
- 5 to this, the flip side to the benefits, which
- 6 you talk about on Lines 2, 3, 4 and 5, is that
- 7 the ratepayers will also have to -- if you get
- 8 your 150 basis points, they'll be on the hook
- 9 for that, would they not?
- 10 A It would be part of their rates, yes.
- 11 Q Am I correct, ma'am, that in trying to
- 12 calculate how much that might be, I would --
- if I was going to assume a \$2 billion ultimate
- 14 cost, I multiply that by 1.12 which would be
- Duke's current 10 and-a-half percent return
- with an additional 15 basis points added to it
- to come up with the 1. --
- 18 A I believe the calculation has been set forth
- in Mr. Farmer's testimony and would include
- the rate of return equity adder being added to
- 21 the equity component of rates, the cap
- 22 structure applied against it, and that would
- 23 be reflected in rates. Mr. Farmer has
- 24 specific calculations outlining the amounts.
- 25 Q Can you tell me what Duke's current return is?

- 1 A Duke's current return on equity in Indiana?
- 2 Q Yes. Duke Energy Indiana, I apologize.
- 3 A 10 and-a-half percent.
- 4 Q 150 basis points would bring that to 12?
- 5 A That is correct.
- 6 Q And 12 times 2 billion would be 30 million;
- 7 correct?
- 8 MR. FINNIGAN: I'm going to ask
- 9 just a clarifying question. Is counsel
- 10 assuming that the plant is financed by
- 10 percent equity or just asking Ms. Good to
- do a simple mathematical calculation?
- MR. REED: A simple mathematical
- 14 calculation.
- 15 A Ms. Good didn't bring her calculator.
- 16 Q I think we can drop all the zeroes and
- multiply 2 times 1.12, I think, to get the
- 18 number.
- 19 A I don't know -- I don't understand the 1.12.
- 20 Q Well, in trying to calculate a return using
- whole numbers of 10 and-a-half percent, would
- I not take a number and multiply it by 1.105?
- JUDGE STORMS: Mr. Reed, do you
- think it would be appropriate to move past the
- 25 calculation and just ask questions based on

- the numbers, or is it going to be necessary to
- do the calculation? Perhaps if it is, Ms.
- 3 Good's counsel could assist her with a
- 4 calculator so that we can move on and not
- 5 belabor this point.
- 6 MR. REED: Very good, Your Honor.
- 7 Q Ms. Good, throughout your testimony, you
- 8 discuss the concept of timely recovery of
- 9 capital spending; for example, it is on Page
- 10 8, Line 15.
- 11 Would you agree with me that in
- 12 Indiana, if this plant were approved by the
- Commission, the Company would be entitled to,
- as you described it, the timely recovery of
- both capital spending and the associated O&M
- 16 amounts?
- 17 A It is my understanding that it would be
- 18 recovery of the costs, financing costs, the
- 19 ability to defer O&M and depreciation, and it
- 20 would be the ability to recover fuel emission
- 21 allowances as well.
- MR. REED: Can I have just a
- 23 moment, Your Honor?
- JUDGE STORMS: Yes, you may.
- MR. REED: Thank you very much,

Ms. Good. 1 2 Your Honor, I have no further questions. 3 4 JUDGE STORMS: Thank you, Mr. Reed. Redirect for this witness? MR. FINNIGAN: Yes, Your Honor. 7 8 Thank you. 9 REDIRECT EXAMINATION OF MS. LYNN J. GOOD, 10 QUESTIONS BY MR. FINNIGAN: 11 12 Ms. Good, you were asked a few questions about 13 the enhanced return on equity that the Company 14 is requesting in this cause. 15 Do you have any opinion as to how the credit rating agencies would view it if 16 the Commission were to award the 150 basis 17 points enhanced return on equity? 18 19 The enhanced return on equity would provide additional cash from operations during 20 21 the construction period which would delay the 22 requirement of being in the public market, and that would be viewed positively. 23 24 The agencies also have a very positive view of the constructive ratemaking 25

- 1 environment in Indiana, and a ruling
- 2 consistent with the statutes as the
- 3 Legislature has set out for these types of
- 4 incentives, which we believe this plan
- 5 qualifies for, would also be viewed
- 6 positively.
- 7 O You mentioned that Duke takes into account the
- 8 risk of carbon regulation in its planning
- 9 process. Do you view -- Strike that.
- 10 Would the Edwardsport IGCC Project
- 11 with its potential for carbon capture and
- 12 storage act in any way to mitigate the risk of
- 13 carbon regulation?
- 14 A Yes, it would.
- 15 Q You were asked several questions about the
- 16 risk of carbon regulation.
- 17 Does the credit or do the credit
- 18 rating agencies also take into account
- operating risks such as the Company's ability
- 20 to provide safe, adequate and reliable service
- 21 at a reasonable cost?
- 22 A Yes. The evaluation of credit quality has a
- 23 number of quantitative and qualitative
- assessments, and that is certainly a part of
- 25 it.

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MR. FINNIGAN: That's all I have.
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                   JUDGE STORMS: Ms. Good, thank you
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      very much for your testimony. You're excused.
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                   JUDGE STORMS: Let's take about a
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4	(Reporter marked documents for
5	identification as Petitioner's
6	Exhibit Nos. 8 and 8-A through
7	8-C, inclusive)
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9	JUDGE STORMS: Let's go ahead and
10	go back on the record.
11	Petitioner, you may call your next
12	witness.
13	MR. FINNIGAN: Thank you, Your
14	Honor. Your Honor, as our next witness, we'll
15	call Mr. Steve Fetter.
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17	STEVEN M. FETTER, a witness appearing on behalf
18	of the Petitioner, having been
19	first duly sworn, testified on
20	Direct and Rebuttal as follows:
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22	DIRECT EXAMINATION,
23	QUESTIONS BY MR. FINNIGAN:
24	Q Good afternoon, Mr. Fetter. Please state your
25	full name for the record.

- 1 A My name is Steven M. Fetter.
- 2 Q By whom are you employed?
- 3 A I have my own energy advisory firm called
- 4 REGULATION UNFETTERED.
- 5 Q Mr. Fetter, do you have before you a document
- 6 marked for identification as Petitioner's
- 7 Exhibit No. 11?
- 8 A Yes, I do.
- 9 Q Can you identify that as your prefiled direct
- 10 testimony in these causes?
- 11 A Yes, it appears that it is.
- 12 Q Do you have any changes or corrections to your
- 13 prefiled testimony?
- 14 A A few. On Page 16, Line 14, the senior
- secured debt should be "A" rather than "BBB+".
- 16 The senior unsecured debt should be "A-"
- 17 rather than "BBB".
- 18 Then on Page 18, Line 19, the
- 19 "incremental 200 basis points" should be
- "incremental 150 basis points".
- On Line 22, the same page, 18, the
- Item (iv) should be deleted; so, the language
- that would be deleted is "authorizing Duke
- 24 Energy Indiana to use accelerated (20 year)
- 25 depreciation for Duke Energy Indiana's

- 1 ownership share of the IGCC Project; " ending
- on Line 2 of Page 19. That is the deleted
- 3 language.
- With those changes -- Those are
- 5 all the changes that I've noticed at this
- 6 time.
- 7 Q Mr. Fetter, have you marked those changes in
- 8 pen on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 11 along with
- 9 your initials and the date by each change?
- 10 A Yes, I have.
- 11 Q With those changes, do you adopt Petitioner's
- 12 Exhibit No. 11 as your sworn testimony in
- 13 these causes?
- 14 A Yes, I do.
- 15 MR. FINNIGAN: Your Honor, we'd
- 16 like to move into evidence Petitioner's
- 17 Exhibit No. 11.
- 18 JUDGE STORMS: Is there any
- 19 objection?
- If not, we'll show Petitioner's
- 21 Exhibit No. 11 admitted into this cause.
- MR. FINNIGAN: Thank you, Your
- Honor.

