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- 1 A. Hi. Thank you.
- 2 Q. Today -- well, first, I'll say I'm handing you
- 3 what's been marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 485. Plaintiff's
- 4 Exhibit 485 is United States Notice of Deposition of
- 5 Defendant LTB1-LLC; correct?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. And, Mr. Johnson, you are appearing as the
- 8 representative of LTB1-LLC today; correct?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. If at any time during this -- Mr. Johnson, if I
- 11 ask you a question and you answer from some source other
- 12 than your own personal knowledge, will you let me know?
- 13 A. I will, thank you.
- 14 Q. Thank you. All right. Another couple reminders
- 15 about depositions. My questions and your answers will be
- 16 recorded by the court reporter, so you need to speak loudly
- 17 enough for her to hear you, and answer my questions
- 18 verbally. Will you do that?
- 19 A. I will. I will try. Thank you. And I'll stop
- 20 using the word we.
- 21 Q. Great. And, also, I'm gonna remind you to, and
- 22 I'll do my best, to please wait until I'm finished asking my
- 23 question before you start your answer.
- 24 A. Okay.
- 25 Q. And, as with all the depositions, your
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- 1 participation today is to give full and complete answers.
- 2 Do you understand that obligation?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And if you do not understand a question that I
- 5 ask, will you continue to ask -- let me know that?
- 6 A. Yes
- 7 Q. And if it happens again, as it has on occasion, if
- 8 you remember additional information that would clarify or
- 9 supplement a previous answer, will you let me know?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Mr. Johnson, is there anything today that would
- 12 prevent you from understanding and answering my questions
- 13 with the full capacity of your recollection?
- 14 A. No
- 15 Q. Are you taking any medications or drugs of any
- 16 kind that might interfere with your memory?
- 17 A. No
- 18 Q. Have you had anything alcoholic to drink in the
- 19 last eight hours?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Are you currently under a doctor's care for any
- 22 illness?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. Mr. Johnson, what does LTB1-LLC, do?
- 25 A. It isn't involved in any operations at the present

1 time.

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- Q. So LTB1-LLC does not currently do anything?
- 3 A. No. It is no longer even an active company.
- 4 Q. Okay. Let's start with when was LTB1-LLC formed?

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- 5 A. I'm not sure when it was formed, but it's, yeah,
- 6 it was sometime in around 2006 or 7. Something like that.
- 7 I'm not sure exactly when.
- Q. And when was LTB1-LLC -- was it dissolved?
- 9 A. It was dissolved in 2016, I believe, or 2015, but
- 10 I'm not exactly positive.
- 11 Q. Okay. So during the time of its existence, what,
- 12 if anything, did LTB1-LLC do?
- 13 A. It had no operations or management functions or
- 14 disseminating of any information for any customers directly
- 15 or indirectly.
- 16 Q. So did it do anything?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Who owned LTB1-LLC?
- 19 A. I'm not sure. It could have been DCL-16A, but I'm
- 20 not sure.
- 21 Q. Do you have any documentation that would show who
- 22 owned LTB1-LLC?
- 23 A. No. But I -- I've been told that you have that
- 24 information.
- 25 Q. Who told you that?
 - A. My previous attorney that says they turned over
 - 2 all the documents.
 - 3 Q. Was that Justin Heideman?
 - 4 A. Justin Heideman, yes.
 - 5 Q. Do you have any other corporate documentation for
 - 6 LTB1-LLC?
 - 7 A. No. But if you don't have those, we can -- we can
 - 8 certainly get those to you.
 - 9 Q. Did LTB-1, LLC, ever have a bank account?
- 10 A. No, it did not.
- 11 Q. During the time of its existence, who was in
- 12 charge of making decisions for LTB1-LLC?
- 13 A. I think Chris Taylor was the manager of LTB1 for
- 14 most of the -- most of its existence.
- 15 Q. Anyone other than Chris Taylor?
- 16 A. I'm not positive whether I was the manager at some
- 17 time of LTB1 or not, but I could have been. And, again, the
- 18 documentation, if you don't have it, we could probably get
- 19 that to you if you need to.
- 20 Q. So do you, Mr. Johnson, recall ever having made
- 21 decisions on behalf of LTB1-LLC?
- 22 A. No. There was no decision to be made other than
- 23 the organization procedures.
- 24 Q. So what, if anything, did you think LTB1
- 25 actually -- let me withdraw that.

Who decided to create LTB1-LLC?

- 2 A. Neldon Johnson as an individual.
- 3 Q. What inspired you to create LTB1-LLC?
- 4 A. I'm not sure of the rationale behind it, but we
- 5 felt like there should be an independent company that would
- 6 operate and maintain the energy production when it became 7 relevant.
- 8 Q. When you say "we," do you mean "I"?
- 9 A. I mean "I." Excuse me. I'm trying to get over
- 10 that. I been cussed out enough for that, so I'm trying to
- 11 improve myself.

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- 12 Q. Mr. Johnson, why did you believe it would be a
- 13 good idea to have an independent company to operate and
- 14 maintain did you say energy production?
- 15 A. It was -- it was a personal decision made by the
- 16 information that I could -- that I -- that I would study
- 17 personally the laws involved and the legal responsibilities
- 18 of the different companies, and it looked to me that it
- 19 would be better to -- to make different companies to do
- 20 different operations in order to make it clear and distinct
- 21 who was responsible for everyone involved so there would be
- 22 no question of what the responsibilities were, nor the
- 23 people involved in the operations.
- 24 And it would be clearly discerned who was
- 25 responsible for the operation and maintenance and their

- Page 9 1 A. No, I have not.
 - 2 Q. So since 2006 or 2007 when it was created through

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- 3 the time that it was dissolved, LTB1 did not have any daily
- 4 operations; correct?
- 5 A. That is correct.
- 6 Q. We talked a bit in the last couple of days about
- 7 another entity called LTB-LLC. Do you remember that?
- 8 A. I believe so, yes.
- 9 Q. What's the difference between LTB1-LLC and
- 10 LTB-LLC?
- 11 A. The only difference would be the name, the
- 12 operations. Or it would be -- it would be the same
- 13 requirements for both companies.
- 14 Q. What does LTB stand for?
- 15 A. Lions, tigers, and bears.
- 16 MR. PAUL: Oh, my.
- 17 THE WITNESS: It was just something that I thought was
- 18 funny.
- 19 MS. GALLAGHER: Thank you for explaining that. Okay.
- 20 THE WITNESS: I just thought it rhymed and I thought
- 21 that's clever. I like that. I needed something to remember
- 22 it. Why the acronym.
- 23 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) So do you recall,
- 24 Mr. Johnson -- I'll withdraw that.
- 25 Did you form or have formed LTB-LLC?

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- 1 qualifications so there would be no question that the
- 2 information was not fully disclosed as to who would do what
- 3 in any circumstances. So that was the rationale. Because
- 4 of the way the laws are written, we felt like that in order
- 5 to eliminate a possible overreach in who was responsible by
- 6 putting those companies together, it would make it a clear,
- 7 defining role for each individuals' responsibilities.
- 8 Q. And by "we," do you mean "I?"
- 9 A. I mean "I," yes. Thanks. Excuse me again.
- 10 Q. Did LTB1 ever have any employees?
- 11 A. No, they did not.
- 12 Q. Did LTB1 ever make any money?
- 13 A. No, it did not.
- 14 Q. And I'll ask that a different way. Did anyone
- 15 ever pay any money to LTB1?
- 16 A. No, they did not other than for the legal fees
- 17 required to create the company.
- 18 Q. Okay. Who paid that money in?
- A. Mr. Johnson did.
- 20 Q. So, Mr. Johnson, you paid money for LTB to be
- 21 created -- I'm sorry. You paid money for LTB1 to be created
- 22 as an entity?
- 23 A. I believe that's correct. It's my recollection.
- 24 Q. Do you recall having paid in any other money to
- 25 LTB1?

- 1 A. I did, yes.
 - 2 Q. And what was your intention when you formed LTB?
 - 3 What did you anticipate it would do?
 - 4 A. I anticipated the same as for LTB1; that it would
 - 5 disseminate a particular operation for maybe a particular
 - 6 need to operate a different power plant. We have properties
 - 7 in Texas and in California and various places in Utah, and I
 - 8 believe in some places various other entities that we are
 - 9 looking to operate, and we probably would want separate
 - 10 operations in those areas.
 - 11 Q. So was your goal for LTB-LLC, to have an
 - 12 independent company to operate and maintain energy
 - 13 production?
 - 14 A. That is correct.
 - 15 Q. Do you recall when you formed LTB-LLC?
 - 16 A. I do not recall the date when that was formed.
 - 17 Q. Would it -- was it before or after you formed LTB?
 - 18 A. It was -- I think it was before LTB1, to be quite
 - 19 honest. But, there again, I don't have a permanent
 - 20 recollection.
 - 21 Q. Is LTB-LLC, still in existence?
 - 22 A. I don't believe it is. I think it's also
 - 23 dissolved.
 - 24 Q. Why is LTB dissolved?
 - 25 A. I believe it was because the -- the place where it

- 1 was organized the laws had changed and it was requiring more
- 2 legal expenses to maintain its viability.
- 3 Q. And was that in Nevada?
- 4 A. I believe it was, yes.
- 5 Q. Same question for LTB1. Why is LTB1 dissolved?
- 6 A. For the same reason.
- 7 Q. Okay. Have you formed any other company to
- 8 operate and maintain energy production?
- 9 A. Yes. I believe it's LTB-O&M.
- 10 Q. Is that LTB-O&M?
- 11 A. O&M, yes. Capital O and capital M, LLC.
- 12 Q. Is LTB-O&M intended to be an independent company
- 13 to operate and maintain energy production?
- 14 A. Yes, it is.
- 15 Q. Was it formed for any other purpose?
- 16 A. No, it was not.
- 17 Q. And you formed or had formed LTB-O&M?
- 18 A. I did, yes.
- 19 Q. And that's organized under the laws of Utah?
- 20 A. That is correct.
- 21 Q. Have you formed any other companies to operate and
- 22 maintain energy production?
- 23 A. I do not believe I have.
- 24 Q. Has LTB1 -- well, first, I'll ask this -- no.
- 25 Withdrawn.

