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RATES	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

CROSS-REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

OF

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ETI	Entergy Texas, Inc.
EV	Electric Vehicle
EVSE	Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment
EVSP	Electric Vehicle Service Providers
ННІ	Herfindahl-Hirschman Index
OPUC	Office of Public Utility Counsel
PUCT	Public Utility Commission of Texas
SPS	Southwestern Public Service Company
Staff	Public Utility Commission Staff
TE	Transportation Electrification

1 I. WITNESS IDENTIFICATION AND SCOPE OF TESTIMONY 2 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS. Q. 3 Α. My name is Evan D. Evans. My business address is 101 Merlot Drive, Abilene, Texas 4 79602. 5 BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY? O. 6 A. I am a principal and a consultant with Integrity Power Consulting, LLC. 7 ARE YOU THE SAME EVAN D. EVANS WHO FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY IN 0. 8 THIS PROCEEDING? 9 Α. Yes, I am. ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU PRESENTING TESTIMONY IN THIS 10 O. PROCEEDING? 11 I am presenting testimony on behalf of the Office of Public Utility Counsel ("OPUC"). 12 Α. 11. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF TESTIMONY 13 14 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR CROSS-REBUTTAL TESTIMONY IN THIS 15 PROCEEDING? 16 A. In this testimony, I will address the following issues that were raised in testimony filed by 17 certain intervenor parties in this docket: 18 • Entergy Texas, Inc.'s ("ETI") ownership of make-ready transportation electrification

("TE") infrastructure and charging equipment; and

Proposed changes to ETI's proposed TECDA-1 Rider.

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1	Q.	PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR TESTIMONY AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN
2		THE AREAS LISTED ABOVE.
3	A.	I make the following recommendations based upon my review of the filed testimony of the
4		PUCT Staff and other intervenors in this docket:
5		• If the Commission determines it is appropriate for ETI to own make-ready TE
6		infrastructure and charging equipment, the Commission should at a minimum ensure
7		the following:
8		o Appropriate safeguards are established that ensures ETI's participation in the
9		competitive markets does not hinder the development and expansion of the
10		competitive market for TE infrastructure and charging equipment or unduly limits
11		a TE site host's ability to choose their preferred TE infrastructure and charging
12		equipment;
13		o Appropriate allocations of ETI's overhead costs are assigned to ETI's investment
14		in make-ready transportation electrification infrastructure and charging equipment,
15		ETI's activities to market these services, and ETI's operation and maintenance of
16		associated equipment. These overhead costs should include investment in general
17		and intangible rate base, administrative and general expenses, wages and salaries,
18		property insurance, property taxes, payroll taxes, etc.;
19		o ETI's non-participant retail electric service customers are adequately compensated
20		for the fact that they financially support ETI, which enables ETI to compete from
21		the advantageous position of being the certificated public utility in its service area
22		and possess immense customer information; and

1		o Adequate steps and procedures are instituted that fully protect ETI's non-
2		participant retail electric service customers from bearing any costs or risk
3		associated with ETI's investment and efforts to provide make-ready transportation
4		electrification infrastructure and charging equipment, including protection from the
5		risk of default by TECI-1 or TECDA-1 customers.
6		Because ChargePoint did not provide any evidence supporting their recommended
7		changes to ETI's proposed TECDA-1 rider their recommended changes should be
8		rejected;
9		Because no party has provided evidence supporting the argument that the demand
10		discount contained in the proposed TECDA-1 Rider will have little to no impact on
11		other customers, that demand discount should be rejected;
12		• Pursuant to Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") § 36.007(d), any demand charge
13		discounts associated with the demand cap contained in ETI's proposed TECDA-1 Rider
14		constitute discounted rates which should not be borne by ETI's other customers.
15	Q.	IF YOU DO NOT ADDRESS AN ISSUE OR TAKE A POSITION ON ANY ISSUE
16		IN YOUR CROSS-REBUTTAL TESTIMONY, SHOULD THAT BE
17		INTERPRETED AS SUPPORTING THE POSITION TAKEN BY OTHER
18		PARTIES ON THAT ISSUE?
19	Α.	No.