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1	(PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT NO. 11, BEING
2	THE PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
3	MR. STEVEN M. FETTER, ADMITTED INTO
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- 1 MR. FINNIGAN: Your Honor, since
- 2 Mr. Fetter is from out of town, we'd like to
- 3 proceed with his rebuttal testimony at this
- 4 time as well.
- JUDGE STORMS: Please proceed.
- 6 MR. FINNIGAN: Thank you, Your
- 7 Honor.
- 8 Q (Mr. Finnigan continuing) Mr. Fetter, do you
- 9 have before you a document marked for
- 10 identification purposes as Exhibit 26,
- 11 Petitioner's Exhibit 26, and Petitioner's
- 12 Exhibit 26-A?
- 13 A I see 26. Is 26-A an exhibit?
- 14 Q It should be at the end of the text.
- 15 A Yes, I see that as well.
- 16 Q Can you identify those documents as your
- 17 rebuttal testimony and Petitioner's Exhibit
- 18 26-A as an exhibit to your rebuttal testimony
- in these causes?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q Do you have any changes or corrections to your
- 22 rebuttal testimony or that exhibit?
- 23 A On Page 2, Line 8, where I reference the EIA
- data from January 2007, that should actually
- read "from January and February 2007", and I

1		am marking it and signing it and dating it.
2		I've done that.
3	Q	With that change, do you adopt Petitioner's
4		Exhibit 26 and Sub-Exhibit 26-A as your sworn
5		rebuttal testimony in these causes?
6	A	Yes, I do.
7		MR. FINNIGAN: Your Honor, I'd
8		like to move into evidence Petitioner's
9		Exhibit 26 and Sub-Exhibit 26-A.
10		JUDGE STORMS: If there is no
11		objection, we'll show Petitioner's Exhibit 26
12		and Sub-Exhibit 26-A admitted into this cause.
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14		(PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT NO. 26, BEING
15		THE PREFILED REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF
16		MR. STEVEN M. FETTER, WITH
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MR. FINNIGAN: That's all I have 1 at this time. 2 3 JUDGE STORMS: Is the witness tendered for cross? 4 5 MR. FINNIGAN: Yes, Your Honor. 6 JUDGE STORMS: Ms. Doehrmann? 7 MS. DOEHRMANN: No questions. Thank you. 8 9 JUDGE STORMS: Mr. Polk? MR. POLK: No questions, Your 10 11 Honor. 12 JUDGE STORMS: Ms. Dodd, your 13 witness. 14 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MR. STEVEN M. FETTER, 15 16 QUESTIONS BY MS. DODD: O Good afternoon. 17 A Good afternoon. 18 19 Q If you could turn to Page 9 of your direct 20 testimony? A I'm there. 21 O Line 23? 22 A I'm there. 23 Q You discuss the regulatory ability to fairly 24 balance the competing interests of ratepayers 25

- 1 and utility investors. Do you see that?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Does balancing those competing interests
- 4 include sharing risk between ratepayers and
- 5 investors?
- 6 A I'm not sure what you mean by sharing risk.
- 7 Q Well, sharing the -- such as in this case.
- 8 The estimated project costs for this project
- 9 are close to \$2 billion. Are you aware of
- 10 that?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Okay. And under the Company's request, the
- 13 ratepayers will bear the entire cost of that
- 14 project including any subsequent increases in
- 15 price. Are you aware of that?
- 16 A So are you saying that if there are any
- 17 subsequent increases in price that are
- imprudently incurred, that it is your
- 19 understanding that those would be recovered by
- the Company?
- 21 Q I don't think that's what I said, and no,
- that's not what the question is.
- 23 A If you could repeat the question, but I don't
- think it is delineated between prudently
- incurred subsequent costs and imprudently

- 1 incurred subsequent costs.
- JUDGE STORMS: Mr. Fetter, just do
- 3 your best, and your counsel can pick up any
- 4 deficiencies on redirect.
- 5 A Sorry.
- 6 Q (Ms. Dodd continuing) Do you believe that
- 7 balancing the competing interests of
- 8 ratepayers and investors -- Let me rephrase
- 9 that.
- 10 Do you believe that having
- 11 ratepayers assume all of the costs of the
- 12 current -- prudently incurred costs of the
- 13 IGCC Project even if it never is used and
- 14 useful is a balancing of the competing
- interests between investors and ratepayers?
- 16 A I believe if the Company proceeds to attempt
- to add capacity that is needed by customers
- with the support of this Commission, then I
- 19 would view that as appropriate behavior on the
- 20 part of the Company.
- 21 Q Now, Mr. Fetter, you testified in PSI's last
- 22 environmental compliance case, Cause Nos.
- 23 42622 and 42718, didn't you?
- 24 A I believe I did.
- 25 Q Okay. And in that case, Duke -- Duke's

- 1 predecessor, PSI, but Duke did not receive an
- 2 incentive rate of return in that case, did
- 3 they?
- 4 A I believe there were trade-offs made, and
- 5 there was no incentive order.
- 6 Q And despite the lack of the incentive rate of
- 7 return, Duke's credit rating has increased; is
- 8 that correct?
- 9 A By increased, you mean it has improved?
- 10 Q Yes, it has improved.
- 11 A Yes. As Ms. Good explained, S&P has upgraded
- the credit rating for the entire family of
- Duke Energy companies primarily because of the
- decrease in non-regulated activities being
- moved away or operated at a lessened level
- 16 than in the past.
- 17 Q If you would turn to Page 3 of your rebuttal
- 18 testimony?
- 19 A I'm there.
- 20 Q At Lines 5 and 6, is it your position that the
- 21 Commission is required to grant Duke's
- 22 requested 150 basis point incentive rate of
- 23 return?
- 24 A I read the law as -- the legislative intent is
- that there be encouragement through some form

of ROE enhancement, but that is not a 1 2 requirement that the Commission provide such 3 enhancement. Thank you. 4 5 MS. DODD: No further questions. 6 WITNESS FETTER: Thank you. JUDGE STORMS: Ms. Becker, your 7 8 witness. 9 MS. BECKER: Thank you, Your 10 Honor. 11 12 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MR. STEVEN M. FETTER, QUESTIONS BY MS. BECKER: 13 14 Q I just have a few questions, Mr. Fetter. 15 If you could turn to your direct testimony? On Page 18, Mr. Fetter, of your 16 direct testimony, you articulate the 17 accounting and ratemaking relief requested by 18 19 Duke Energy Indiana; is that correct? A Could you direct me to the line, please? 20 Q Line 2, "Q: What do you mean by the accounting 21 22 and ratemaking relief requested by Duke Energy

Indiana in this proceeding?" Your answer is

25 A Yes, that's what it states.

on Line 5.

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- 1 Q Okay. And on Lines 5 through 22 on Page 18
- 2 continuing on to 19, you, essentially, recite
- 3 the ratemaking treatment and the accounting
- 4 treatment sought in this particular
- 5 proceeding; is that correct?
- 6 A Yes, I indicate what the Company has laid out
- 7 as its accounting and ratemaking relief that
- 8 it was requesting in this proceeding.
- 9 Q Okay. Turning to the following page, on Page
- 10 20, you state that, "I further believe that
- 11 denial of the requested accounting and
- 12 ratemaking relief would adversely affect the
- 13 credit profile of Duke Energy Indiana,
- 14 significantly increasing Duke Energy Indiana's
- 15 exposure to a downgrade of its credit
- 16 ratings."; is that correct?
- 17 A I lost it. What was the line reference on
- 18 Page 20?
- 19 Q Excuse me, Line 6 through Line 8.
- 20 A At the time that I wrote that sentence, and as
- 21 modified by my rebuttal testimony, the steps
- taken by the parent company with regard to
- 23 reducing its risk led to an upgrade on behalf
- of S&P, and so, I've indicated that I do not
- 25 believe that a denial in this proceeding of

- the ROE enhancement would lead to a downgrade
- 2 at this time, but I do know that the law
- 3 providing for the potential for ROE
- 4 enhancement does not have a financial
- 5 integrity standard within it.
- 6 Q Turning to your rebuttal testimony for a
- 7 moment, on Page 3, you make reference to what
- 8 we all refer to as Senate Bill 29?
- 9 A That is correct.
- 10 Q Did you testify before the Indiana General
- 11 Assembly with respect to Senate Bill 29?
- 12 A No, I did not.
- 13 Q Were you present at any time that Senate Bill
- 14 29 was deliberated before the Indiana General
- 15 Assembly?
- 16 A No.
- 17 Q Further down on the same page, Page 3 of your
- rebuttal, Lines 20 to 21, you state that, "In
- 19 addition, the Company has assumed a leadership
- 20 position on coal gasification which should
- 21 accrue to the benefit of Indiana
- consumers . . . ", and then the sentence
- 23 continues on.
- 24 Can you tell me how Indiana
- 25 consumers benefit from Duke's leadership