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- Who was the manager for LTB?
- 2 A. There I'm not positive, but I think it was Chris
- 3 Taylor. But, there again, I'm not positive.
- 4 Q. Has it been anyone else?
- 5 A. It could have been. I may have changed it to
- 6 indicate that I would act as the manager of LTB and LTB1.
- 7 Q. Has LTB-LLC, had any employees?
- 8 A. It has not.
- 9 Q. Has LTB-LLC, ever had a bank account?
- 10 A. No, it has not.
- 11 Q. Has LTB-LLC, ever done anything?
- 12 A. It has not.
- 13 Q. Do you know who owned LTB-LLC?
- 14 A. I do not, but I believe it could be DCL-16A.
- 15 Q. Do you have any corporate documents for LTB-LLC?
- 16 A. I -- I -- I would hope that they would have given
- 17 them to you, but if you don't have those, I'm -- Dave Nelson
- 18 would have those and I'd be happy to give those to you.
- 19 Q. Okay. Mr. Johnson, what, if any, decisions have
- 20 you made on behalf of LTB-LLC?
- 21 A. Other than the organization, there hasn't been any
- 22 decisions that were required to be made for either of the
- 23 companies.
- 24 Q. Has anyone ever paid money into LTB-LLC?
- 25 A. Other than money required to keep it active or --

1 or to organize the company, there hasn't been any other

- 2 funds made available to LTB, LTB1, or LTB O&M.
- 3 Q. And, Mr. Johnson, did you pay the fees to maintain
- 4 LTB's legal status?
- 5 A. I believe that's true, but it may have been money
- 6 from another company, but I do believe it was my personal
- 7 funds that -- that paid for those.
- 8 Q. Other than money paid into LTB-LLC, in order to
- 9 maintain its legal status, has there ever been any other
- 10 money paid into LTB-LLC?
- 11 A. No, there has not.
- 12 Q. What, if any, relationship does LTB1-LLC have with
- 13 LTB-LLC?
- 14 A. There is no relationships at all.
- 15 Q. For LTB-O&M, and that's an ampersand; right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Right. In between the O and the M?
- 18 A. That's correct, yes.
- 19 Q. Do you recall about when LTB-O&M was formed?
- 20 A. I believe it was late 2016, but, there again, it's
- 21 not a positive position.
- 22 Q. Who is it that owns LTB-O&M?
- 23 A. I believe it's DCL-16A, but I -- there again, I
- 24 will get you the documents if you need to have those.
- 25 Q. Who is the manager for LTB-O&M?

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- 1 A. That would be Mr. Johnson, Neldon Johnson.
- 2 Q. Has anyone else ever been the manager for LTB-LLC?
- 3 A. No, there has not been any other managers.
- 4 Q. Does LTB-O&M have any employees?
- 5 A. No, it does not.
- 6 Q. Does LTB-O&M have a bank account?
- 7 A. No, it does not.
- 8 Q. Is anyone other than you authorized to make
- 9 decisions on behalf of LTB-O&M?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Is anyone other than you authorized -- well, I'll
- 12 withdraw that.
- 13 During LTB-LLC's, existence, was anyone other than
- 14 you and Chris Taylor authorized to make decisions on behalf
- 15 of LTB?
- 16 A. No, there was none.
- 17 Q. For LTB1-LLC, other than you and Chris Taylor, was
- 18 anyone authorized to make decisions on behalf of LTB1-LLC?
- 19 A. No, there was not.
- 20 Q. Has anyone ever paid money into LTB-O&M?
- 21 A. No, there was -- no, other than the legal
- 22 requirements, but no.
- 23 Q. So then my understanding is money was paid into
- 24 LTB-O&M in order to form the company; correct?
- A. That's correct.

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1 Q. And you paid that money?

2 A. I believe that's true.

3 Q. Has anyone other than you paid any money into

4 LTB-O&M?

5 A. No. No, there has not been.

6 Q. What, if any, relationship does LTB-O&M have with

7 LTB-LLC?

8 A. There is no relationship.

9 Q. What, if any, relationship does LTB-O&M have with

10 LTB1-LLC?

11 A. There is no relationship.

12 Q. Do any of the LTB entities that we've talked about

13 today had a business -- had or have -- let me just start

14 that again. We'll just walk through it.

15 For LTB-LLC, did it ever have a relationship with

16 International Automated Systems?

17 A. No, it did not.

18 Q. For LTB1-LLC, did it ever have a relationship with

19 IAS?

A. No, it didn't.

21 Q. For LTB-O&M, does it have any relationship with

22 IAS?

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23 A. No, it does not.

24 Q. Are there any contracts between IAS and any of the

25 LTB entities?

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A. No, there is not.

Q. Has LTB-LLC ever paid any person as an independent

3 contractor?

4 A. No, they have not.

5 Q. Did LTB1-LLC pay any person as an independent

6 contractor?

7 A. No, they have not.

8 Q. Has LTB O&M paid any person as a contractor?

9 A. No, they have not.

10 Q. What, if any, relationship did LTB-LLC have with

11 RaPower3?

12 A. There is -- there's no relationship between the

13 two companies.

14 Q. What, if any, relationship did LTB1-LLC have with

15 RaPower3?

16 A. There is no relationship.

17 Q. What, if any, relationship does LTB-O&M have with

18 RaPower3?

19 A. There is no relationship.

20 Q. What, if any, relationship do the LTB entities

21 have with Cobblestone Center?

22 A. There is no relationships.

Q. What, if any, relationship did the LTB entities

24 have with Exxon Energy?

25 A. There is no relationships.

1 Q. And what, if any, relationship did the LTB

2 entities have with Solco1?

3 A. There is no relationship.

4 Q. What, if any, relationship do the LTB entities

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5 have with Gregory Shepard?

A. There is no relationship with Greg Shepard.

7 Q. What, if any, relationship do the LTB entities

8 have with Roger Freeborn?

A. There is no relationship.

10 Q. What, if anything, does Mrs. Glenda Johnson do for

11 any of the LTB entities?

12 A. There is no relationship with Glenda Johnson in

13 any of the LTB companies.

14 Q. So she doesn't do anything for them?

15 A. There is no -- she doesn't do anything.

16 Q. Mr. Johnson, you mentioned Chris Taylor a couple

17 of times with respect to the LTB entities. When was Chris

18 Taylor involved with any LTB entity?

19 A. I'm not sure. It'd probably be from the exception

20 til he left the employment of International Automated

21 Systems.

22 Q. When did he leave employment?

23 A. I'm not positive, but I thought it was right

24 around 2010 or 2011. There may have been a different

25 period.

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1 Q. When was Chris Taylor hired -- well, let me ask

2 you this: You talked about Chris Taylor in relationship to

3 a couple of the entities --

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. -- here, so when did you first meet Chris Taylor?

6 A. In the 19 -- early 1990s.

7 Q. How did you meet Mr. Taylor?

8 A. He -- he applied for a position with the company

9 and I hired him.

10 Q. What position was that?

11 A. International Automated Systems as just an -- at

12 the time he was just a -- he worked in one of my grocery

13 stores as just a laborer, you know, something like that.

14 Q. So he applied to IAS to work in a grocery store?

15 A. Right. We had -- we had several entities that

16 I've owned and operated and --

17 Q. What --

18 A. -- and I hired him there to help with some of the

19 operations.

20 Q. That's my next question. What was Mr. Taylor's

21 first job with IAS?

22 A. Stocking shelves. He was quite young at the time,

23 so.

24 Q. Did you say he was stocking shelves?

25 A. Yeah. He was shocking shelves probably.

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- 1 Q. Do you remember how old he was at this time?
- 2 A. He was in his early 20s, I believe, but I'm not 3 positive.
- Q. At the time you hired Mr. Taylor, what, if any, 4
- 5 formal education had he had?
- A. He hadn't any beyond -- there was -- excuse me. 6
- 7 There wasn't any formal education beyond high school.
- 8 Q. What was Mr. Taylor's next job for you or one of 9 your entities?
- 10 A. I think I began to train him and teach him how to
- 11 program, and so he was a -- it would be more like a paid,
- what do you call them, apprentice.
- Q. When you say you began training him, do you mean 13
- 14 you began training him in how to program?
- A. That's correct. 15
- 16 Q. And what do you mean when you say how to program?
- A. I was teaching him how to use the various 17
- 18 programming languages that were available at the time such
- 19 as Pascal, C++, C+#, various -- the various programming
- 20 languages that were available at that time.
- Q. So you mean computer programming? 21
- A. Computer programming. Excuse me. Yes. 22
- 23 Q. About when did you start training Mr. Taylor in
- 24 computer programming?
- 25 A. I'm not exactly positive, but I'd seen it in

- 2 your entities, while he was training in computer
- programming?
- A. He may have done odds and ends, but nothing of a
- particular assignment.
- Q. Okay. So then you said he became an excellent
- programmer and he worked with you on developing technology 7

Q. Did he do any other work while, for you or one of

- 8 based on tasks that you assigned him; correct?
 - A. That is correct, yes.
- 10 Q. About how long did he do that?
- 11 A. For the next -- until he quit, whenever --
- 12 whenever he did that in 2010 or '11 when he left the
- 13 company.

