- Q. Okay. And which application was that?

 A. The Bulverde application was for a large
 - Q. How large was that?
 - A. It was the western portion of Comal County.
 - Q. What was the outcome of that case?
 - A. We're still waiting on a response from the SOAH judge, and we're also waiting for a response from the SOAH judge on the Bexar Met application.
 - Q. And those two were combined?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. What do you -- what is your opinion regarding planning for proposed facilities? Do you regard that as a -- as a good thing?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Would you agree with me that developing long-term plans regarding the sizing and placement of infrastructure is important for optimum service on an area?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Do you agree that that is a responsibility -- that -- that planning for the -- the health, safety and welfare of its citizens is a responsibility of the municipality with respect to its ETJ?

- 1 A. Repeat the question, please.
 - Q. Would you agree with me that a municipality has a responsibility with respect to its citizens and its surrounding ETJ to plan adequately for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens in those areas?
 - A. Yes.

- Q. Okay. Let me ask you about -- do you want another break?
 - A. No.
- Q. Okay. Were you involved at all in the City of Fort Worth case?
 - A. No, I was not.
- Q. Okay. Have you discussed that case with anyone?
- A. I talked to Victoria a little bit about it.

 She was the person processing the application.
 - Q. Okay. What, if anything, did she tell you about that case?
 - A. The agency protested that application because it was a huge area and they did not demonstrate need for service in large portions of the proposed area, so the agency and Fort Worth came to an agreement to reduce the -- the area that Fort Worth proposed to serve.

Okay. What kind of evidence -- do you know 1 Q. what kind of evidence of need Fort Worth put forth 2 3 in that case? 4 I believe they had request for service from 5 potential customers, request for service from 6 developers. 7 Q. Uh-huh. 8 Α. And I can't recall the other items. Okay. Okay. How did you -- in reaching 9 Q. that -- I shouldn't say "you." 10 11 Are you aware of how Victoria Harkins 12 and -- well, are you aware of how she made the 13 determination regarding which areas should be eliminated from Fort Worth's application? 14 15 what? I do not know how she did that. 16 Okay. Are you -- is it correct that you 17 Q. 18 have to leave at noon? 19 Α. Yes. 20 Q. Okay. 21 MR. JENNINGS: You have to be 22 somewhere at noon or you have to leave at noon. 23 THE WITNESS: I have to leave at noon. 24 MS. JACOBS: I was going to say,

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you're in trouble.

(BY MS. JACOBS) Okay. Are you aware of 1 0. the case involving Creedmore-Maha and the City of 2 Austin that was tried a couple years ago? 3 Α. 4 Yes. 5 0. Have you discussed that case with Okay. 6 anyone? 7 Victoria and I had talked about it when I Α. 8 went to the hearing a couple of years ago. 9 Okay. And I'm sorry. You already said 0. 10 that you attended that hearing? 11 Uh-huh. Α. 12 0. And what was the nature of your discussions 13 about that? 14 Α. I can't recall --15 Q. Okay. 16 -- what was said. Α. Are you aware that a proposal for decision 17 Q. has been released in -- from the judge in that case? 18 19 I did not realize there was a final Α. 20 decision. Okay. Well, there's a proposal for 21 Q. 22 decision from the judge. 23 Α. Uh-huh. Okay. But you did not -- you weren't aware 24 25 of that?

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- Q. Okay. So you haven't reviewed that --
- A. No.
 - Q. -- proposal for decision? Okay. All right. I'm going to ask you -- I'm going to read a few statements to you, and I'd like you just to tell me whether you agree or disagree or don't know regarding these statements. Okay?
 - A. Okay.
 - Q. (As read) It is generally in the public's best interest to have a single reliable water or sewer supplier certificated to an area.
 - A. Repeat the question, please.
- Q. It is generally in the public's best interest to have a single reliable water or sewer supplier certificated to an area.
 - A. Some areas are dually certificated and that works also --
 - Q. Okay.
 - A. -- as far as providing service.
- Q. Okay. Have you processed any applications for dual certification?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Generally, how does that work?
- 25 A. Two parties, two utilities, will come to an

agreement to dually certificate and serve a certain area.

- Q. So in all of the cases that you've dealt with, it's been agreed upon by the parties?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. In other words --
- A. So far.
 - Q. -- they haven't -- they haven't been -- there hasn't been someone coming in and wanting to serve an area and the other utility doesn't want that entity to -- to come in and serve the area?
 - A. Not on an application I processed has that happened yet.
- Q. Are you aware of any applications like that?
- A. Well, that application that I'm working on in Medina County, that's what's happening.
 - Q. All right. And you stated -- did you -- did you -- you told me before that, okay, if you receive an application and there are no protests for that application, you personally are still going to require requests for service or some other indication of need?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Okay. But not necessarily request for

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- A. It's usually request for service. I will review whatever the applicant submits.
 - Q. It doesn't have to be request for service?
- A. Right.
 - Q. Okay. Okay. Here's another statement.