- 1 position on coal gasification?
- 2 A It is my opinion that a company like Duke
- 3 Energy Indiana working with some of the most
- 4 significant companies in the industrial sector
- 5 to gain experience with coal gasification
- 6 provides another weapon in its arsenal to deal
- 7 with whatever comes forward in the future and
- 8 gives them a more diverse potential with
- 9 regard to generation capacity additions.
- 10 Q So, are you saying that Indiana consumers
- including large industrial consumers should
- 12 pay for Duke Energy to gain experience?
- 13 A I don't think I said that.
- 14 Q Let's go back to your direct for a moment. I
- 15 apologize for jumping back and forth.
- 16 A That's okay.
- 17 Q Page 9?
- 18 A I'm there.
- 19 Q On Page 9, you discuss what credit ratings, or
- 20 excuse me, credit rating agencies look for,
- and down at Lines 14 to 15, you state that,
- 22 "Such negative impact could also occur if a
- 23 state commission were to set policy at odds
- with a state law encouraging a specific type
- of utility investment by offering incentives

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to a utility making such investment."
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                    Can you define for me what you
       mean by set policy?
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       As I stated, I think Senate Bill 29 to me
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       clearly sets a legislative intent with regard
       to encouragement of clean coal technology, and
       if this Commission were to go in the opposite
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       direction or just ignore the law, then, I
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       think it potentially has a negative impact on
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       the Company's or companies across the whole
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       state on their credit profile.
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                    As I mentioned earlier, a negative
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       impact on the Company's credit profile does
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       not automatically result in a credit watch
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       negative or an outlook negative or a
       downgrade, and so even if it would not have a
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       downgrade impact on Duke Energy Indiana, I
       think this Commission if it were to ignore
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       completely the encouragement from the
       Legislature, the credit rating agencies would
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       not view that as a positive as far as the
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       overall regulatory scheme within the state.
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       Now, you've testified and you've heard others
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       testify that Indiana actually has a positive
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       reputation within the investment community;
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- 1 correct?
- 2 A Yes, I've testified to that opinion on several
- occasions, and I even say it when I'm out of
- 4 state and they're not listening.
- 5 Q Are you aware -- Strike that.
- 6 Do you know how many companies
- 7 have sought an enhanced rate of return since
- 8 the passage of Senate Bill 29?
- 9 A I'm not sure how many. I believe -- My
- 10 understanding is that there have been some
- 11 settlements with regard to cases in the short
- 12 period of time since Senate Bill 29 has been
- in effect, but I'm not sure that there has
- been any ordering by this Commission of an
- 15 incentive, but whether an incentive was
- 16 conceivably included in a black box
- 17 settlement, one would never know.
- 18 Q To your knowledge, has the Commission
- 19 expressly articulated its opinion as to an
- 20 enhanced ROE in an order either ruling on such
- 21 a request or approving a settlement?
- 22 A I'm sorry, the last few words of your question
- were?
- 24 Q Or approving a settlement.
- 25 A Well, I believe the Commission has approved

- 1 settlements which, as I said, it would not be
- 2 easy to figure out whether there has been an
- 3 explicit incentive included because
- 4 settlements, as you know, have a give and
- 5 take, and sometimes you end up with rate
- 6 levels or other components within the
- 7 settlement where the Commission just has to
- 8 say yes, we accept it, or no, we do not. I
- 9 don't think there has been an explicit
- 10 statement in support of or against the concept
- of incentive returns.
- 12 Q Are you aware of any settlements that we
- within the utility community refer to as black
- 14 box settlements?
- 15 A You're saying have I ever heard of a black box
- 16 settlement?
- 17 Q Yes.
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And can you define that for me?
- 20 A It is where there is no explicit description
- 21 as to an authorized ROE or various other
- components of a traditional rate case, but
- 23 where certain rate levels are set by the
- 24 parties through agreement, and the Commission
- 25 without explicitly supporting the components

approving such settlement. 2 3 Q You made reference to the short time period 4 since the passage of Senate Bill 29. Are you aware of how long Senate 5 Bill 29 has actually been enacted? 7 A I believe I reference that in my rebuttal. 8 No, I guess I did not mention that. 9 I believe it's been a year 10 and-a-half or two years. O Does 1995 sound --11 12 Then, I'm not aware of when it first came into being. 13 14 MS. BECKER: I don't have anything 15 further, Your Honor. 16 JUDGE STORMS: Thank you, Ms. Becker. 17 Mr. Helmen, your witness. 18 19 MR. HELMEN: Thank you, Your 20 Honor. 21 22 23

that went into those rate levels ends up

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- 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MR. STEVEN M. FETTER,
- 2 QUESTIONS BY MR. HELMEN:
- 3 Q Would the financial community ever look
- 4 unfavorably at a utility earning an enhanced
- 5 return?
- 6 A Can I hear the question again?
- 7 Q Sure. Would the financial community ever look
- 8 unfavorably at a utility earning an enhanced
- 9 return?
- 10 A I guess if it was enhanced from 7 and-a-half
- 11 to 8, they might view it unfavorably.
- 12 Q Have you ever heard anybody either
- 13 representing the financial community or
- 14 commenting on it speak before a regulatory
- body and say, "You know what, that utility
- doesn't need that much money."?
- 17 A It's possible on the private equity side where
- 18 somebody who wants to buy the utility might
- 19 say that.
- 20 Q Do you believe that the Commission has
- 21 discretion as to whether to authorize an
- 22 enhanced return?
- 23 A As I said before, I believe that it is not
- 24 mandatory; so, that would indicate discretion.
- 25 Q You have stated on several occasions in your

- 1 testimony and in answers to other discovery
- 2 today that the financial community is very
- 3 complimentary about the regulatory atmosphere
- 4 here in Indiana; correct?
- 5 A That is my belief, and I believe it represents
- 6 the view of the financial community.
- 7 Q But that doesn't only have to do with the
- 8 potential to earn an enhanced return, does it?
- 9 Doesn't that also have to do with, in large
- 10 part, legislation that's been passed that
- 11 allows Indiana utilities to recover approved
- 12 capital costs and operating expenses with
- respect to environmental compliance projects
- before the plant is used and useful?
- 15 A I agree that it covers a panoply of issues
- 16 within the Legislature or before this
- 17 Commission.
- 18 Q You've already testified that you're not aware
- of any cases where this Commission has
- 20 expressly authorized an enhanced return yet;
- 21 is that fair?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Another thing that you have complimented the
- 24 Commission on or you've said that the
- 25 financial community especially likes in a

- 1 regulatory environment is one of consistency?
- 2 A Consistency, yes, especially consistently
- 3 positive decisions as opposed to ones that are
- 4 consistently bad.
- 5 Q And I would think that -- Wouldn't it be fair
- 6 to say that this Commission -- The fact that
- 7 there has not been expressly granted an
- 8 enhanced return, at least, that provides some
- 9 level of consistency in the financial markets?
- 10 A Well, as I said, there have been numerous
- 11 settlements that this Commission has approved,
- which is also an indicator of a positive
- 13 regulatory environment in that parties are
- able to come together with the support of the
- 15 Commission and not force a fully litigated
- 16 proceeding where the Commission ends up having
- to pick winners and losers, and that's viewed
- very positively by the financial community
- 19 that it doesn't come to that duel at the end
- of the day.
- 21 Q Let me make this clear though. Out of all of
- the cases that have been filed before the
- 23 Commission since Senate Bill 29 was passed,
- and that have been settled without enhanced
- return, are you going to tell me that in each

- one of those, there was some black box
- 2 calculations done?
- 3 A No. I would say that the financial community
- 4 provides great deference to the view of a
- 5 company or on the consumer side coming to a
- 6 settlement that they believe best serves their
- 7 constituency; so, I don't think that the
- 8 financial community -- I can't think of many
- 9 cases where they have second-guessed a
- 10 settlement.
- 11 Q How about the settlement that you testified --
- in the case that you testified to, Cause No.
- 13 42718, and it was Duke's last, very large
- environmental compliance filing. Do you
- 15 remember that one?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Over a billion dollars, as I recall, and there
- was a settlement, was there not?
- 19 A I believe so.
- 20 Q Was there any enhanced return agreed to in
- 21 that case?
- 22 A No, no explicit one.
- 23 Q Well, was there a black box settlement in that
- 24 case in any way, shape or form?
- 25 A No. The parties came to an agreement.