2 PLEASE WITNESSES Q. IDENTIFY THE WHO FILED TESTIMONY 3 CONCERNING THIS ISSUE. 4 Α. The following witnesses filed testimony on this issue: 5 Justin D. Wilson, on behalf of ChargePoint Inc. ("ChargePoint"); Matthew McCaffree, on behalf of FlashParking, Inc. ("FlashParking"); 6 7 Jeremiah W. Cunningham, on behalf of Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS"); and 8 9 William B. Abbott, on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Staff"). 10 11 PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE POSITIONS TAKEN AND THE ARGUMENTS Ο. 12 MADE BY EACH WITNESS CONCERNING UTILITY OWNERSHIP OF TE INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT. 13 Below are summaries for each witness: 14 Α. 15 Justin Wilson of ChargePoint – Recommends the Commission find it is appropriate for utilities to own make-ready 16 infrastructure to support EV chargers and to have limited ownership of EV chargers 17 may be appropriate if certain conditions are in place;¹ 18 19 Asserts certain checks and balances are necessary to prevent harm to the competitive market;² and 20

ETI'S OWNERSHIP OF TE INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT

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^{\perp} Direct Testimony of Justin Wilson at 4:3-7.

 $^{^{2}}$ Id. at 5:11-20.

1	Contends the EV charging site host must be permitted to choose their preferred EV
2	charging equipment and network service provider.3
3	Matthew McCaffree of FlashParking -
4	Supports ETI's ownership of TE infrastructure and equipment through their support
5	for ETI's TECI-1 Rider; ⁴
6	Recommends that ETI inform customers exploring the TECI Rider that installers
7	and service providers exist that may offer EV charging services that accommodate
8	a customer's specific needs at a competitive price; ⁵ and
9	Recommends the installation and maintenance of electric vehicle supply equipment
10	("EVSE") ports not be limited to electric vehicle service providers ("EVSP")
11	approved solely by ETI.6
12	Jeremiah Cunningham of SPS –
13	Contends vertically integrated utilities should not be precluded or prohibited from
14	owning charging infrastructure; ⁷ and
15	Asserts that, based on private market activity to date, SPS believes it appears likely
16	that market economics in at least some, if not all, areas of Texas, may predicate the
_	³ <i>Id.</i> at 16:5 – 9.
	⁴ Direct Testimony of Matthew McCaffree at 10:17 – 11:2.
	⁵ <i>Id.</i> at 8:4 – 10.
	⁶ Id.

 $^{?}$ Direct Testimony of Jeremiah W. Cunningham at 8:9-10.

l		need for vertically aligned utilities to consider providing EV charging infrastructure
2		where other vendors opt not to pursue opportunities to install such facilities.8
3		William Abbott of Staff –
4		• Recommends ETI's proposed TECI-1 and TECDA-1 Riders and ETI's proposal to
5		be allowed to own TE and charging infrastructure, including vehicle charging
6		facilities, be rejected. ⁹
7	Q.	PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY MR. WILSON
8		ABOUT THE IMPACT ETI'S PARTICIPATION COULD HAVE ON
9		COMPETITION.
10	A.	Mr. Wilson expressed the following concerns that ETI's participation could have on
11		competition:
12		• Utilities are regulated monopolies that have a competitive advantage over other
13		competitors since they can recover all or a portion of the cost of providing EV
14		charging stations and infrastructure from their ratepayers; 10
15		A utility may procure a single equipment provider and single network service
16		provider for all chargers that the utility will own and operate, regardless of the site
17		host's needs and preferences. When a utility removes a site host's ability to choose
18		their preferred equipment and network service provider, it significantly dampens
19		competition and innovation; ¹¹
		⁸ Id. at 9:6 – 9.
		⁹ Direct Testimony of William B. Abbott at 7:7 - 21.
		¹⁰ Direct Testimony of Justin Wilson at 6:14 – 16.