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- Q. From the time he finished the training program to 14
- 15 the time that he quit, did Mr. Taylor do any other work for
- 16 you or any of your entities besides programming computer
- 17 programs?
- 18 A. There may have been odds and ends, but nothing of
- 19 substantial difference.
- 20 Q. By the time Mr. Taylor quit in or around 2010, had
- 21 he completed any formal education?
- 22 A. No. Not that I know of. If he did, he didn't --
- 23 I wasn't aware of it.
- 24 Q. By the time Mr. Taylor guit in 2010, to your
- 25 knowledge, did he have any other job experience other than

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- 1 the -- in the mid to late 1990s.
- 2 Q. How did Mr. Taylor's job -- I'm sorry. Let me
- 3
- 4 While you were training him in what you called a
- paid apprenticeship, was he making money from IAS?
- 6 A. That is correct.
- 7 Q. How did Mr. Taylor's job evolve from there?
- 8 A. That's where we -- he became, I think, a excellent
- programmer. He was involved in several of the programming
- 10 of various positions and inventions that I was involved
- 11 with, and technologies that we were developing, and he
- 12 helped with some of the programming assignments that I gave 13 him.
- 14 Q. And, actually, let's go back to when you were
- 15 training him on computer programming. While you were
- 16 training him on computer programming, was Mr. Taylor
- performing any other job tasks for you or IAS?
- 18 A. He was -- he was performing other work when he was
- 19 not involved in the training program such as stocking
- 20 shelves or -- or helping in the management of one of my
- 21 grocery stores.
- Q. Okay. But while he was learning computer
- 23 programming, otherwise, he was engaged in helping you at the 23
- 24 grocery store?
- 25 A. That is correct, yes.

1 what you described that he's done for you?

- A. No. He had none. Other than I put him in some
- 3 kind of a management role, I believe in one of my -- in the
- 4 later -- in his later years, in one of the grocery stores.
- 5 So had some management responsibilities.
- 6 Q. What, if any, experience did Mr. Taylor have with
- 7 solar energy technology?
- A. He may have had a little bit of experience working
- 9 with me in some areas of the solar energy, but it wasn't his
- 10 primary responsibilities.

24 mostly work on?

- Q. Do you recall at all what areas of the solar 11
- 12 technology he might have been exposed to?
- A. There would have -- it would have been minor 13
- 14 things when I asked for some help on a particular item, but
- 15 it wasn't a permanent position that he would operate in on a 16 normal day.
- 17 Q. Did his work with respect to the solar energy
- 18 technology relate to computer programming?
- 19 A. Some, but most of it would have been in other
- 20 entities rather than the solar. And I was involved in a
- great deal of technology at the time, and so he would have
- 22 been primarily in other areas of the company.
- Q. What sorts of other technologies did Mr. Taylor
- 25 A. Well, we -- we worked -- we developed the front

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- 1 end system and there would be ongoing programming that was
- 2 used in keeping that program, you know, if there was errors
- 3 or problems to be solved. And so I wrote the program in
- 4 early 19 -- in 1980, I guess, or '79. But there were
- 5 ongoing things to make the program kept current on -- on
- what its responsibilities were.
- 7 Q. When you say the front end system, what do you 8 mean?
- 9 A. The automatic front end system used in Wal-Marts
- 10 and K -- whatever grocery stores where you automatically
- check yourself through are my pins, and so we were involved
- heavily in much of the programming and that -- developed
- that -- that system. 13
- 14 Q. So that system is what took up most of
- 15 Mr. Taylor's time during the time he worked for you?
- 16 A. Well, that and then we were working on a way to
- 17 automate the -- we were automating restaurants and the way
- to order and the way to create a more automated restaurant
- system, and we did a prototype of that in an area, and he
- was involved in that as well.
- 21 Q. Aside from the two technologies you mentioned, the
- 22 grocery stores and the restaurants, what, if anything else,
- 23 took up most of Mr. Taylor's time when he worked for you?
- 24 A. Well, we were involved in several other patents of 25 communication and developing other patents such as

- Q. Did Mr. Taylor work on the computer program that
 - 2 we heard about yesterday in particular that RaPower3 uses to
 - 3 track the solar lenses?
 - A. He worked on the first model and -- and -- but
 - 5 since then we've -- since then I've changed the entire
 - 6 program. But the first model that we used, he did a lot of
 - 7 the programming on that.
 - Q. When was the first model created?
 - 9 A. Not exactly positive, but I think it was right
 - 10 around 2007, 9, 8, 9. Something in that neighborhood.
 - Q. Before 2010? 11
 - 12 A. I believe so, yes.
 - 13 Q. Mr. Johnson, why was Chris Taylor the original
 - 14 manager for any of the LTB entities?
 - 15 A. Probably mostly because of his loyalty and his
 - 16 ability to critically think in areas that would require
 - 17 those particular skills, especially in being able to manage
 - 18 people. He seemed to be very well adapted to people skills
 - 19 and the ability to -- to relate information to other people
 - 20 in a way that they would comprehend what was needed. And he
 - 21 could then communicate with other people that they needed to
 - 22 work in other areas that he wasn't trained in, but still
 - 23 could manage the operation.
 - 24 Q. Had Mr. Taylor ever operated and maintained energy
 - 25 production?

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- 1 developing new pennies on new computers as well as we were
- the -- we were -- we received the patents on the
- 3 fingerprint, automatic fingerprint technology where a
- 4 computer system would automatically read your fingerprint
- 5 and identify it and then create a number from that which
- 6 would fit on the credit cards.
- 7 We also did facial recognitions with that program.
- We were the first one to introduce facial recognitions. We
- were also involved in developing a new banking system and
- where the transactions are secure on every transaction or it
- 11 becomes an independent transaction which is non-repeatable
- 12 and that it can't be used once that transaction has been
- used to facilitate in making transactions wireless so that
- 14 when -- when the transaction went over the airways, it was
- 15 unusable.
- 16 If someone picks that transaction up, it cannot be
- 17 disseminated or reused in any fashion, and so it makes
- wireless transactions protected. There's another patent
- 19 that we have on that as well that's been issued now.
- 20 Q. So if you could give me an idea imagining
- 21 Mr. Taylor's work for IAS as a big pie --
- 22 A. Right.
- 23 Q. -- what percentage of the pie had to do with the
- 24 solar energy technology?
- A. Less than 10 percent. 25

- A. No, he had not. No.
- 2 Q. Why did IAS and Mr. Taylor part company?
- 3 A. I trained him too well, I believe, and he got a
- 4 better job and he'd get paid more than I would pay him.
- 5 Q. Where did he go?
- 6 A. I don't know where he went, but I know that he
- 7 told me that he -- that he got a better position with --
- 8 with more money and he felt like that it would be an
- 9 improvement for his -- improving his portfolio in leaving my
- 10 company and going with another company and in relationships
- 11 to his ability to create a better portfolio and move up, so.
- 12 But we -- I think we parted on good terms.
- 13 Q. Are you still in contact with him at all?
- 14 A. I've talked to him at parties and different things
- 15 where we've communicated, and we seem friendly. I hope he
- 16 appreciates the work that I -- that we gave, the
- 17 opportunities, and I'm happy for him that we were able to
- 18 improve his life. He -- and I think we did. I think his
- 19 life was improved because of our association.
- 20 Q. I'm handing you what's previously been marked
- 21 Plaintiff's Exhibit 508, and I just want to take a look
- 22 there at Manager/Member where it says Chris Taylor. It also
- 23 says BS Computer Science. Do you see that (indicating)?
- 24 A. Where at? Right there. Okay. Yeah, okay. This
- 25 isn't something I wrote or I'm even aware of, but I do not

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- 1 believe that he had -- he may have now or he did get one. I
- 2 am not sure. But as far as I know, he didn't ever graduate
- 3 from a college.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. But I don't know how my relationship in teaching
- 6 him or whether or not he got a school that gave credits for
- 7 work that -- you know how you can get credits for just
- 8 working at a particular organization? Some schools offer
- 9 that. But whether that's true or not, I have no way of
- 10 knowing.
- 11 Q. So to your knowledge, though, Mr. Taylor never got
- 12 an undergraduate degree?
- 13 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.
- 14 Q. What, if any, experience did Mr. Taylor have with
- 15 interconnecting to the electrical grid?
- 16 A. As far as I know, there wasn't any knowledge that
- 17 he had in making those kinds of decisions.
- 18 Q. And what, if any, experience did Mr. Taylor have
- 19 with respect to what would be needed for a power purchase
- 20 agreement?
- 21 A. That -- that I do not know. I don't know what
- 22 kind of education you would have to have to develop a power
- 23 purchase agreement. I don't believe there's a
- 24 knowledge-based qualifications or a license required for
- 25 that.