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    Q Thank you.
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                   MR. HELMEN: That's all I have,
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       Your Honor.
                    JUDGE STORMS: Redirect?
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                   MR. FINNIGAN: Thank you, Your
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    REDIRECT EXAMINATION OF MR. STEVEN M. FETTER,
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       QUESTIONS BY MR. FINNIGAN:
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    Q Mr. Fetter, do you have an opinion as to
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       whether the potential to earn an enhanced
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       return on equity for an IGCC plant
       incentivizes utilities to pursue IGCC
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       projects?
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    A Yes, it clearly would serve as encouragement
       for either this company or other companies
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       that might consider moving forward in a
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       similar direction.
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    Q Has the Commission ever been presented with an
       IGCC project since Senate Bill 29 was enacted?
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    A I do not believe so.
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       If the IURC were to deny an incentive return
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       in this case, do you have any opinion as to
       how this would impact other utilities that may
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be considering whether to pursue IGCC projects

or other technologies covered by Senate Bill 1 29? 2 3 A I would think, as I said before, that the 4 existence of the potential incentive encourages companies to seek out new 5 technology that may serve to benefit the 7 overall stakeholder base, and a lack of incentive might be the key factor that leads a 8 9 company not to move forward. It is certainly 10 possible. 11 That's all I have. Thank you, Mr. Fetter. 12 Thank you. Α 13 JUDGE STORMS: Mr. Fetter, thank 14 you very much for your testimony. WITNESS FETTER: Thank you very 15 16 much. 17 JUDGE STORMS: You're excused. 18 19 20 21 (WITNESS STEVEN M. FETTER EXCUSED ON DIRECT 22 AND REBUTTAL) 23 24 25

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                   JUDGE STORMS: Petitioner, you may
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       call your next witness.
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                   MR. DuMOND: Thank you, Your
               We call Dr. Richard Stevie.
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       Honor.
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    RICHARD G. STEVIE, a witness appearing on behalf
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                       of the Petitioner, having been
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    DIRECT EXAMINATION,
       QUESTIONS BY MR. DuMOND:
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    Q Please state your full name for the record.
    A My name is Richard G. Stevie.
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    Q By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
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    A I'm employed by Duke Energy Shared Services as
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       Managing Director of Customer Market
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       Analytics.
    Q Do you have before you a document marked as
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       Petitioner's Exhibit 8?
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    A Yes, I do.
    Q Is that a copy of your prefiled direct
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       testimony in this cause?
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    A Yes, it is.
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- 1 Q Do you have any changes or corrections to that
- 2 testimony?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q Would you, please, identify the changes on the
- 5 record and mark those changes and initial the
- 6 changes in the official copy?
- 7 A Certainly. On Page 10, Line 10, the peak load
- 8 should read instead of "6,602" "6,586".
- 9 On Line 11, the peak load of
- 10 "6,758" should read "6,742".
- 11 On Line 17, I'm sorry, on Line 16,
- 12 the "6,836" should be "6,820", and the "1" at
- the end of that line should be actually "15".
- 14 Also, I have a change for Page 21,
- and this is for the sentence that begins on
- 16 Line 17, I want to strike "Over the next
- 17 fifteen years, " and change that to "It is
- 18 projected". So, it reads, "It is projected
- 19 that this high DSM case could provide an
- additional reduction of over 500,000 megawatt
- 21 hours and 88 megawatts in fifteen years."
- So, you also need to strike
- 23 "annual" and "annually" and add "in fifteen
- years" at the end of that sentence.
- Those are all the changes.

- 1 Q Dr. Stevie, if I could direct your attention
- back to Page 10 for just a moment?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q You had mentioned that the "1" needed to be
- 5 changed to "15" at the end of, I believe, Line
- 6 16?
- 7 A Oh, Line 17, the "above" should be "below".
- 8 Q Could you read the sentence as corrected?
- 9 A Yes. "Adjusting for the differences between
- 10 actual and normal weather produces a weather
- 11 normalized peak load of approximately 6,820
- megawatts. This was only 15 megawatts below
- the projected 2006 peak of 6,835 megawatts (as
- forecasted in 2005)."
- 15 Q Do you have any other changes to your direct
- 16 testimony?
- 17 A No, I do not.
- 18 Q And if I were to ask you the same questions as
- are set forth in that testimony, taking into
- 20 account the changes and corrections that
- 21 you've just referred to, would your answers be
- the same?
- 23 A Yes, they would.
- 24 Q Do you adopt Petitioner's Exhibit No. 8 as
- your sworn testimony in this cause?

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1 A Yes, I do.
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                   MR. DuMOND: Your Honor,
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       Petitioner offers into evidence Petitioner's
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       Exhibit No. 8 including Sub-Exhibits 8-A, 8-B
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       and 8-C.
                   JUDGE STORMS: If there is no
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       objection, we'll show Petitioner's Exhibit 8
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       with Sub-Exhibits 8-A, 8-B and 8-C admitted
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       into this cause.
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                   (PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT NO. 8, BEING
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                  DR. RICHARD G. STEVIE, WITH
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MR. DuMOND: Your Honor, Dr. 1 Stevie is available for cross-examination. 2 JUDGE STORMS: 3 Thank you. 4 Ms. Doehrmann? MS. DOEHRMANN: No questions, Your Honor. Thank you. JUDGE STORMS: Mr. Polk? 7 MR. POLK: Thank you, Your Honor. 8 9 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF DR. RICHARD G. STEVIE, 10 11 QUESTIONS BY MR. POLK: O Good afternoon, Dr. Stevie. 12 A Good afternoon, Mr. Polk. 13 14 Q If you could turn to Page 4 of your testimony, please? On Line 15, this section of your 15 testimony, Section II Load Forecast, when you 16 prepare your load forecast, do you include 17 what Ms. Pashos referred to as wholesale 18 native load in that forecast? 19 A Yes, we do. There has been some movement back 20 21 and forth in terms of how the native wholesale 22 load would be treated in the forecast, and in years prior to 2006, we had included all of 23 the wholesale load. In 2006, we decided to 24 25 move it over into the generation and planning

- side and put it in the IRP model, and then we
- 2 decided that was creating too much confusion
- 3 so we put it back over in the load forecast in
- 4 actually the most recent forecast of 2007.
- 5 Q If you could turn to Page 5 of your testimony?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q At the top there, you answered the question:
- 8 "Please describe how the service area economic
- 9 forecast is obtained.", and you talk about,
- 10 "The economic forecast of the service area is
- obtained from Moody's Economy.com . . . "
- 12 Does the economic forecast include
- a projection of energy prices going forward?
- 14 A We obtain a forecast of the electric prices or
- all the energy prices we do obtain that from
- 16 Economy.com. They do provide information like
- that through a related contract to -- actually
- 18 we subcontract to another firm, and what we
- 19 use in the preparation of the forecast is an
- 20 internal forecast of the electric price that
- 21 goes out for a few years and then we have a
- 22 projection of a real electric price after
- that.
- 24 Q With respect to the economic forecast which
- you refer to here, you said, "This forecast

- 1 provides detailed projections of many aspects
- of the economy including: employment, income,
- 3 wages, industrial production, inflation,
- 4 prices, and population."
- 5 How does that fit as an input into
- 6 your energy models?
- 7 A The forecast models, the econometric models,
- 8 and the list of articles that you see there,
- 9 such as employment, income, wages, industrial
- 10 production and so on, are concepts that are
- 11 utilized in the development of the econometric
- 12 models. So, we have historical data for those
- variables on which the econometric models are
- used in conjunction with energy sales data to
- develop the econometric models.
- So, when it comes time to make a
- forecast, we need a forecast of those same
- 18 variables, and you will see this all reflected
- in the equations that we define in the
- 20 Integrated Resource Plan filing.
- So, the forecast that comes from
- 22 Economy.com provides us a projection for our
- 23 service area for those key economic variables
- that define the future path of the economy.
- 25 Q Are you aware of whether that economic

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forecast that comes from Moody's Economy.com
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       includes among its prices the price for
       electricity going forward?
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       I think I already indicated that it does.
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       electricity in the forecast that you used
       reflects the increase in rates that is
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       expected to come about from this plant?
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      The forecast of electric prices would capture
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       the long-run trend of projected increases in
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       few years where we have more certainty of our
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       projected increases in prices, projected
       changes in prices, we tend to use a constant
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       real price of electricity which means that the
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       price of electricity is rising at roughly the
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       rate of inflation, and when you look at the
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       projected increases associated with new plant
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       price of electricity or a price increase that
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would be consistent with that assumption.