¹¹ *Id.* at 6:17 – 7:8.

1		 ETI's proposal to provide infrastructure and potentially charging equipment is
2		equivalent to the turn-key installation service offered by many non-utility service
3		providers; 12 and
4		• ETI's proposal to recover the costs to install a customer's desired amount of
5		infrastructure and equipment through an on-bill fixed charge over a term chosen by
6		the customer is functionally equivalent to financing offers that are offered by many
7		non-utility service providers. 13
8	Q.	ARE THE CONCERNS CHARGEPOINT RAISED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL
9		IMPACT ON COMPETITION REASONABLE?
10	A.	Yes, they are reasonable concerns. If these concerns are not adequately addressed, ETI's
11		participation in the competitive market could hamper the development and expansion of
12		the competitive market for TE infrastructure and charging equipment.
13	Q.	SPS'S WITNESS, JEREMIAH CUNNINGHAM, ASSERTED THE CURRENT
14		COMPETITIVE MARKET STATUS FOR FAST CHARGING STATIONS IN
15		TEXAS AND SPS'S SERVICE AREA REVEALS THE NEED FOR UTILITY
16		OWNED EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE. DO YOU AGREE?
17	A.	I do not completely agree with Mr. Cunningham's assertion. He asserts that SPS has
18		calculated that Texas's fast charging market is highly concentrated with a Herfindahl-
19		Hirschman Index ("HHI") of 5,785 points. ¹⁴ HHI is a measure of market concentration

¹² Id. at 14:6-8.

¹³ *Id.* at 14:8 – 14.

¹⁴ Direct Testimony of Jeremiah W. Cunningham at 22:13 – 18.

and is used to determine market competitiveness. In proceedings before the PUCT, the HHI has most commonly been reviewed in merger and acquisition filings to evaluate the impact of mergers on the power market in Texas.

However, HHIs do not tend to be static, but will change as the market size and the number of competitors in the market increases. Mr. Cunningham noted the EV adoption has experienced large growth and stated, "In Texas, year over year growth in EV registrations from 2020 to 2021 was more than 55%." Furthermore, ETI's witness, Samantha Hill also provided an extensive discussion of the recent and projected growth in EVs, stating, "With both legacy and start-up vehicle manufacturers setting ambitious goals for EV production and making significant investments in vehicle and battery production, it is expected that the number of EV models that will be available to consumers will more than triple in the next four years, and increase by seven-fold in the next five years." ¹⁶

This growth in the market for EVs should attract additional competitors in the market for fast charging EV stations. Both the growth in the EV market and the expected growth in the number of competitors offering fast charging services would impact the HHIs for the EV charging infrastructure market in Texas.

Furthermore, Mr. Cunningham did not provide any estimates or projections of the impact of allowing large, regulated utility monopolies to participate in the EV charging infrastructure market in their certificated service territories. Mr. Cunningham did not discuss whether allowing utility monopolies with their competitive advantages would

¹⁵ *Id.* at 13:15-18.

¹⁶ Direct Testimony of Samantha F. Hill at 4:5 – 6:11.

1		promote more competitive markets in Texas or deter smaller competitors from entering the
2		markets.
3	Q.	PLEASE DISCUSS THE POINTS RAISED BY MR. ABBOTT IN HIS
4		OPPOSITION OF UTILITY OWNERSHIP OF TE INFRASTRUCTURE AND
5		CHARGING EQUIPMENT.
6	A.	Mr. Abbott's opposition to utility ownership of TE Infrastructure and charging equipment
7		appears to be primarily based on the following contentions:
8		• It is not appropriate for an electric utility in a vertically integrated area to own
9		vehicle-charging facilities or other transportation electrification and charging
10		infrastructure. The ownership of such facilities should be left to competitive
11		providers; 17
12		ETI should not be allowed to own TE and charging infrastructure—including
13		vehicle-charging facilities—in the manner it has proposed in its application. Such
14		ownership should be wholly left to customers or third parties; 18
15		• ETI's requested Rider TECI would inappropriately allow a regulated monopoly to
16		provide a competitive service, contrary to PURA § 11.002 and 16 Texas
17		Administrative Code ("TAC") § 25.1; 19 and

¹⁷ Direct Testimony of William B. Abbott at 7:14 - 17.