 (As read) An anticipated urban level of growth in a primarily rural area establishes a need for additional service.
 - A. Repeat the question, please.
 - Q. An anticipated urban level of growth in a primarily rural area establishes a need for additional service.
 - A. It's one of the factors that we would -- I would consider when reviewing a demonstration and need for service.
 - Q. Okay. In other words, if an area is rural and there are strong indications that that area is going to become urban, you -- that -- that would be a factor that would indicate to you that there might be a need for service?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. For additional service?
- 24 A. Yes.
 - Q. Okay. Speaking -- going back to the

first -- just a moment to the -- the layers of
factors that we were talking about on the map that
contribute to the overall picture of a need for
service --

A. Uh-huh.

- Q. -- are there any of those factors or are there any of those factors that you give more weight to than others, or are they all pretty much of equal weight in your mind?
 - A. I would review each of the items and...
- Q. Okay. And I guess what I'm saying specifically is, you have growth projections and you have outside City retail customers, existing outside City retail customers, you have SERs, you've got wholesale service, you've got a transportation map, you've got all these different elements. Are there any one of those that you give more weight to or are they all pretty much just a part of the overall combination of a need for service?
- A. They all contribute, but I'd like to see an applicant submit plans and specifications for a facility within the proposed area.
- Q. Okay. I missed that one. You're right.

 Okay. And is -- is -- now, is that getting back to
 the discovery that you drafted that you recently

sent to the City? You recall -- you recall that?

A. Yes.

- Q. Okay. Is that what -- or let me ask you this: What is it that you're hoping to see as a result of that discovery? I noticed that -- that it pretty much went through a lot of the different factors. Was this -- is -- was your intent behind that -- well, what was your intent behind that?
- A. Behind requesting the items from the criteria to the City of Austin?
- Q. Right. For -- for example, and the reason I'm asking this is because, for example, we've already established that the City is financially capable. Well, that's one of the factors. We've already established you don't have any problem with the environmental integrity factor. Why, then, are you asking about each of the factors? Are you just doing that just to get every possible piece of information?
- A. Well, eventually I'll be asked for a recommendation, and I would like to -- to have documentation validating those points.
- Q. Okay. I understand that. Okay. Okay.
 Here's -- here's another statement. (As read)
 Providing service outside territory boundaries --

I'm talking about CCN territory boundaries -without protection from encroachment by neighboring
utilities is not a prudent and reasonable long-term
investment of utility capital. Agree or disagree?

A. I agree.

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- Q. Okay. Okay. (As read) An urban utility system should be capable of supplying a sufficient quantity of water at an adequate pressure to provide fire protection. Agree or disagree?
- A. The TCEQ rules don't address fire protection.
 - Q. Okay.
- A. I know that's not an answer to your question.
- Q. Do you believe that -- well, let's put it this way. Do you believe that -- do you believe that in some situations, a sufficient quantity of water at an adequate pressure to provide fire protection may be a component to adequate service? And those situations I'm talking about are urban situations. Do you believe that fire protection, fire flow, may be a component of adequate service?
 - A. It's well above the minimum requirements.
- Q. Okay. So is your answer to that that you don't think that fire-fighting capability --

actually, no, I shouldn't say fire-fighting
capability -- fire flow, adequate fire flow, can be
part of adequate service in a particular area?

- A. I don't understand the question.
- Q. Let me rephrase and ask you this. Do you think that having adequate fire flow available in an urban, suburban area --
 - A. Uh-huh.

- Q. -- is of benefit to the customers in that area?
- A. Yes, I think that would benefit the customers.
- Q. Okay. Do you remember when we spoke before about if you're considering two utilities that meet minimum requirements and then you look above and beyond what -- in comparing those utilities which utility is going to be the best provider --
 - A. Uh-huh.
- Q. -- and best for the customers? Is fire flow -- could fire flow be a consideration in that situation in terms of who is going to be the better service provider?
- A. It may play a part, but I think providing service faster and cheaper plays a bigger part.
 - Q. Okay. But it may play a part?