JUDGE STORMS: Dr. Stevie, could

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I have you pull that microphone a bit closer?
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- We have this fan blowing up here, and it is
- 3 hard to hear.
- 4 WITNESS STEVIE: I'm hearing an
- 5 echo here; so, I wasn't sure if I was coming
- 6 through or not.
- 7 JUDGE STORMS: Just get as close
- 8 as you can.
- 9 Q All right. Moving from the economic forecast
- 10 to the energy forecast, down at Lines 18 and
- following, you talk about how, "With the end
- of the contract with IMPA, its share of load
- corresponding to Gibson 5 was removed from the
- forecast, though it was still included in the
- 15 load requirements for resource planning
- 16 performed by Ms. Jenner . . . "
- 17 Can you explain why it was taken
- out of one and included in the other?
- 19 A This was a result of an internal discussion to
- 20 determine how to handle the changing
- 21 conditions with the contracts for wholesale
- load, and it might have been better to just
- 23 leave all of that back in the forecast rather
- than to move it around. I think that created
- some confusion in the understanding of what

- 1 was in the forecast and what was not in the
- 2 forecast. There is nothing more to it than
- 3 that.
- 4 Q And moving on to Page 6, Lines 6 through 8,
- 5 you talk about, "The projected energy
- 6 requirements for wholesale loads served
- 7 directly by Duke Energy Indiana are determined
- 8 by using the historic pattern of their energy
- 9 use . . ."
- 10 In referring to the wholesale
- loads there, are you referring to what Ms.
- 12 Pashos called native wholesale loads or
- contractual obligations or are you referring
- 14 to off-system sales through the spot market
- and other markets?
- 16 A I'm referring to native wholesale load.
- 17 Q So when you project your energy requirements
- for those contractual loads served directly by
- 19 Duke, the use of historic pattern, does that
- 20 presume a certain level of wholesale contracts
- 21 going into the future?
- 22 A I'm not sure I know what you mean by presume.
- 23 Maybe I can explain it this way is that we
- have information on what the load is, what the
- load requirements are associated with the

- 1 contracts, and we have past information on the
- 2 consumption that has occurred, and we use that
- 3 in developing the forecast of native wholesale
- 4 load going forward.
- 5 Q You go on on that page to discuss the primary
- factors affecting energy usage.
- 7 What would you say is the most
- 8 primary, the No. 1 factor, affecting energy
- 9 usage?
- 10 A That's pretty hard to define. It depends on
- 11 the customer class. If you're talking
- residential customers, it is going to be one
- 13 set of factors. If you're talking non-
- 14 residential, it's going to be another factor.
- I can't really point to just one and say,
- "This is it; this is the key factor."
- 17 Q Okay. Let's break it down. For industrial
- 18 customers, industrial production facilities,
- 19 would you include the price as one of the most
- 20 important primary factors affecting energy
- 21 usage?
- 22 A It is a factor. I believe the industrial --
- 23 the level of industrial production, the actual
- output from plants, is the primary factor.
- 25 Q I'm sorry, the actual output?

- 1 A From the manufacturing facilities. That will
- 2 drive where the projection of sales will go
- 3 for the industry.
- 4 The electric price and alternative
- 5 fuel prices are certainly a factor, and
- 6 they're captured in the econometric equations,
- 7 but when you look at the statistical
- 8 significance of the variables of the level of
- 9 industrial production, that's the most
- 10 statistically significant variable.
- 11 Q And won't the level of production be
- influenced by the prices of the inputs to that
- 13 production?
- 14 A It can have an impact to the extent that the
- 15 manufacturing process changes its processes as
- a result of the price of labor, the price of
- capital, the price of energy, the price of raw
- 18 materials, whatever it is.
- 19 So, in my mind, a manufacturing
- 20 facility is operating to try to minimize the
- 21 cost of their own production and to use their
- inputs in the most efficient manner that they
- 23 can.
- 24 Q So if the input reflecting the cost of energy
- increases, what they'll do is seek to minimize

- 1 costs in other inputs?
- 2 A Or they may take -- make investments in other
- 3 inputs that reduce the need for that
- 4 particular input.
- 5 Q Like energy efficiency?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Like foreign production facilities?
- 8 A That could be a factor that is involved, but
- 9 it depends on how big of an input that is
- 10 relative to their other costs. Typically,
- labor costs are a major factor in the location
- decisions of manufacturing facilities.
- 13 Q Would you turn to Page 8 of your testimony,
- 14 please? Down on Line 17, you state, "For
- 15 example, the Load Forecasts include updated
- 16 economic forecasts . . . "
- Do those updated economic
- 18 forecasts include the 13 to 16 percent
- increase in rates that will be caused by
- 20 building this IGCC facility?
- 21 A The economic forecasts come from Economy.com.
- They're not specifically focused on a specific
- power plant.
- 24 Q Okay. Moving on to the bottom of Page 10 and
- following, you talk about the State Utility

- 1 Forecast Group's forecast.
- 2 Do you know if the State Utility
- 3 Forecast Group, when they do their forecast
- 4 and match it up with generation in the state,
- 5 includes merchant generation?
- 6 A I do not know.
- 7 Q If you could turn to Page 12 of your
- 8 testimony? The question down at the bottom of
- 9 the page beginning at Line 18, "Duke Energy
- 10 Indiana has contracts with several large
- 11 wholesale customers that are due to expire in
- 12 the near-term."
- 13 Have those contracts expired?
- 14 A I believe the one contract with IMPA should
- 15 have expired at this point in time.
- 16 Q Do you know when the other contracts are due
- 17 to expire?
- 18 A I would have to look that up. I think one
- might be out to the year 2011 or 2014, but I
- 20 can't remember.
- 21 Q Have you provided that information to us
- 22 possibly in a data request, do you recall?
- 23 A I do not recall. I can't recall if that was
- 24 actually a data request or not.
- 25 Q If you could turn to Page 13, Lines 5 through

- 7, please? You say that, "the latest forecast
- 2 has removed the WVPA and IMPA shares of Gibson
- 3 5, though they are included in the level of
- 4 load requirements in the development of the
- 5 resource plan."
- 6 Can you tell me what it means to
- 7 remove the shares?
- 8 A This is referring back again to what we
- 9 discussed a few minutes ago that we had made a
- decision internally for the 2006 forecast to
- 11 remove the wholesale loads for the most part
- from the load forecast and still reflect them
- in the resource planning peak for the analysis
- 14 that Diane Jenner would undertake. So, the
- load requirements were still there. They were
- just removed from the actual forecast that was
- 17 produced in my department and focused more on
- at that point the native retail peak.
- 19 Q Are those the WVPA and IMPA shares related to
- the contracts that have recently or will soon
- 21 expire that we were just discussing?
- 22 A No. That's not -- It does not relate to those
- is my understanding.
- 24 Q If we could jump ahead a little bit to Page 19
- of your testimony? I think there was some