¹⁸ *Id.* at 7:18 – 21.

¹⁹ *Id.* at 8:5 – 11.

1		 The TECI rider would likely result in harm to other ratepayers in addition to the
2		potential shifting of costs to other customers if the TECI-1 costs and revenues do
3		not reasonably match up. 20
4	Q.	WHAT IS YOUR POSITION CONCERNING ETI'S OWNERSHIP OF TE
5		INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT?
6	A.	The concerns expressed by Mr. Wilson of ChargePoint about the potential negative impact
7		that ETI's participation could have on a competitive market should be strongly considered
8		in the Commission's decision on this issue. The concerns raised by Mr. Abbott are valid
9		and I do not oppose his recommendations. However, if the Commission determines that it
10		is appropriate for ETI to own electric vehicle-charging facilities or other TE and charging
11		infrastructure, at a minimum the Commission should ensure the following:
12		• Appropriate safeguards are established to ensure ETI's participation in the competitive
13		markets does not hinder the development and expansion of the competitive market for
14		TE infrastructure and charging equipment or unduly limit a TE site host's ability to
15		choose their preferred TE infrastructure and charging equipment;
16		• Appropriate allocations of ETI's overhead costs are assigned to ETI's investment in
17		make-ready transportation electrification infrastructure and charging equipment, ETI's
18		activities to market these services, and ETI's operation and maintenance of associated
19		equipment. These overhead costs should include investment in general and intangible
20		rate base, administrative and general expenses, wages and salaries, property insurance,
21		property taxes, payroll taxes, etc.;

1		 ETI's non-participant retail electric service customers are adequately compensated for
2		the fact that they financially support ETI, as this enables ETI to compete from the
3		advantageous position of being the certificated public utility in its service area and
4		possess immense customer information; and
5		• Adequate steps and procedures are instituted that fully protect ETI's non-participant
6		retail electric service customers from the risk of bearing any costs associated with ETI's
7		investment and efforts to provide make-ready transportation electrification
8		infrastructure and charging equipment, including protection from the risk of default by
9		TECI-1 or TECDA-1 customers.
10		IV. PROPOSALS RELATED TO THE TECDA-1 RIDER
11	Q.	PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE PROPOSALS BY OTHER PARTIES AND STAFF
12		CONCERNING ETI'S PROPOSED TECDA-1 RIDER.
13	A.	Below is a summary of the proposals by the other parties and the Staff:
14		Justin Wilson - ChargePoint
15		Approve the TECDA-1 Rider with the following modifications:
16		 Remove the five-year limitation on customer participation²¹;
17		 Increase the proposed cap on participating EV charging load from 30,000 kW
18		to $50,000 \text{ kW}^{22}$; and

²¹ Direct Testimony of Justin Wilson at 4:12 - 18.

²² Id.

1 Allow all separately metered charging sites that meet the applicable load requirements to participate in the TECDA-1 Rider, regardless of when the 2 charging site became operational.²³ 3 Matthew McCaffree - FlashParking 4 • Approve the TECDA-1 Rider without any changes. 24 5 William Abbott - PUCT Staff 6 Reject ETI's proposed TECDA Rider based on a finding that it is unreasonably 7 8 preferential and discriminatory, is inequitable, and grants an unreasonable 9 preference concerning rates to certain persons in a classification and is not just and reasonable.25 10 WHAT REASON DID MR. WILSON PROVIDE FOR HIS PROPOSAL TO 11 Q. INCREASE THE FIVE-YEAR LIMITATION ON THE TECDA-1 RIDER? 12 Mr. Wilson asserted that the five-year limitation was not necessary to mitigate the impact 13 A. 14 of the rider on other customers because the design of the rider ensures the benefits to participating customers is balanced with the potential impact to non-participant 15 customers.²⁶ Mr. Wilson relies on the claim by ETI witness, Samantha Hill, that the Rider 16 was designed to be "self-correcting." Finally, Mr. Wilson asserts, "Even without the 17 18 five-year limitation, the number of customers participating in the Rider may naturally

²³ Id.