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- Q. Is there anything in the rules that you know of that would prevent you from considering fire flow as a benefit to the customer?
 - A. No.
- Q. Okay. Agree or disagree. (As read) It is not prudent, desirable or realistic to expect to meet long-term demands of high-density, mixed-use urban development with ground water alone.
- A. There are benefits to ground water systems. There are, I think, disadvantages. There are benefits and disadvantages to surface water treatment systems and benefits to a combination of the two. So I can't really say one is better than the other.
- Q. Okay. You don't have an opinion regarding whether it's a good idea when there -- when you need large quantities of water to rely solely on a ground water source versus surface water?
- A. I -- I -- once again, I think there are situations where each would play its part --
 - Q. Uh-huh.
 - A. -- and...
- Q. And I guess I'm -- I'm probably not being clear to you, but I'm asking about sustainable use,

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the concept of sustainable use, which you -- you
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     know, I don't know if you're familiar -- I don't
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     know what portions of the Region K Plan that you've
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             (BY MS. JACOBS) Okay. With respect to a
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what would you think that the -- we talked before

about effects on neighboring utilities and what they
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And you said that you would like to see an
application or you'd like to see, you know, what -what other things would you like to see from them
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- Q. -- "in the future"?
- A. -- most importantly, I would like for them to protest the application.
 - Q. Right.
- A. And if they did submit the application, show that the -- that the existing utility would like to -- to amend their service area boundaries.
 - Q. Uh-huh.
 - A. That's pretty much it.
- Q. So it's not enough, in your opinion, that a utility protest an application and just say, "We want to serve. We plan on expanding. We want to serve this area" without further support?
- A. They don't have to submit the application to them in their area at that time. If they just protest the application, then they have my

1 attention.

- Q. Okay. But that's enough of a -- of a -- that's enough in your mind to qualify as showing you why they're going to be affected? I mean, that's -- is that --
- A. It shows me they're concerned about that other utility boxing them in --
 - Q. Right.
 - A. -- or...
- Q. But how, then, are you -- are you going to analyze the effects on that neighboring utility without more information?
- A. Well, I'll create discovery. I'll review discovery. I'll create prefile testimony, review prefile testimony --
 - Q. Okay.
 - A. -- and form an opinion.
- Q. Okay. I understand that. Okay. You refer to -- referred a number of times to the concept of faster and cheaper service as being a very important criteria to you.
 - A. Uh-huh.
- Q. What -- what criteria are you using to determine who is faster and who is cheaper? Like, from what perspective are you looking at? Are you

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(As read) Consumer demand characteristics in an

Okay. I've got another statement here.

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urban area could reasonably include the demand or expectation, which people generally have in an urban area, that enough water and pressure will be available to provide fire protection.

- A. Repeat that, please.
- Q. Consumer demand characteristics in an urban area could reasonably include the demand or expectation, which people generally have in an urban area, that enough water and pressure will be available to provide fire protection. In other words, each area is going to have a consumer demand.
 - A. Uh-huh.
 - Q. Some areas may be industrial, chip factory.
 - A. Uh-huh.

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- Q. Some areas may be neighborhoods, suburban neighborhoods. Each area is going to have -- some areas may be rural.
 - A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Each area is going to have a set of demand characteristics particular to that area. Could for an urban, suburban area consumer demand characteristics include the expectation of adequate fire flow?
 - A. I -- yes.
 - Q. Okay. Is that something that you would

consider?

- A. The agency's minimum requirements do not require fire flow, so that's not something that I put a high priority on.
- Q. Okay. But the agency's rules and regulations do require that you consider what adequate water flow is necessary to meet consumer demands in specific areas, and so that's where I'm getting that question from. And that's what I'm asking you.

Given that the rules do require that, and you've acknowledged that fire flow could be a part of the consumer demand in an area, would you then look at that in making that assessment as to what adequate water is going to be for that area?

- A. When plans and specifications are submitted to the team members on the plans and specs team, I would -- they may look at those items --
 - Q. Uh-huh.
- A. -- the use and the -- the proposed capacities.
 - Q. Uh-huh.
- A. But I'm not on the plans review team, and I'm not reviewing those plans for their water use.
 - Q. Okay. Do you -- but do you consider that

as part of your review process as -- as -- as a CCN
application reviewer that you're supposed to be
looking at what is going to be adequate water flow
for certain areas and is that applicant capable of
providing adequate water flow for certain areas? Do
you see what I'm saying?

- A. Yes. The -- if -- but I still yet would take plans and specifications to the plans review team member and get them to review that information.
 - Q. Okay.

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- A. And then rely on their recommendation just like I rely on Dan Smith's financial and managerial --
 - Q. I understand what you're saying.
 - A. -- recommendation.
- Q. I understand what you're saying. But you're not saying that you -- wouldn't that -- consider that to be part of determining whether there was adequate flow for a particular area? You're just saying you wouldn't make that determination?
 - A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Is that correct?
- 24 A. Yes.
 - Q. Okay. Is there anything that you are aware

of in the water code or the rules that would prevent you from considering fire flow as part of whether or not there's adequate flow for certain areas according to consumer demand? Is there anything that would prevent you from doing that?