- 1 question yesterday as to when exactly the
- 2 Direct Load Control program called Power
- 3 Manager was approved by the Commission. It
- 4 says here April 16, 2003. So, that was about
- four years ago?
- 6 A That sounds pretty close.
- 7 Q All right. Did the approval of the program
- 8 result in immediate savings from load control?
- 9 A I don't think approval of a program results in
- immediate savings. We would still have to
- implement the program and sign customers up to
- 12 participate, but as soon as customers
- do participate, when we have hot weather and
- they push the button to cycle their air
- 15 conditioning, then we start to see the
- 16 benefits of that.
- 17 Q But it takes awhile for these programs to ramp
- 18 up; correct?
- 19 A That's right, but it's also going to be
- 20 reflected -- the projection of the impacts
- 21 would be reflected in the resource plan, and
- we make projections of those and then provide
- that to Diane Jenner for her analysis.
- 24 Q And are those projections static projections
- 25 based on the amount of current customer

- 1 participation or do you factor in increasing
- participation over time?
- 3 A We factor in increasing participation over
- 4 time until we reach a market saturation that
- 5 we think we can reach, and we'll adjust that
- 6 as conditions change.
- 7 Q All right. Now, I know you follow these
- 8 programs pretty closely because we've
- 9 discussed them in many different forums and in
- 10 many different venues, not just in evidentiary
- 11 hearings, but when the load control program
- was started, how long did it take before
- initial deployment of the load control
- 14 measures?
- 15 A I'm not positive, but I believe we would have
- started the sign-up of participants in early
- 17 2004. It may have been late 2003. I just
- don't remember the timing of that. That's not
- my area of responsibility. That's just my
- 20 remembrance of it.
- 21 Q So, assuming, you know, by the beginning of
- 22 2004 through the summer of 2006, you achieved
- about 40 megawatts of control availability; is
- that correct, looking at the top of Page 20
- 25 here, Line 1?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q All right. And that's pretty good in two
- 3 years, 40 megawatts in two years?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And then the program is expected to have
- 6 56 megawatts available by the end of 2007.
- 7 That's another 16 megawatts of availability by
- 8 year end?
- 9 A That's the projection.
- 10 Q Are you on track to hit that projection?
- 11 A I would have to check.
- 12 Q If you could turn to Page 22? Can you explain
- what the PowerShare program is?
- 14 A Sure. That is a program that the Company
- offers that provides an incentive to
- 16 participants to reduce their load at high
- 17 priced times, and there are two main
- 18 components to this program: there is the
- 19 CallOption program and the QuoteOption
- 20 program.
- 21 Under the CallOption program, the
- 22 participants receive an upfront incentive to
- 23 participate that is based upon the avoided
- costs related to a combustion turbine or CT,
- and customers that participate in that, when

- we have a CallOption event, are paid an event
- 2 incentive based upon a strike price that they
- 3 had signed up for.
- 4 Under the QuoteOption, the
- 5 customers or the participants do not receive
- 6 an upfront incentive. They receive an
- 7 incentive only when they participate when we
- 8 call for a QuoteOption event, and that occurs
- 9 more in an emergency situation than a
- 10 CallOption event.
- 11 Q How many customers are eligible for those
- 12 programs, if you know?
- 13 A Off the top of my head, I do not know.
- 14 Q Do you know what percentage of customers who
- are eligible for those programs participate?
- 16 A We have not calculated that. I don't know.
- 17 Q But for the summer of 2006, looking at Lines
- 18 11 through 12 here, you're planning for a 300
- 19 megawatt reduction in your load forecast to
- 20 reflect the availability of those programs?
- 21 A That's not in the PowerShare program.
- 22 Q Which program is that in?
- 23 A Those are different contracts with larger
- 24 industrial firms to shed load at certain
- 25 times.

O Thank you, Dr. Stevie. I look forward to 1 2 questioning you on your rebuttal in a few 3 days. MR. POLK: I have no further 4 questions, Your Honor. JUDGE STORMS: Thank you, Mr. 7 Polk. Ms. Dodd? I'm trying to predict 8 9 which one is at the microphone. 10 MS. DODD: It is mostly me today. 11 JUDGE STORMS: Okay. Please 12 proceed. 13 14 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF DR. RICHARD G. STEVIE, QUESTIONS BY MS. DODD: 15 O Good afternoon, Dr. Stevie. 16 A Good afternoon. 17 If you could turn to Page 7, Lines 3 and 4 of 18 19 your testimony? You discuss that you will make adjustments based on anticipated 20 21 increases as a new customer comes in or for a 22 plant that is going to expand its operations

and increase its production facility.

Do you make any adjustments for

anticipated decreases in your load as a result

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- of a large customer closing or scaling back
- 2 its operations?
- 3 A Yes, we would do that as well.
- 4 Q You didn't do that for this forecast, did you?
- 5 A We didn't have any information of anything
- 6 like that happening when the forecast was
- 7 prepared.
- 8 Q And when was the forecast prepared?
- 9 A The 2005 forecast was completed -- actually,
- 10 this one would have been after the Katrina
- 11 event. We've updated the forecast to reflect
- the slowing of the economy anticipated as a
- result of that. So, that would have been the
- 14 Fall of 2005.
- 15 Q Are you aware of any manufacturing plant
- 16 closings in Duke Indiana's service territory
- 17 in 2006 or 2007?
- 18 A There have been a mixture of announcements
- 19 that were -- I can't point to a particular
- 20 name of a plant where there was a closing as
- 21 well as some openings.
- For example, I believe there is a
- new Honda facility being built near Greensburg
- that is not in our service area, and, of
- course, we haven't factored anything in for

- 1 that into the forecast.
- 2 Q I'm sorry, the Honda plant is or is not in
- 3 your service territory?
- 4 A It is my understanding that it is not in our
- 5 service area. We're expecting there may be
- 6 some additional residual growth in the area as
- 7 a result of that, but we've not factored
- 8 anything into the forecast for that.
- 9 Q But did you say that you had a mixture of
- 10 announcements of plant closings or down-
- 11 scaling?
- 12 A What I recall from the general news that comes
- across my desk is that there have been some
- 14 announcements of some closings and some
- announcements of some openings. I can't
- 16 recall anything of major significance in terms
- of it having a significant impact on the
- 18 forecast.
- 19 Q And the International Paper plant in Terre
- 20 Haute, are you aware of that announced
- 21 closing?
- 22 A I think I do recall hearing about that.
- 23 Q As I understand your load forecast, it's based
- in part on projected economic growth in your
- 25 service territory; is that correct?

- 1 A I'm not sure I understand what you mean by in
- 2 part.
- 3 Q Projected economic growth in the area is one
- 4 data point that you look at in making your
- 5 forecast.
- 6 A Projected economic growth is what actually
- 7 drives the whole forecast.
- 8 Q Okay.
- 9 A That's what we get from Economy.com. That's
- 10 who we rely on to help us with that aspect of
- 11 the forecast.
- 12 Q And that forecast includes projections of
- 13 commercial and industrial activity?
- 14 A Yes, it does.
- 15 Q Would you agree that continued commercial and
- industrial activity in Duke Indiana's service
- territory depends on the cost of doing
- 18 business in the area?
- 19 A It certainly is a factor in economic
- 20 development discussions that are evaluated
- 21 really across the nation. I don't think it is
- just specific to Indiana or any specific
- 23 region, but the cost of business is a factor
- in general.
- 25 Q Would you agree that the predictability of

- what the costs are going to be are important
- 2 to encourage business and industrial activity
- 3 in a particular area?
- 4 A I'm not sure I know what you mean by that when
- 5 you say predictability.
- 6 Q Well, for example, if a new company is looking
- 7 at several different areas in which it could
- 8 locate a new plant or expand an existing
- 9 plant, would you agree that they are going to
- 10 look out -- what's going to be a major factor
- is what do they predict the cost will be if
- 12 they locate -- the cost to produce their
- product if they locate in a particular area?
- 14 A I think that's certainly a factor. I just
- 15 read recently about a plant that moved from
- 16 California to Kentucky because -- moving from
- 17 Silicon Valley because it found that the
- 18 California supply was unreliable. So, to be
- more predictable, it moved to the Midwest, or
- 20 I guess Kentucky might be considered a little
- 21 bit south, but it moved because of the
- 22 predictability of power supply.
- So, I think you have to take all
- those factors into consideration, and I'm sure
- 25 a business does that when it decides where to