²⁴ Direct Testimony of Matthew McCaffree at 8:18 – 9:5.

²⁵ Direct Testimony of William B. Abbott at 7:8 – 10.

²⁶ Direct Testimony of Justin Wilson at 20:9 – 13.

 $^{^{27}}$ Id. at 20:13-15.

1		decrease over time ensuring any potential impact to non-participating customers remains
2		minimal while continuing to provide demand charge relief to customers that need it."28
3		(Emphasis added)
4	Q.	DID MR. WILSON PROVIDE ANY ANALYSIS SUPPORTING HIS ASSERTION
5		THAT THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON ETI'S NON-PARTICIPATING
6		CUSTOMERS WOULD BE MINIMAL?
7	A.	No, Mr. Wilson provided nothing more than the assertion that the impact would be
8		minimal. Because no analysis supporting this assertion has been provided, it is not possible
9		for this Commission to accurately verify the actual impact on ETI's non-participating
10		customers. It would be valuable for non-participating customers to know the yearly costs
11		associated with adopting Mr. Wilson's proposal to eliminate the five-year limit on the
12		TECDA-1 Rider.
13	Q.	DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. WILSON'S ASSERTION THAT THE RIDER IS
14		"SELF-CORRECTING?"
15	A.	No. According to Merriam-Webster, the definition of "self-correcting" is "correcting or
16		compensating for one's own errors or weaknesses."29 The proposed TECDA-1 Rider is
17		not "self-correcting." The rider simply provides a demand charge discount to customers
18		by capping their billing demand in any month in which their load factor falls below 15%.
19		However, the TECDA-1 Rider does not recover the discount in those months in which the
20		customer's load factor is above 15%.

²⁸ Id. at 20:18 – 21,

²⁹ https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/self-correcting.

1	Q.	DID MR. WILSON PROVIDE OTHER REASONS FOR SUPPORTING THE
2		DEMAND CHARGE DISCOUNT CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSED TECDA-1
3		RIDER?
4	Α.	Mr. Wilson also stated,
5		"Many EV charging sites have sporadic sessions of high demand resulting in
6		unpredictable utilization and lower load factors. This leads to situations where the
7		demand-based (per kW) component of an EV charging site host's electricity bill is
8		far higher than the volumetric (per kWh) component, driving up the "effective cost
9		per kWh" for the site host. In some markets, demand charges can account for as
10		much as 90% of a site host's electricity costs."30
11	Q.	DID MR. WILSON PROVIDE ANY DATA OR EVIDENCE SUPPORTING HIS
12		CLAIMS THAT MANY EV CHARGING SITES HAVE LOWER LOAD FACTORS
13		AND THAT DEMAND CHARGES CAN ACCOUNT FOR AS MUCH AS 90% OF
14		A SITE'S ELECTRICITY COSTS?
15	A.	No. Mr. Wilson provided no data supporting his claim that many EV charging sites have
16		lower load factors. Mr. Wilson also provided no supporting analysis to show that demand
17		charges for any EV charging site served under ETI's standard tariffs could be reasonably
18		expected to account for 90% of the site's electricity costs.
19	Q.	DID MR. WILSON PROVIDE ANY ANALYSIS OR ESTIMATES OF THE
20		IMPACT OF HIS PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE
21		TECDA-1 RIDER FROM 30,000 KW TO 50,000 KW?

 $^{^{30}}$ Direct Testimony of Justin Wilson at 18:17 - 19:2.