e. I 1 Q. Okay. So --

- 2 A. There hasn't been any technical knowledge required
- 3 to do that.
- 4 Q. I understand the -- I understand that.
- 5 A. Okay.
- 6 Q. And I'm asking about to your knowledge, has Chris
- 7 Taylor ever actually negotiated a power purchase agreement?
- 8 A. No, he hasn't done that. No. This -- can I make
- 9 an observation?
- 10 MR. PAUL: You should wait for a question.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Can I -- I just want to relate to a
- 12 question about this profile that you've -- you've handed me.
- 13 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Do you need to supplement or
- 14 change any answer you've given so far?
- 15 A. Well, I just want a clarification of what you
- 16 consider a marketing contractor and coordinator for grid
- 17 interconnections as it relates to Chris Taylor. Are you --
- 18 are you placing those two people together?
- 19 Q. Sir, I have no idea about this document. Your
- 20 former attorneys produced this to us, so --
- 21 A. Right. But all I'm saying is, in your mind, would
- 22 the way you read this, in your mind, did you put the plant
- 23 manager and the marketing contractor together because I --
- 24 I -- I don't read it that way. But if you have, I would
- 25 like to clarify that I do not believe these two people would

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- 1 MS. GALLAGHER: Could you read back my last question, 2 please (to the reporter).
- 3 (The record was read as follows:
- 4 "Q And what, if any, experience did
- 5 Mr. Taylor have with respect to what would be
- 6 needed for a power purchase agreement?")
- 7 THE WITNESS: And I can't answer that because I don't
- 8 know what the requirements would be for that.
- 9 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Sir, what, if any, experience,
- 10 to your knowledge, did Mr. Taylor have with negotiating a
- 11 power purchase agreement?
- 12 A. There again, I'm not -- to negotiate it is a term
- 13 used for people in business to develop relationships.
- 14 Q. Sir, I'm not asking --
- 15 A. And I'm not -- and I'm not positive how those
- 16 would relate to a power purchase agreement.
- 17 Q. I'm asking about whether you know if Mr. Taylor
- 18 had any experience negotiating a power purchase agreement.
- 19 A. And I said I don't know because I don't know if
- 20 there's qualifications that he's had that would help him
- 21 negotiate a particular power purchase agreement. There --
- 22 as far as I know, there isn't any other than visiting with
- 23 people and getting them to say yes, I agree to this is -- is
- 24 the only -- is the only experience I've ever had in
- 25 developing a power purchase agreement.

- 1 be the same individuals (indicating).
 - 2 Q. Okay.
 - 3 A. Okay? That's all I'm saying.
 - 4 MR. PAUL: Are you including 508 as an exhibit to the
 - 5 deposition?
 - 6 MS. GALLAGHER: Yes. Go off the record for a second.
 - 7 (Discussion held off the record.)
 - 8 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) So, Mr. Johnson, we've talked
 - 9 about Cobblestone Center's business purpose, and I'm just
 - 10 trying to understand how, if at all, any of the LTB entities
 - 11 relate to that, so I'm gonna ask you some questions. Let me
 - 12 know if I'm wrong.
 - 13 Is the idea that Cobblestone Center would build
 - 14 towers and install lenses and then once the lenses are
 - 15 installed, an LTB entity would then operate and maintain the
 - 16 lenses?
 - 17 A. That is correct.
 - 18 Q. Is that arrangement in writing anywhere?
 - 19 A. There is no relationship between LTBs, or any of
- 20 the LTB names, associated with the Cobblestone. Cobblestone
- 21 does not have the authority to designate who will operate or
- 22 maintain the operation. They only have a position where
- 23 they perform certain duties that are relegated to them by
- 24 Mr. Johnson himself.
- 25 MS. GALLAGHER: Could you read back my question (to the

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1 reporter).

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 - Cobblestone Center's business purpose, and I'm
- 5 just trying to understand how, if at all, any of
- 6 the LTB entities relate to that, so I'm gonna ask
- 7 you some questions. Let me know if I'm wrong. Is
- 8 the idea that Cobblestone Center would build
- 9 towers and install lenses and then once the lenses
- 10 are installed, an LTB entity would then operate
- 11 and maintain the lenses?")
- 12 MS. GALLAGHER: And so I think the answer to that was
- 13 yes, and then the next question.
- THE REPORTER: Oh, sorry. 14
- MS. GALLAGHER: That's okay. 15
- THE REPORTER: I went too far. 16
- (The record was read as follows: 17
- 18 Is that arrangement in writing
- 19 anywhere?")
- 20 THE WITNESS: No. But the two questions are not
- related in the fact that you would imply that Cobblestone
- 22 had some legal right given to them to designate then who
- 23 would, in fact, operate those towers. And they do not have
- 24 that right or obligation.
- 25 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Who has that right?

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- 1 A. Neldon Johnson.
- 2 Q. So you, Mr. Johnson, have the right to identify
- 3 the company that will operate and maintain the lenses once
- they are installed?
- 5 A. That is -- that is my recollection as to the way
- 6 the companies operate.
- 7 Q. Is it your intention, Mr. Johnson, for LTB-O&M to
- 8 be the entity designated to operate and maintain lenses once
- they were installed on the current construction site?
- A. Yes. Up to this point, as long as things do not 10
- 11 change or there isn't a better option available to us, then
- we will then proceed with the -- with the program that LTB
- would then be the operating company of those entities.
- Q. And you mean LTB-O&M? 14
- 15 A. Yes, I do. LTB-O&M.
- Q. Do you have any other companies under 16
- 17 consideration to be the operation and maintenance companies? 17 Hawaii. And I think there was a contract developed back in
- 18 A. There have been a number of groups of people that
- 19 would like to -- to operate and maintain the power plant.
- 20 They have given us some information about the companies. I
- 21 do not recollect who, but there has been a number of
- 22 entities that have had experience in that area. My brother.
- 23 Elwin Johnson, is a electrical engineer that was operated --
- 24 or was involved in the operation of a company, a power
- 25 company called Albuquerque Power in New Mexico.

Q. You just testified that other companies have been

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- 2 interested in being the operation and maintenance company
- 3 for the lenses; is that right?
- A. I may have misspoke. Other people would like to
- 5 form companies together with other people. The companies at
- this time I don't believe are in operation.
- 7 Q. Oh, okay. So individuals have expressed interest
- in creating companies that would perform the operation and
- maintenance for the lenses; is that right?
- 10 A. That is correct.
- 11 Q. Who are those people?
- 12 A. I don't know who they are. There's just been a
- 13 number of people that have brought their people. One of the
- 14 people that I was trying to think of his name of who
- 15 operated the companies, and it was performed in the
- 16 construction of power plants, one of those being in Hawaii,
- 17 involved in the management and organization, performing the
- 18 operations of putting a power plant into operation and
- 19 operating it until it was turned over to the power company.
- Q. About how many times have different people
- 21 approached you with this interest?
- 22 A. Probably hundreds with the qualifications that --
- 23 that they presented for me. One -- one was an individual
- 24 from Pennsylvania who wrote a book on -- on the technologies
- 25 and of regular turbines, fan-type steam coal fire turbines,

1 their limitations and the problems that exist to try -- they

- 2 were trying to, at this time, utilize the heat off of the
- 3 power plant in Pennsylvania to, I believe it was
- 4 Pennsylvania, to operate a greenhouse on the heat that came
- 5 off for the cooling process, but the problem was is the heat
- 6 was -- was a lower design and it interfered with the
- 7 operation.
- 8 And this man wrote the technical book on why it
- 9 couldn't be used for that purpose and what -- what would be
- 10 the cause and how much energy and efficiency it would create
- 11 in the operation of the power plant under those conditions.
- Q. Do you have any documents reflecting these people 12 13 who have approached you to --
- A. I have on that one. That one there I have. In
- 15 fact, he -- he was the one who wanted to operate a power
- 16 plant in Hawaii utilizing the geothermal energy systems in
- 18 the early -- before the solar -- back in the early 2000s,
- 19 and he died, so before it could be implemented, and so it
- 20 wasn't -- it didn't go through.
- 21 Q. Okay. So if that gentleman and you were having
- 22 discussions in the early 2000s, do you have any records of
- 23 any other person since the early 2000s who has approached
- 24 you with interest in doing operations and maintenance for
- 25 lenses?