- 1 locate.
- 2 Q So, reliable power supply and reliable
- 3 transportation and at the end of the day what
- 4 is it going to cost to produce their product
- 5 in that particular area, would you agree with
- 6 that?
- 7 A Certainly, yes, I think that's true. It is
- 8 going to be, you know, do they have rail
- 9 service; are they going to be able to have raw
- 10 materials delivered and have their product
- 11 taken away in a reasonable manner; is there
- 12 adequate supply of all the raw materials and
- inputs; where are their markets located.
- 14 That's also a major factor.
- 15 Q All right. But, again, you would agree that
- another major factor, if not maybe a primary
- one, is what is it going to cost to produce
- 18 the product in the area that they are looking
- 19 at?
- 20 A It is a factor. It is certainly an important
- 21 factor. Is it the most important one? I
- don't know.
- 23 Q And when they're looking at the costs in a
- 24 particular area, is the ability to predict
- 25 what those costs will be over the next -- in

the near term, at least, would you think that 2 would be an important factor as well? 3 A I would think that when a business is putting 4 together its business plan, it will make 5 projections of the costs that it is going to incur to produce its product, and the more 7 certainty it has around those costs, the more certain it will be about its predicted 8 9 revenues and earnings, and I would think they would like that. 10 11 MS. DODD: No further questions. 12 JUDGE STORMS: Thank you. Ms. Becker? 13 14 MS. BECKER: No questions, Your 15 Honor. 16 JUDGE STORMS: Mr. McGimpsey? 17 MR. McGIMPSEY: No questions, Your 18 Honor. 19 JUDGE STORMS: Mr. Endris? 20 MR. ENDRIS: Thank you, Your 21 Honor. 22 23 24 25

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- 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF DR. RICHARD G. STEVIE,
- 2 QUESTIONS BY MR. ENDRIS:
- 3 Q Good afternoon, Dr. Stevie.
- 4 A Good afternoon.
- 5 Q Now, although you forecast the future with
- 6 respect to energy use and peak demand, you
- deal a lot with the past, don't you, using
- 8 historic data to develop your models?
- 9 A We use historical data to develop the
- 10 econometric models if that's what you mean.
- 11 Q That's one way. Do you not also use historic
- data to develop your peak demand model?
- 13 A Certainly. I mean, that's an econometric
- 14 model as well.
- 15 Q And you were a witness in PSI's CPCN request
- in Cause No. 42469; is that correct?
- 17 A I'll accept that. I don't remember the cause
- 18 numbers.
- 19 Q That's fair. That was the request that was
- 20 presented in 2004 for an as yet unspecified
- 21 generating facility. Do you recall that case?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Okay. Do you happen to recall that the OUCC
- 24 expressed some concerns with respect to your
- demand forecast in that proceeding?

- 1 A I do remember that the OUCC had some questions
- and concerns about the projection for the
- 3 peak.
- 4 Q And have you taken steps since that time to
- 5 examine those concerns that were expressed?
- 6 A I think we did that in that case and in a
- 7 subsequent couple cases.
- 8 Q Can you turn to Page 5 of your testimony,
- 9 please? I heard some discussion that you had
- 10 with Mr. Polk regarding the inclusion or
- 11 exclusion of wholesale loads, and I'm still a
- 12 little confused by that.
- 13 First of all, do you know whether
- 14 Ms. Jenner used your 2005 forecast or did she
- use your 2006 forecast to develop the schedule
- of exhibits that she's presenting in this
- 17 proceeding?
- 18 A I think the answer is yes, but you might be
- 19 best served to ask Ms. Jenner exactly which
- 20 forecast she used and when, but it is my
- 21 understanding that she did use both of them to
- do her analyses.
- 23 Q Okay. On Page 5, Lines 16 through 21, you
- state that, "The forecast prepared in 2005
- included projections of load for IMPA through

- 1 the end of the current contract period and for
- 2 WVPA's load corresponding to its ownership
- 3 share of Gibson 5.", and you go on to say,
- 4 "With the end of the contract with IMPA, its
- 5 share of load corresponding to Gibson 5 was
- for removed from the forecast . . . " Do you see
- 7 that testimony?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q IMPA's ownership share of Gibson 5 doesn't end
- 10 at all, does it? That's not subject to
- 11 contract?
- 12 A As far as I understand it, that sounds
- 13 correct.
- 14 Q I thought that's what I heard you say to Mr.
- 15 Polk as well.
- Does it -- Is it a back-up service
- 17 that was or a back-up contract that was
- 18 terminating?
- 19 A No. The contract that was ending was the one
- that was ending in May or June of 2007.
- 21 Q The power coordination agreement?
- 22 A I think that sounds right. So, when we were
- 23 making the forecast for 2005 or in 2005, we
- had to still reflect into 2007 that load, and
- then that load was dropping off, and then what

- we're talking about here is the movement
- around, either in or out of the load forecast,
- 3 for the Gibson 5 ownership shares.
- 4 Q And how did you -- When you included those
- 5 ownership shares in your peak load forecast,
- 6 how did you forecast the energy and peak
- 7 demand related to those ownership shares?
- 8 A Well, my understanding, my recollection, is
- 9 that those are around the clock requirements;
- so, it would be the peak load times the number
- of hours that would be added in as far as
- 12 energy, and then the peak would be added in as
- 13 well for that.
- 14 Q I think I could forecast that for you.
- Can you turn to Page 2006?
- 16 A Page?
- 17 Q I'm sorry, Page 6.
- 18 JUDGE STORMS: Mr. Endris, can you
- 19 pull that microphone a bit closer? It doesn't
- seem to be picking up very well.
- 21 MR. ENDRIS: Thank you, Your
- Honor.
- 23 Q Line 6 on Page 6, you state, "The projected
- 24 energy requirements for wholesale loads served
- 25 directly by Duke Energy Indiana are determined

- 1 by using the historic pattern of their energy
- 2 use and/or information obtained from the
- 3 econometric models."
- 4 Is that -- How do you determine
- 5 whether you're using the historic pattern or
- 6 whether you're using an econometric model for
- 7 that?
- 8 A For the contracts that are around the clock,
- 9 as you said before, they're not very difficult
- 10 to project; so, all we need is that historic
- 11 data on what is the level in the contract. We
- do have a couple native wholesale contracts
- 13 that are not like that, and we have some
- forecasting models to help us project those
- into the future.
- 16 Q Those would be, essentially, a full-
- 17 requirements contract? You don't know exactly
- what it is going to be except by forecast?
- 19 A That's right.
- 20 Q And you had some discussion with Mr. Polk
- about the reflection of energy prices in your
- econometric models, and on Line 14, you state,
- 23 "As energy prices increase, energy usage tends
- to decrease due to customers' conservation
- 25 activities." Do you see that testimony?

- 1 A Yes, I do.
- 2 Q How does Economy.com, the source that you
- 3 mentioned with Mr. Polk, how do they model
- 4 that decreased consumption? In other words,
- 5 what kind of a relationship do they reflect?
- 6 A I don't believe they make predictions of
- 7 energy sales. If they do, it is not something
- 8 that we purchase from them. What we purchase
- 9 from them is a projection of the economy, what
- is the projected employment, what is the
- 11 projected population, factors like that, which
- 12 are included in our models.
- 13 O Thank you. I think I must have misunderstood
- 14 something.
- 15 Did you say that they also use a
- 16 constant real price of electricity in their
- 17 projections of employment, et cetera?
- 18 A I do not know what they are assuming for that.
- 19 As I said, they're making projections of the
- 20 real concepts of employment and industrial
- 21 production, income.
- 22 Q How far out do those projections go? Is it
- for the full study period?
- 24 A It is at least 20 years.
- 25 Q Can you turn to Page 7 -- I'm sorry -- Page 10