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- Q. Do you believe that you have the discretion to do that since there's nothing defining what adequate flow is in those terms?
- A. If the applicant could provide fire flow, I think it would be a -- to their advantage and it would be something that would be considered in a recommendation.
- Q. Okay. Let me look back through this. You said that the City of Bulverde was the other big case that you were working on that had a large amount of area?
 - A. Yes.
- \mathcal{Q} . And that was for the western portion of Comal County?
 - A. Uh-huh.
 - Q. Okay. And that's still in the PFD stage?
- A. Right.
- Q. Okay. Do you have your notes from that case, from your review of that application?

- A. Do I have my notes?
 - Q. Uh-huh.
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. Okay. Do you have them in your possession or, you know, could you get the memos that were written about that application?
- A. The -- I could get Dan Smith's financial managerial memo --
 - O. Uh-huh.
- A. -- where the agency or Dan did not feel that the applicant had financial and managerial capability because the financial and managerial items submitted were not submitted by the City of Bulverde. They were submitted by a water authority.
- Q. I see. Okay. Do you -- did you also draft discovery in that case?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And you received discovery responses?
- A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Do you have copies of those?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Would you be willing to produce -
 MS. JACOBS: Would you be willing to

 produce information regarding that application?

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MR. DEERING:
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                   MR. DEERING: We weren't as concerned
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                   MS. JACOBS:
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                   MR. DEERING: At this time, I don't.
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                   MS. JACOBS: Okay. I understand.
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                   MR. DEERING: Uh-huh.
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              (BY MS. JACOBS) And the other
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     Wimberley, College Station, Bryan, were there any
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1	Q. Was it of particular concern to you in
2	those cases? Did you feel that they had established
3	need for service?
4	A. In in portions of their proposed area,
5	they had.
6	Q. Okay. Have you ever spoken regarding the
7	City's applications with anybody higher up in the
8	chain other than Doug Holcomb? Anyone like Mark
9	Vickery or Leigh Ing?
10	A. I attended a meeting one time with Angela
11	Stefferson (phonetic) and Victoria Harkins and Jeff
12	Saitus where City of Austin was present.
13	Q. Uh-huh. Okay. Any anyone else?
14	A. No.
15	Q. Okay.
16	MR. JENNINGS: Maybe after their
17	questions, we may ask some follow-up.
18	MS. JACOBS: Okay.
19	MR. JENNINGS: It's excuse me.
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21	THE WITNESS: That's all right. We
22	can keep going.
23	MR. CARLTON: I've probably got at
24	least a half an hour, maybe more.
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                    THE WITNESS: Well, I'd like to go
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                   MR. ZEPPA: We can always come back
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                   MS. JACOBS: I would probably have
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                   MS. JACOBS: Right. And I'm not real
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                   MR. JENNINGS: We better reschedule
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                   MS. JACOBS:
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                    MR. CARLTON: Go back on. We're going
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                    MR. ZEPPA: Mutual, convenient time.
                    MR. CARLTON: -- we can all mutually
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13	Before me,, on this day personally appeared MIKE HOWELL, known to me (or
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15	identity card or other document)) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument
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4	AUSTIN FOR A WATER)
5	CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE) OF AND NECESSITY (NO. 33562-C))
6	AND A WASTEWATER CERTIFICATE) OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY)
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for the witness for examination, signature, and return to me by $\frac{500}{200}$;

That pursuant to information given to the deposition officer at the time said testimony was taken, the following includes all parties of record and the amount of time used by each party at the deposition:

Ms. Monica Jacobs, Attorney for The City of Austin, (2:48)

Mr. John J. Carlton, Attorney for Hornsby Bend Utility Company, (0:0)

Mr. Mark H. Zeppa, Attorney for AquaSource Utility, Inc., AquaSource Development Company, Creedmore-Maha Water Supply Corporation and City of Mustang Ridge, (0:0)

Mr. John E. Deering and Mr. Geoffrey P. Kirshbaum, Attorneys for The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, (0:0)

I further certify that I am neither counsel for, related to, nor employed by any of the parties in the action in which this proceeding was taken, and further that I am not financially or otherwise interested in the outcome of this action.

Further certification requirements pursuant to Rule 203 of TRCP will be complied with after they have occurred.

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          FURTHER CERTIFICATION UNDER RULE 203 TRCP
         The original deposition was/was not returned to
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         If returned, the attached Changes and Signature
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     page(s) contain(s) any changes and the reasons
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         That the deposition was delivered in accordance
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