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- 1 MR. PAUL: I'm gonna object to foundation. I just
- 2 thought I should say something during the course of the
- 3 deposition. You can answer.
- 4 THE WITNESS: You took me right away, completely
- 5 blanked my own mind up.
- 6 I don't recall any. There probably is in the
- 7 human resource files of International Automated Systems,
- 8 some forms that people had formed -- filled out to -- to --
- 9 to make me aware of their qualifications and their
- 10 intentions of being involved in the company, but I -- but
- 11 personally I do not know.
- 12 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Other than HR forms, are there
- 13 any other records reflecting the people who may have
- 14 approached you with interest to do operation and
- 15 maintenance?
- 16 A. I'm not sure. There's a person that operated the
- 17 largest, let's see, the largest contraction company in the
- 18 world. I'm trying to think of the names. The man who was
- 19 over that lives in Alpine, Utah, at the time now and has
- 20 approached me several times to -- to get either this company
- 21 involved in the construction and maintenance and operations
- 22 of the power plants.
- 23 He was the one who was over the -- creating the
- 24 cities in Saudi Arabia from scratch, putting all the
- 25 infrastructure, building all the infrastructures out from

- 1 lens ever contracted with Cobblestone Center?
 - 2 A. No, they have not.
 - 3 Q. To your knowledge, Mr. Johnson, has any owner of a

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- 4 lens authorized Cobblestone Center to install that lens?
- 5 A. No, they have not. No.
- 6 Q. I'm handing you what's been marked Plaintiff's
- 7 Exhibit 537.
- 8 That is in your stack, Mr. Paul.
- 9 MR. PAUL: Thank you.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 11 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) We looked at this draft
- 12 operation and maintenance agreement earlier in the week. Do
- 13 you remember that?
- 14 A. Yes, I do.
- 15 Q. Okay. And do you recall when you would have
- 16 commissioned this contract to be drafted?
- 17 A. I do not.
- 18 Q. Do you remember which attorney might have drafted
- 19 it?

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2 Nevada?

- A. I do believe it would have been Dave Nelson, but I
- 21 am not positive over that issue.
- 22 Q. If it wasn't Mr. Nelson, do you have any idea of
- 23 which other attorney it might have been?
- 24 A. It may have been an attorney in Nevada, but I'm
- 25 not positive, and I do not have the name.

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- 1 scratch to build cities, huge cities where they didn't --
- 2 none existed in the early, I don't know the dates. But he
- 3 did have communication.
- 4 He now -- he is also the -- the man that was over
- 5 the operations of this contracting company who built the
- 6 tunnels under the -- in England between Great Britain and
- 7 France, and he --
- 8 Q. But you say --
- 9 A. And his qualifications then he wanted to -- and
- 10 the offer is still there that they would like to then become
- 11 involved with the operation and maintenance of the -- the12 power plants.
- 13 Q. Do you have a written offer?
- 14 A. I don't know if I have a written offer, but we
- 15 just went out to lunch here just another -- just about a few
- 16 months ago to reaffirm the relationships.
- 17 Q. If you have a written offer from anyone who is
- 18 interested in doing operation and maintenance for the

A. I will, yes. If I can locate those, I will. I

- 19 lenses, will you produce it to the United States?
- 21 don't believe there is. I think it was too early in the
- 22 stages to actually get that involved in the negotiation.
- 23 It's more of keeping involved in the relationships that
- 24 we've had.

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25 Q. To your knowledge, Mr. Johnson, has any owner of a

- Page 40 Q. Why do you think it might have been an attorney in
- 3 A. Because it was a Nevada company that we were
- 4 putting together and it would be more -- it may have been
- 5 necessary to have a local attorney to complete the
- 6 transaction with Nevada.
- 7 Q. Do you recall having retained an attorney in
- 8 Nevada to take care of LTB-LLC?
- 9 A. I have a vague recollection of the transaction,
- 10 but because there's nothing that's ever been accomplished,
- 11 I've never -- I've never kept that on my mind.
- 12 Q. So is there anyone that you can think of, other
- 13 than Dave Nelson or an attorney in Nevada, who might have
- 14 drafted this operation and maintenance agreement?
- 15 A. I do not know of any other people, no. I know
- 16 that I didn't, so.
- 17 Q. And I believe you testified that the handwriting
- 18 on Plaintiff's Exhibit 537 is not yours.
- 19 A. No. I do not believe so. It doesn't look like
- 20 writing that I would be familiar with, actually.
- 21 Q. Okay. And you -- and so you don't recognize the
- 22 handwriting on this document?
- 23 A. No, I do not.
- 24 MS. GALLAGHER: Can we go off the record for a second.
- 25 (Discussion held off the record.)

- 1 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Okay. I'm handing you, sir,
- 2 what's been marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 92.
- 3 MR. PAUL: Do you have one for me?
- 4 MS. GALLAGHER: Oh, sorry. I do.
- 5 MR. PAUL: Thank you.
- 6 (Document handed to Mr. Paul.)
- 7 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) And here, Mr. Johnson, we see
- 8 on the page marked Rowbotham_R-1179 --
- 9 A. Where is this at again?
- 10 Q. The page marked 1179.
- 11 A. Oh, okay.
- 12 Q. I'm looking at paragraph 17 at the top of that
- 13 page.
- 14 A. Okay.
- 15 Q. That the lessee of the lenses may sublease the
- 16 alternative energy system to LTB-LLC. Is that what you see
- 17 there?
- 18 A. (Peruses document.)
- 19 That is correct, yes.
- 20 Q. And I'm actually gonna show you what is marked as,
- 21 Steven, if you could check your stuff for this too,
- 22 Plaintiff's Exhibit 462.
- 23 A. Okay.
- 24 Q. Plaintiff's Exhibit 462 is an equipment lease
- 25 agreement; correct?

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- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 Q. And that's between International Automated Systems
- 3 and Greg Shepard; correct?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. And your signature is made there on behalf of IAS
- 6 on the last page of 462?
- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 MS. GALLAGHER: And you have that, Mr. Paul?
- 9 MR. PAUL: I do.
- 10 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Then would you please take a
- 11 look at what's been marked 464, which is an equipment
- 12 sublease agreement.
- 13 A. (Witness complies.)
- 14 Okay.
- 15 Q. Would you take a look at the signature block,
- 16 please, for that sublease agreement.
- 17 A. On the back page? On page 00736?
- 18 Q. Yes.
- 19 A. Yes. Okay.
- 20 Q. Was this signature on behalf of LTB-LLC?
- 21 A. Looks like Chris Taylor.
- 22 Q. And, actually, if you flip back to the front page,
- 23 the equipment sublease agreement is between R. Gregory
- 24 Shepard and LTB-LLC; correct?
- 25 A. That's correct.

- 1 Q. Has LTB-LLC, ever taken any action pursuant to
 - 2 this sublease agreement?
 - 3 A. No, it has not.
 - 4 Q. Why not?
 - 5 A. I'm not sure why not, but it hasn't.
 - 6 Q. Okay.

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- We'll take five, please. Off the record.
- 8 (Fifteen-minute recess taken.)
- 9 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) We're back on the record after

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- 10 a short break. Mr. Johnson, did you talk to anyone about
- 11 the facts of the case during the break?
- 12 A. I did not, no.
- 13 Q. And are there any answers that you've given so far
- 14 today that you wish to change or clarify?
- 15 A. I -- I don't have any, no.
- 16 Q. I'd like to direct your attention back to
- 17 Plaintiff's Exhibit 462 and 464.
- 18 A. Okay. Okay.
- 19 Q. Mr. Johnson, who, to your knowledge, provided
- 20 these contracts to Mr. Shepard?
- 21 A. Well, this one probably has my signature on it, so
- 22 I would assume that that would be me.
- 23 Q. And you're looking at Plaintiff's 462?
- 24 A. Yes, 462. Yes, uh-huh. This one would have
- 25 been -- it looks like Chris Taylor, so.

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- 1 Q. And that's Plaintiff's 464?
- 2 A. That's 464, uh-huh.
- 3 Q. Did you explain to Mr. Shepard LTB's role in -- in
- 4 this system at the time that he signed these agreements?
- 5 A. I'm not positive about that. It's been a long 6 time ago.
- 7 Q. If -- well, if anyone explained LTB's role, who
- 8 would it have been?
- 9 A. Well, this one may have been Chris Taylor's, but
- 10 this one here would have been mine, but I'm not positive
- 11 on -- on what you're asking me and whether I -- I gave it to
- 12 him or whether I explained anything to him. I probably
- 13 would not have explained anything to him about the contract
- 14 other than passing this contract to him. But any legal
- 15 information that he would have gained from, he would not
- 13 information that he would have gained from, he would he
- 16 have gained that information from me.
- 17 Q. Okay. Well, I'll ask this a different way. Is
- 18 there any time when you discussed LTB-LLC with Mr. Shepard?
- A. Not specifically on a contract itself. It may
- 20 have been a general conversation about a contract.
- 21 Q. Well, all I'm asking, sir, is whether you talked
- 22 to him about LTB at all.
- 23 A. I would have talked to him on a general nature of
- 24 the company, but not on any legal knowledge that he could
- 25 rely upon other than what is in the contract itself or he

- 1 would have contacted with an attorney to tell him what that2 contract was about.
- 3 Q. Okay. So the general information that you gave to
- 4 Mr. Shepard, do you remember the first time you gave
- 5 Mr. Shepard general information about LTB-LLC?
- 6 A. We probably had a lot of discussions on various
- 7 aspects of the company and their relationships on a general
- 8 nature, but never in a -- never with the idea of entering
- 9 into an agreement or performing any type of agreement other
- 10 than what he thought about the agreement on a -- of a -- of
- 11 a knowledge base that he was capable of understanding, but
- 12 never convincing him or trying to convince him from a point
- 13 of view that I had a technical background in the areas that
- 14 this would be required, nor did I ever introduce myself as a
- 15 lawyer or an attorney or of any other nature, but what I --
- 16 what I have disseminated out as far as my educational
- 17 background and experience has been.
- 18 MS. GALLAGHER: Could you read my question to the 19 reporter).
- 20 (The record was read as follows:
- 21 "Q So the general information that you gave
- 22 to Mr. Shepard, do you remember the first time you
- 23 gave Mr. Shepard general information about
- 24 LTB-LLC?")
- 25 THE WITNESS: I do not know that.