1	Α.	No. Mr. Wilson did not provide any analysis or estimates of the cost impact of his proposal
2		to increase the availability by 67% over ETI's proposal. It would be valuable for the
3		Commission and the non-participating customers to know the amount of cost that
4		Mr. Wilson is proposing to be transferred to the non-participating customers. Without that
5		information, the Commission would not be able to determine that it would be reasonable
6		to require non-participating customers to bear these undefined costs.
7	Q.	WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING MR. WILSON'S AND
8		CHARGEPOINT'S RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO ETI'S PROPOSED
9		TECDA-1 RIDER?
10	A.	Because Mr. Wilson did not provide any evidence supporting the recommended changes
11		to ETI's proposed TECDA-1 rider, ChargePoint Inc.'s recommended changes should be
12		rejected.
13	Q.	DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. ABBOTT'S POSITION THAT THE TECDA-1
14		RIDER WOULD BE UNREASONABLY PREFERENTIAL, DISCRIMINATORY,
15		AND INEQUITABLE, AS IT GRANTS AN UNREASONABLE PREFERENCE
16		CONCERNING RATES TO CERTAIN CUSTOMERS?
17	A.	I agree that the TECDA-1 Rider would be unreasonably preferential and discriminatory,
18		is inequitable and grants an unreasonable preference concerning rates to certain customers
19		in a classification if the unrecovered demand charges are recovered from non-participating
20		customers. As stated in my direct testimony, "The under-recovered demand revenues that

result from the application of the billing demand cap in the TECDA-1 Rider should not be borne by other customers."³¹

If the TECDA-1 Rider is approved by the Commission, the proposed load factor-based billing demand cap would be a discounted rate pursuant to PURA § 36.007(a). No other customers within the General Service, Large General Service or Industrial Power Service rates are provided similar demand caps and the intent of this demand cap is to promote expansion of EV infrastructure. Consequently, PURA 36.007(d) states, "Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the commission shall ensure that the electric utility's allocable costs of serving customers paying discounted rates under this section are not borne by the utility's other customers."

V. CONCLUSION

Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

13 A. In this testimony, I made the following recommendations:

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- If the Commission determines it is appropriate for ETI to own make-ready TE infrastructure and charging equipment, the Commission should at a minimum ensure the following:
 - O Appropriate safeguards are established that ensures ETI's participation in the competitive markets does not hinder the development and expansion of the competitive market for TE infrastructure and charging equipment or unduly limits

Direct Testimony and Workpapers of Evan D. Evans at 11:6-7.

1			a TE site host's ability to choose their preferred TE infrastructure and charging
2			equipment;
3		0	Appropriate allocations of ETI's overhead costs are assigned to ETI's investment
4			in make-ready transportation electrification infrastructure and charging equipment,
5			ETI's activities to market these services, and ETI's operation and maintenance of
6			associated equipment. These overhead costs should include investment in general
7			and intangible rate base, administrative and general expenses, wages and salaries,
8			property insurance, property taxes, payroll taxes, etc.;
9		0	ETI's non-participant retail electric service customers are adequately compensated
10			for the fact that they financially support ETI, which enables ETI to compete from
11			the advantageous position of being the certificated public utility in its service area
12			and possess immense customer information; and
13		0	Adequate steps and procedures are instituted that fully protect ETI's non-
14			participant retail electric service customers from bearing any costs or risk
15			associated with ETI's investment and efforts to provide make-ready transportation
16			electrification infrastructure and charging equipment, including protection from the
17			risk of default by TECI-1 or TECDA-1 customers.
18	•	Be	cause ChargePoint did not provide any evidence supporting their recommended
19		cha	anges to ETI's proposed TECDA-1 rider, their recommended changes should be
20		rej	ected;

- Because no party has provided evidence supporting the argument that the demand
 discount contained in the proposed TECDA-1 Rider will have little to no impact on
 other customers, that demand discount should be rejected;
 - Pursuant to Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") § 36.007(d), any demand charge discounts associated with the demand cap contained in ETI's proposed TECDA-1 Rider constitute discounted rates which should not be borne by ETI's other customers.

7 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

8 A. Yes, it does.

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