- of your testimony? At the top of the page,
- 2 you discuss the 2005 actual peak load, and
- 3 then you give the figure once the demand
- 4 response impacts are added.
- 5 How do you measure the demand
- 6 response impacts?
- 7 A We have to go back to each customer for the
- 8 larger customers and look at what their load
- 9 has been over the recent few days and hours
- 10 leading up to an interruption and gauge how
- 11 much reduction we actually received by looking
- 12 at the hourly load data.
- We have to do the same thing for
- the PowerShare customers under the CallOption,
- for the PowerShare customers under
- QuoteOption, and we have a sample of customers
- on the Power Manager program where we look at
- 18 what reduction we're receiving through the
- 19 Power Manager program using a similar type of
- 20 process.
- 21 Q So is that, essentially, an estimating process
- rather than a direct meter process?
- 23 A Well, what we're talking about is load not
- 24 consumed; so, it is all estimation because
- what you're dealing with is what the load

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       interruption and trying to gauge the
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       actually estimate what the load would have
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       been to be able to get that difference.
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    Q And so how much demand response impacts did
       you determine for 2005?
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    A Actually, I would have to go and check the
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       data.
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    Q On that peak day of July?
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                    JUDGE STORMS: Mr. Endris, unless
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       that's your last question, let's go ahead and
       take about a ten-minute break, and then we'll
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       come back and see if we can wrap up for the
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4		JUDGE STORMS: Let's go ahead and	
5		go back on the record.	
6		Mr. Endris, you may proceed with	
7		your questions.	
8		MR. ENDRIS: Thank you, Your	
9		Honor.	
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11	CROSS-EXAMINATION OF DR. RICHARD G. STEVIE,		
12		(Continuing)	
13		QUESTIONS BY MR. ENDRIS: (Continuing)	
14	Q	Dr. Stevie, staying on Page 10 for a moment	
15		more, would the amount of demand response in	
16		2005 be equal to the difference between the	
17		6,774 megawatts once the demand response	
18		impacts are added and the actual peak load of	
19		6,539 that you report there?	
20	A	Roughly. At the break, I did go back and look	
21		up some numbers, and actually, I need to give	
22		you a couple more corrections to those numbers	
23		and explain that those changes occur because	
24		when we receive the numbers, they're not	
25		necessarily final numbers because they are	

- 1 scheduling load in and out of the control
- 2 area, and once the numbers reflect what
- actually is sent in and out of the system,
- 4 then we get final numbers. So, these numbers
- 5 will move around a few megawatts from one
- 6 period to the next until they finally settle
- 7 down.
- 8 So, really, on Page 10, Line 1,
- 9 the 2005 peak was 6,577 megawatts, and with
- all the impacts included, it was 6,840 instead
- of 6,774, and if you go down to Line 8, the
- 12 6,722 became 6,788 for the weather normalized
- peak.
- 14 Q I'm sorry, which line?
- 15 A Line 8, 6,722 becomes 6,788.
- 16 Q Okay.
- 17 A So, to follow your question through to the
- end, the difference between the 6,577 and the
- 19 6,840 would have been roughly 263 megawatts,
- 20 and that was all due to interruption
- 21 capability.
- 22 Q And then continuing that approach for 2006 --
- 23 And is the number, as you corrected it at the
- outset of your testimony, 6,742 once WVPA is
- 25 included?

- 1 A Well, this is where we're not really dealing
- with apples and apples with the numbers. The
- 3 6,586 did not include WVPA; whereas, up above,
- 4 it was included. So, you can't take the
- 5 difference between those numbers.
- 6 Q So, then, was there no demand response impact
- 7 in 2006?
- 8 A There was. It was -- In 2006, it was only
- 9 42 megawatts.
- 10 Q Later in your testimony, you mention that the
- 11 2006 interruptible load was expected or was
- 12 put in at 300 megawatts. Do you recall that
- 13 testimony?
- 14 A That number, I believe, was on Page 22, and
- that was a planning number.
- 16 Q And are you concerned about the difference
- between the planning number and the actual
- number given that July 31, 2006 was the topic
- of a great deal of discussion out at the
- 20 Midwest ISO as to the heat wave that was being
- 21 experienced?
- 22 A I'm surprised at that because the weather on
- 23 that day was actually below normal for peak
- 24 producing conditions, but be that as it may,
- that July 31st was on a Monday, and you can

- only use some of the programs for so many days
- in a row, and the weather forecast at the end
- 3 of the week leading into the coming week
- 4 indicated that August 1st and August 2nd were
- 5 going to be the critical days. So, we did not
- 6 alert people to interrupt on Monday on that
- 7 previous Friday.
- 8 It gets to Monday, and the weather
- 9 has changed, and Monday ended up being the
- 10 peak, and the weather changed, and Tuesday and
- 11 Wednesday were milder. We would have had as
- much capability -- interruptible capability,
- but it was due to the volatility in the
- weather forecasting.
- 15 Q One more area, Dr. Stevie. Turning to Page 14
- of your testimony, Lines 13 through 15, you
- 17 state, "The incremental peak load demand
- 18 reductions for the 2006 to 2021 time frame
- 19 expected from Duke Energy Indiana's current
- DSM programs are 110 megawatts, including
- 21 81 megawatts for the direct load control
- 22 program."; is that a correct reading?
- 23 A That's correct.
- 24 Q Can you explain the derivation of this number
- 25 with respect to the testimony of Mr. Rogers

This is looking forward. 2 Sure. 3 160 megawatts is historical embedded, and let me break that apart a little bit further. 4 5 The 160 megawatts that is reflected -- actually, it is in my testimony 7 as well, I believe, is reflecting the historical achievement of conservation 8 9 programs over the 16 years that the Company 10 has been implementing them in Indiana. So, 11 that's past historical. 12 The 110 that you see here is looking forward and actually reflects -- the 13 14 bulk of it is actually coming from the Power 15 Manager program which is more demand response than conservation. 16 Thank you, Dr. Stevie. 17 18 MR. ENDRIS: That's all I have, 19 Your Honor. 20 JUDGE STORMS: Thank you. 21 Redirect for this witness? 22 23 24

that the value is 160 megawatts?

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- 1 REDIRECT EXAMINATION OF DR. RICHARD G. STEVIE,
- 2 QUESTIONS BY MR. DuMOND:
- 3 Q Dr. Stevie, could we go back to Page 10 for a
- 4 moment?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q You had indicated that certain peak load
- 7 figures and other figures in that first
- 8 paragraph needed to be changed.
- 9 I would ask you now if you could
- 10 go ahead and mark your testimony to show those
- changes.
- 12 A I have.
- 13 Q Okay. And looking at the last sentence, it
- says, "This was 20 megawatts above the
- projected 2005 peak of 6,702 megawatts (as
- 16 forecasted in 2004)."
- Would that 20 also change?
- 18 A Yes. Thank you. That would change to 86.
- 19 Q You were asked questions about our Direct Load
- 20 Control program and our PowerShare program.
- 21 Are these voluntary programs?
- 22 A Yes, they are. We are dependent upon the
- 23 customers willingness to participate.
- 24 Q And is Duke's ability to rely on these
- 25 programs to meet a peak load constrained by

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       the customers acceptance and willingness to
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       sign up for these programs?
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    A Absolutely.
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    Q In your opinion, has Duke Energy Indiana
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       aggressively pursued participation in these
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       programs?
    A Yes, it has.
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                    MR. DuMOND: I have nothing
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       further, Your Honor.
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                    JUDGE STORMS: Dr. Stevie, thank
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       you very much for your testimony. You may
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JUDGE STORMS: Let's go ahead and 1 2 recess for the day. I would like to make 3 sure -- If everyone could just make sure that 4 they get all their trash and various things out of here, any cups or bottles, different 5 things. Also, we may have some folks in 7 here this evening attempting to calibrate 8 9 these microphones so that maybe they will work without having to eat them. I don't think 10 11 they will be out in this area, and I think it 12 will be perfectly fine to leave things here because it will be locked, but if there is 13 14 something out in the walkway or anywhere else, 15 please try to make sure that that's pulled back, and if there is something that you want 16 to take with you that you would otherwise be 17 18 concerned about, please feel free to take it 19 with you. We are recessed until tomorrow 20 morning at 9 o'clock. Thank you. 21 22 23 (HEARING IN RECESS UNTIL JUNE 20, 2007 AT 9:00 A.M. (EDT) IN ROOM 222 OF THE 24 NATIONAL CITY CENTER, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA) 25

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