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- 1 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Okay. You don't know. Would
- 2 it have been before or after 2010?
- 3 A. It looks like it would have been before 2005 or
- 4 right around that area.
- 5 Q. And why do you think that?
- 6 A. Because there's a date on the contract of the 28th
- 7 of December 2005.
- 8 Q. Okay. So what's the nature of the information
- 9 that you would have given Greg Shepard?
- 10 A. We would have talked as friends on the way to --
- 11 the best way to develop the company. I may have discussed
- 12 certain elements of the company and -- and the way that I
- 13 would have structured the company and why I would have
- 14 structured the companies in the way that I did.
- 15 Q. So did you share with Mr. Shepard that your idea
- 16 was that LTB-LLC was to operate and maintain solar lenses
- 17 once installed?
- 18 A. I believe I may have mentioned something like that
- 19 to him so that he would have some input back to me on what
- 20 he thought that, from his experience, that I could draw on,
- 21 then I could facilitate visiting with my attorney and
- 22 developing some ideas together with my attorneys and
- 23 "outsource" resources that were available to me at the time
- 24 to look at what would be required in a contract.
- 5 Q. So with respect to the general business purpose of

1 LTB-LLC, is there anyone other than you that Mr. Shepard

- 1 LTB-LLC, is there anyone other than you that Mr. Shepai
- 2 might have gotten that information from?
- 3 A. Well, there are probably a group of people that I
- 4 may have talked to that may have shared information with
- 5 him. I wouldn't know about it.
- 6 Q. Who did you share information with about LTB-LLC?
- 7 A. Well, there was a number of people that I talked
- 8 to. When I go about doing something, I try to get a wide
- 9 variety of people's information and thinking on any
- 10 particular subject that I'm looking to get myself involved
- 11 with. So I would have -- I would have utilized people that
- 12 had, basically, business experience, and Greg Shepard was
- 13 one. And Roger Hamblin had a great deal of business
- 14 experience as well. Along with my -- my two sons and -- and
- 15 maybe Roger -- Monte Hamilton.
- 16 Oh, there were a number of people that I would
- 17 have had looked at to see their -- their dissenting views
- 18 and their views that would have been concurrent with each
- 19 other and ones that may have been concurrent with mine.
- 20 Q. When you say your two sons, do you mean Randy and
- 21 LeGrand Johnson?
- 22 A. Yes, I do, Yes,
- 23 Q. Did you ever talk to Roger Freeborn about the
- 24 purpose of LTB-LLC?
- 25 A. No. I have never. He was never somebody that I

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- ald 1 would have a personal relationship with.
 - 2 MS. GALLAGHER: Could you please mark this as the next 3 exhibit (indicating).
 - 4 (Exhibit 554 marked.)
 - 5 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Handing you, Mr. Johnson,
 - 6 what's been marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 554. It's Bates
 - 7 marked Ra3-1476 through 1494. And my only question for you
 - 8 sir, is on the second page of the exhibit. The second page
 - 9 of the exhibit appears to be a letter from LTB-LLC. Do you
 - 10 see that?
 - 11 A. The equipment sublease agreement?
 - 12 Q. It's double sided.
 - 13 A. Oh, I see. All right.
 - 14 Q. So I'm looking at the page that's marked 1477.
 - 15 A. Okay.
 - 16 Q. Does this page appear to be a letter from LTB-LLC?
 - 17 A. Yes, it is.
 - 18 Q. Do you recognize, generally, the letterhead for
 - 19 LTB-LLC?
 - 20 A. No, I do not, but it probably is.
 - 21 Q. To your knowledge, has LTB-LLC ever had
 - 22 letterhead?
 - 23 A. No. This was the first time probably.
 - 24 (Exhibit 555 marked.)
 - 25 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Handing you, sir, what's been

- 1 marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 555. For the record, Bates No.
- 2 Shepard_Greg-3643 through 3656. Take a look, please, at
- 3 Plaintiff's Exhibit 555 and let me know when you are done.
- 4 A. (Witness complies.)
- 5 Okay.
- 6 Q. All right. This document is an operation and
- 7 maintenance agreement; right?
- 8 A. It looks like that is the case, uh-huh.
- 9 Q. And this is between LTB-LLC and Greg Shepard;
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. I believe it is.
- 12 Q. It's on RaPower3 letterhead. Do you see that?
- 13 A. It is, uh-huh.
- Q. And your digital signature appears on the last 14
- 15 page of this exhibit; correct?
- A. (Peruses document.) 16
- Oh. Sorry. Okay. Yes, it does. Uh-huh. 17
- 18 Q. Okay. Do you recall, Mr. Johnson, whether -- I'll
- 19 withdraw that.

1 exactly, no.

- 20 To your knowledge, sir, who provided the text for
- the operation and maintenance agreement? 21
- A. I don't -- I don't know what you mean. 22
- 23 Q. Do you know who wrote this contract?
- 24 A. No. It probably would have been one of my
- 25 attorneys, Dave or someone else, but I -- but I don't know

- 1 Agreement (collectively, the "Work")."
 - 2 Did I read that correctly?
 - 3 A. That's correct.
 - 4 Q. And paragraph 2.1.1 says "Routine O&M Services;"

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- 5 correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Paragraph 2.1 says "Additional Services and;"
- 8 correct?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. Paragraph 2.1.3 says "Transition Services;"
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. That's correct, uh-huh.
- 13 Q. Mr. Johnson, what are routine O&M services that we
- 14 see in paragraph 2.1.1?
- 15 A. It would be the daily -- daily to date of
- 16 operations and maintenance on the power plant.
- Q. Does LTB have anything in writing identifying 17
- 18 routine O&M services?
- 19 A. I don't believe anything beyond the scope of what
- 20 this contract is. If it's not included in the contract, it
- 21 doesn't have any legal binding. Even if it had some,
- 22 there's no -- there's no addendum. They would have -- they
- 23 would have had to put an addendum reference in that spot and
- 24 then a -- some kind of a signature relationship with the
- 25 individual accepting that addendum to this -- to the

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- 2 Q. If an agreement is going to bind LTB-LLC, it would
- 3 have to come from LTB-LLC; correct?
- 4 A. Yes. Yes, I believe you're right.
- Q. To your knowledge, has the operation and
- 6 maintenance agreement changed since 2008?
- 7 A. It could have. I don't know.
- 8 Q. You don't know --
- A. No. There may have been some changes, but I'm --
- 10 I don't recall what they would be, but I assume there may
- 11 have been.
- 12 Q. But no big change jumps out at you; right?
- A. No. I probably haven't read it in a long time, so 13
- 14 I wouldn't even know.
- 15 Q. Okay. I'd like to take a look, please, at the
- 16 page that is marked 3644.
- 17 A. Okay.
- Q. Under Article 2, Operator Scope of Work --18
- 19 A. Okay.
- 20 Q. -- do you see that section?
- 21 A. I do.
- Q. All right. Section 2.1 is called Appointment and
- 23 it says "The Owner appoints the Operator and the Operator
- 24 accepts the appointment to perform the following services
- 25 subject to and in accordance with the provision of this

- 1 contract.
- 2 MS. GALLAGHER: Would you read back my question, please
- 3 (to the reporter).
- 4 (The record was read as follows:
- 5 "Q Does LTB have anything in writing
- 6 identifying routine O&M services.")
- 7 THE WITNESS: No, it does not. Not in conjunction with
- 8 this contract.
- 9 MS. GALLAGHER: Object to responsiveness after "No, it
- 10 does not."
- 11 THE WITNESS: Well, it wouldn't be a complete -- then
- 12 you have to -- you would have to let me have another --
- 13 another shot at that information.
- Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Well, sir, the answer is yes or 14
- 15 no. Does --
- 16 Could you read back the question (to the
- 17 reporter).
- 18 (The question was read as follows:
- 19 "Q Does LTB have anything in writing
- 20 identifying routine O&M services.")
- THE WITNESS: Okay. 21
- 22 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Yes or no, sir?
- 23 A. I want you to define the question.
- 24 Q. No. Yes or no?
- 25 A. You have to read -- I don't understand the

- 1 question.
- 2 MS. GALLAGHER: Please read back the question again (to
- 3 the reporter).
- 4 (The pending question was read.)
- 5 THE WITNESS: The question is ambiguous as far as the
- 6 relationships that we're looking for.
- 7 MS. GALLAGHER: Object to the responsiveness --
- 8 THE WITNESS: And I did -- I did not understand --
- 9 MS. GALLAGHER: -- of the answer.
- 10 THE WITNESS: I don't understand the question.
- 11 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) What we're gonna do is you're
- 12 gonna answer the question and then I will give you the
- 13 opportunity to explain your answer; okay?
- 14 A. No. I want -- I want you to define what you mean
- 15 by the other writings and relationships. Are there other
- 16 information that is given out for general information or is
- 17 there writings that we -- that we would put as an addendum,
- 18 a legal binding addendum to this contract? There's
- 19 two different --
- 20 Q. Sir, I think you're reading -- you're reading more
- 21 into my questions than what it's asking.
- 22 A. Well, I don't think so.
- 23 Q. No, Mr. Johnson. Please listen.
- 24 A. Well, that's my -- that's my understanding of the
- 25 question.

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- 1 A. That's correct.
 - 2 Q. Thank you.
 - 3 A. Thank you. I'm in trouble again.
 - 4 Q. Does LTB1-LLC have anything in writing that
 - 5 defines routine O&M services?
 - A. No, it does not, that I know of.
 - 7 Q. Does LTB-O&M, LLC, have anything in writing that
 - 8 defines routine O&M services?
 - 9 A. Not to my recollection.
 - 10 Q. Okay.
 - 11 Let's go off the record for a second, please.
 - 12 (Discussion held off the record.)
 - 13 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) All right. Mr. Johnson, during
 - 14 our brief break you had the opportunity to review
 - 15 Plaintiff's Exhibit 555. Is there anywhere that you see in
 - 16 this exhibit where routine O&M services are defined?
 - 17 A. Yes. I think where it says the owner shall comply
 - 18 in all material respects with the applicable laws in
 - 19 connection with the performance of this agreement.
 - 20 Q. Can you tell me what page you're on, please.
 - 21 A. It's 3647.
 - 22 Q. Which paragraph?
 - 23 A. It's 3.4.
 - 24 Q. Okay. Is there any other place in this contract
 - 25 where routine O&M services are identified or described?

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- Q. Please listen.
- 2 A. I'm trying to.
- 3 Q. I literally mean anything in writing. Any written
- 4 document that identifies routine O&M services.
- 5 A. I'm --
- 6 Q. And the reason I want a yes or no answer to that
- 7 is that if the answer is yes, I will ask you what those
- 8 writings are and you will have the opportunity to explain.
- 9 And if the answer is no, that's fine. And if the answer is
- 10 I don't know, that's also fine.
- 11 A. Okay. In that -- in that context --
- 12 MR. PAUL: Well, let her ask the question so we get a
- 13 clean record.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Oh. Sorry.
- 15 MS. GALLAGHER: Would you please read back my question
- 16 (to the reporter).
- 17 (The record was read as follows:
- 18 "Q Does LTB have anything in writing
- 19 identifying routine O&M services.")
- 20 THE WITNESS: I'm not familiar with anything that
- 21 wouldn't be in this contract.
- 22 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Okay. So other than
- 23 information that appears in Plaintiff's Exhibit 555, you
- 24 don't know whether LTB has anything in writing that defines
- 25 routine O&M services?

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- A. It indicates at the safety operating guidelines of
- 2 Article 4. Health and environmental safety standards,
- 3 compensations and payment, Article 5.
- 4 Q. Okay. Hang on one second, sir. So you believe
- 5 that Article 4 identifies routine O&M services?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. What's the -- what's the next spot?
- 8 A. Compensation and Payment, Owner's Alternative
- 9 Energy Systems and Production.
- 10 Q. So you mean paragraph 5.1?
- 11 A. 5.1. Limitations to Liability, 6.2, scope of
- 12 identification.
- 13 Q. I'm sorry. Was that Scope of Indemnification?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. 6.1?
- 16 A. 6.1. 5.4, Lease of Structural Components, 5.3
- 17 Late Payment, 5.2 Rental Payments. 6.3 is insurers. 6.4
- 18 has to do with gross negligence. 6.5 indicates the
- 19 obligations to survivors, survivors of either party. The
- 20 insurance required by the operator -- of the operator would
- 21 be Workman's Compensation Insurance, comprehension liability
- 22 coverage.
- 23 In the -- in the event of how -- if there's a
- 24 dispute on how these terms are mutually enforced or
- 25 understood, it requires to go to a Force Majeure.

1 Q. Sir, where are you?

2 A. 8.1.

3 Q. Okay. Let's just go with letting me know which

4 paragraphs and the titles of those paragraphs right now.

5 A. 8.2, Notice of Cooperation, that the parties shall

6 be obligated on certain terms of cooperation.

7 Q. Okay. Next.

8 A. 9.1, terms of the agreement. 9.2, Termination by

9 the Owner. 9.3, Termination by the Operator. "This

10 Agreement may be terminated at any time."

11 Q. Sir, just the -- just the paragraph number and the

12 title, please.

13 A. Okay. 9.4, the transition between operation --

14 operators. Arbitration, 11.1. Representations of

15 warranties by the owner, 12.1. Representative warranties by

16 the operator, 12.2. The representation by the owner

17 requires certain things to take place in order for the --

18 the contract to be consummated.

19 Q. Where are you looking, sir?

20 A. 12.2.

21 Q. Okay. You've already identified that one.

22 A. That is where it identifies the requirement for

23 certain things to be taken care of before this contract

24 becomes binding.

25 Q. Okay. And my question to you was --

1 in that 2.1.2.

2 Q. Has any owner of a lens ever requested additional

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3 services from LTB-LLC?

4 A. No. There hasn't been any other addendums offer

5 to the contracts at this time.

6 Q. Has the owner of any lens ever requested

7 additional services from LTB1-LLC?

8 A. No, they have not.

9 Q. Has the owner of any lens ever requested any

10 additional services from LTB-O&M?

11 A. No, they have not.

12 Q. Have any of the LTB entities ever engaged in

13 additional services?

14 A. No, they have not.

15 Q. All right. Let's take a look, please, at

16 paragraph 2.1.3 which says Transition Services. Do you see

17 that?

18 A. It is.

19 Q. What are transition services?

20 A. It would be the services in -- in response to any

21 services that were not a additional part of the contract

22 that they -- that either party would like to add to the

23 contract other than what is designed in the contract.

24 Q. And where, if at all, is the term transition

25 services defined in Plaintiff's Exhibit 555?

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1 Could you read back the question (to the

2 reporter).

3 (The record was read as follows:

4 "Q Is there any other place in this

5 contract where routine O&M services are identified

6 or described?")

7 MS. GALLAGHER: Other than what you just listed off.

8 THE WITNESS: I do not believe that there is anything

9 else associated with this contract that's been identified.

10 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Have any of the LTB entities

11 ever engaged in routine O&M services?

12 A. No, they have not.

13 Q. Paragraph 2.1.2 identifies additional services.

14 Do you see that?

15 A. I do. It does.

16 Q. What does additional services mean?

17 A. It means that if there would be additional

18 services that would want -- that they would want to be

19 included in the contract, they would have to stipulate those

20 by addendum at this point.

21 Q. And who is "they," if "they" wanted something in

22 the contract?

23 A. Either -- either party. If either party wanted to

24 reduce their obligation in some manner or expand their

25 responsibilities in some manner, it would have to be listed

1 A. I think it is in . . .

2 (Peruses document.)

3 I believe it's 3.1, and I believe that's where --

4 where the normal procedure is for the transition, if there

5 was, and that would then -- that would -- that would

6 activate the contract.

7 Q. Other than paragraph 3.1 of this contract, does

8 LTB-LLC have anything in writing defining transition

9 services?

10 A. Not that -- not that I'm aware of.

11 Q. Other than paragraph 3.1 of this contract, does

12 LTB1-LLC have anything in writing defining transition

13 services?

14 A. Not that I'm aware of.

15 Q. Other than paragraph 3.1 of this contract, does

16 LTB-O&M have anything in writing defining transition

17 services?

18 A. Not that I'm aware of.

19 Q. Have any of these LTB entities ever engaged in

20 transition services?

21 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

22 Q. If you take a look, please, at paragraph 2.3.

23 A. (Witness complies.)

24 Q. The paragraph itself actually starts on the

25 following page, which is 3645.

1 A. 2.3, yes. Okay.

- 2 Q. The first sentence of that paragraph is "The
- 3 Operator will perform the Work in accordance with the
- 4 standards of a reasonable and prudent operator in the state
- 5 wherein the Installation Site is located and in compliance
- 6 with the Safety and Operating Guidelines ("Guidelines")
- 7 provided by RaPower to Operator, except to the extent that a
- 8 reasonable and prudent operator would be unable, or would be
- 9 hindered in its ability, to perform such obligations."
- 10 Did I read that correctly?
- 11 A. Uh-huh. That is correct, yes.
- 12 Q. Where can I find the Safety and Operating
- 13 Guidelines provided by RaPower?
- 14 A. I don't believe that RaPower has ever provided
- 15 those documents to anybody, but this statement does not --
- 16 does not bind RaPower to this contract. RaPower is not a
- 17 signature and is not required to provide this information
- 18 from a legal -- without a -- without a contract from RaPower
- 19 to the operating company. So, evidently, this -- this is --
- 20 there is -- there is a misrepresentation as to the power of
- 21 the relationship between RaPower and the operator and needs
- 22 to be corrected.
- 23 MS. GALLAGHER: Could you read back my question, please
- 24 (to the reporter).
- 25 (The record was read as follows:

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- 1 "Q Where can I find the Safety and
- 2 Operating Guidelines provided by RaPower?")
- 3 MS. GALLAGHER: I just -- it's okay.
- 4 THE WITNESS: RaPower doesn't do that.
- 5 MS. GALLAGHER: I just wanted to know what the question
- 6 was.
- 7 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Okay. So has -- does RaPower
- 8 have Safety and Operating Guidelines?
- 9 A. RaPower is not involved in the operation or
- 10 maintenance of the product. Neither does it guarantee or
- 11 warrant to the customer that it would do any -- facilitating
- 12 any operation and maintenance of the -- of the operation of
- 13 the performance of their product.
- 14 Q. Object to the responsiveness of the answer.
- 15 Mr. Johnson, I'm asking for a yes or a no.
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 MS. GALLAGHER: Please repeat the question (to the
- 18 reporter).
- 19 (The record was read as follows:
- 20 "Q Okay. So has -- does RaPower have
- 21 Safety and Operating Guidelines?")
- 22 THE WITNESS: It does not.
- 23 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Does any entity or person have
- 24 these Safety and Operating Guidelines?
- 25 A. At this time they do not.

1 Q. Why not?

2 A. There hasn't been a need to have them. When --

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- 3 when there is a need, there's a constant update on the
- 4 requirements of safety guidelines that are released on a
- 5 yearly basis from the OSHA and other government agencies.
- 6 It would be impossible to -- to have those in a contract
- 7 basis and would have to be on an individual basis and would
- 8 have to be updated constantly from the regulatory agencies
- 9 involved in the -- in maintaining and oversight overseeing
- 10 the legal responsibility of the company to maintain those
- 11 documents.
- 12 Q. So, Mr. Johnson, there has not been a need to
- 13 draft Safety and Operating Guidelines to date; is that
- 14 correct?
- 15 A. And that is correct. And they would -- they would
- 16 be conditional on -- on each contract depending upon the day
- 17 and the regulatory agency's information on the date that
- 18 they were given responsibility to operate and maintain the
- 19 power plant.
- Q. Object to responsiveness after "that is correct."
- 21 A. Sorry.
- 22 Q. Let's take a look, please, at -- actually,
- 23 withdraw that.
- 24 Mr. Johnson, are there any written safety
- 25 guidelines at all for any of the projects that your entities

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- 1 are undertaking?
 - A. Not until they are totally consummated by the
 - 3 contract in receiving any -- anyone's particular energy
 - 4 producing equipment.
 - 5 Q. Once again, sir, I'm asking for a yes or no, so
 - 6 please listen to the questions. She's gonna read it back.
 - 7 A. Sorry.

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- 8 Q. And say yes or no.
 - (The record was read as follows:
- 10 "Q Mr. Johnson, are there any written
- 11 safety guidelines at all for any of the projects
- 12 that your entities are undertaking?")
- 13 THE WITNESS: Not as it relates to LT -- the entity
- 14 that I'm representing today; right?
- 15 MS. GALLAGHER: Sir, that's not my question. Please
- 16 listen to the question --
- 17 THE WITNESS: Well, I can only --
- 18 MS. GALLAGHER: -- and answer the question.
- 19 THE WITNESS: I can only state what's -- what's
- 20 available to LTB. LTB would not know what's in any other
- 21 company's operating and maintenance and safety. All it
- 22 would -- all it would understand is what it has as an
- 23 individual company. Now, is that what you're asking?
- 24 MS. GALLAGHER: Can we go off the record for a moment.
- 25 (Discussion held off the record.)

- MS. GALLAGHER: Please read back (to the reporter). 1
- 2 (The record was read as follows:
- 3 "Q Mr. Johnson, are there any written
- 4 safety guidelines at all for any of the projects
- 5 that your entities are undertaking?")
- 6 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 7 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Where are those safety
- 8 quidelines?
- 9 A. For the -- for the company of International
- 10 Automated Systems they are located at the headquarters of
- 11 International Automated Systems.
- 12 Q. What's the address of that headquarters?
- A. I think right now it's 2730 West 4000 South, 13
- 14 Oasis, Utah.
- Q. Okay. 15
- 16 A. If you're talking about the RaPower3, those safety
- 17 guidelines are at the headquarters of RaPower3.
- Q. Which is where?
- A. Which is 2730 West 4000 South, Oasis, Utah. If 19
- 20 you're talking about the company called Cobblestone Center.
- 21 LLC, they are located at the headquarters of Cobblestone
- 22 Center, LLC.
- Q. Which is where? 23
- 24 A. Which is at 2730 West 4000 South. If you're
- 25 talking about the companies LTB1, they -- they are no longer
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 - 1 in existence. If you're talking about LTB, they are no
 - 2 longer in existence. If you're talking about LTB1 or
 - 3 LTB-O&M, those are at -- are -- there's not a headquarters
 - 4 at this time for -- for LTB-O&M.
 - 5 Q. So if --
 - 6 A. So they do not have any operation or
 - 7 maintenance -- safety maintenance contract -- or information
 - 8 at this time.
 - 9 Q. All right.
- 10 MR. PAUL: Could we take a quick break?
- MS. GALLAGHER: We can go off the record. 11
- 12 (Sixty-four minute recess taken.)
- Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Mr. Johnson, we're back after a 13 grounding. We have all of that. All the safety, you know, 13
- 14 lunch break. Did you talk to anybody about the facts of
- 15 this case on the lunch break?
- 16 A. I did.
- 17 Q. What did you talk about?
- A. He told me the definition of a safety and 18
- 19 operating guidelines.
- 20 Q. And when you say he, you're talking about --
- A. I'm talking about my attorney, Steven Paul. 21
- 22 Q. And you're looking at your attorney's notes when
- 23 you are talking about --
- 24 A. Well, I just -- I couldn't remember the exact word
- 25 he used, so I just wanted to make sure that you understood

1 that that's what he was referring to when he took me out.

- 2 Q. And what did your attorney talk to you about?
- 3 A. He just told me that what was meant by the
- 4 operating guidelines, safety operating guidelines, what he
- 5 felt they would be what you're referring to.
- Q. And what did he tell you he thought they were?
- 7 A. He was saying that if you have -- what do you use
- 8 to train your people when they come to work on the various
- 9 types of equipment they might be involved with. What we
- 10 have is a training package from some computer, I guess,
- 11 safety company that represents that they qualify for OSHA's
- 12 requirements on all of the different types of equipment and
- 13 safety regulations, including what happens in a fire and
- 14 what happens if you -- and how to -- how to maintain safety.
- 15 That is a shared component. Every employee that
- 16 works for us, it takes one full day for them to go through
- 17 the entire safety program. And then there are training --
- 18 separate training mechanisms for forklifts. And to get the
- 19 right training for cranes, they have a -- we have a training
- 20 program for cranes, for backhoes, and for whatever equipment
- 21 that we might be using at the time. And we have all of that
- 22 available to all -- all the companies that operate within in
- 23 that area, so -- so there you go. That's what that is. And

1 guidelines specifically for the solar energy technology

- 24 it's been validated by OSHA twice.
- 25 Q. Are there any such instructional or safety

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- 2 that's at issue in this case?
- A. Yes, there is. 3
- 4 Q. What do you have for that?
- A. Well, it's how to be safe in -- in installing
- 6 and -- and being careful around the products and what --
- 7 what to do in -- where there's electric generator being
- 8 produced and what to do and -- and how to be safe and how to
- 9 do the lockout tags and all the safety requirements that go
- 10 with covering all of your electrical wiring and how to
- 11 protect that from -- and being safe and make sure you have
- 12 the proper grounding and the proper safeguards on all the

- 14 the circuit breakers that are designed for monitoring the
- 15 grounds on all the equipment.
- 16 Q. Okay. So, Mr. Johnson, if you have something that
- 17 is referred to in this contract as Safety and Operating
- 18 Guidelines, will you produce it to the United States?
- A. Sure. We'll just copy it off and have you get a 19
- 21 Q. Great. Did you talk with anyone else about any
- 22 other facts related to this case?
- 23 A. No. we didn't.

20 copy of it.

- 24 Q. Are there any other answers to my --
- 25 We talked about Tesla.

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- 1 Q. Are there any other answers to my questions that
- 2 you would like to supplement or clarify?
- 3 A. No. That's fine. That's just -- that's just what
- 4 he went over. And I wasn't positive on exactly what it
- 5 meant, so I'm glad he took the time to do that.
- 6 Q. And we're still looking at Plaintiff's Exhibit
- 7 2 -- no. Sorry. We're still looking at Plaintiff's Exhibit
- 8 555.
- 9 A. Okay.
- 10 Q. Please take a look at paragraph 2.5, Governmental
- 11 Approvals.
- 12 A. Okay.
- 13 Q. Has LTB ever obtained any government approvals
- 14 identified in paragraph 2.5?
- 15 A. No, they haven't.
- 16 Q. Has LTB1 ever obtained any governmental approvals
- 17 identified in paragraph 2.5?
- 18 A. No, they haven't.
- 19 Q. Has LTB-O&M ever obtained any governmental
- 20 approvals identified in paragraph 2.5?
- 21 A. No, they haven't.
- 22 Q. Okay. Let's take a look at Article 5, please,
- 23 which is on the page ending in 3647. That's where it
- 24 starts.
- 25 A. Okay.

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- 1 Q. So Article 5 is entitled Compensation and Payment;
- 2 correct?
- 3 A. Okay.
- 4 Q. Paragraph 5.1 is called Owner's Alternative Energy
- 5 System or Systems Production. Do you see that?
- 6 A. Yes, I do.
- 7 Q. Would you go ahead and please read the paragraph
- 8 under 5.1 quietly to yourself.
- 9 A. Okay.
- Q. Let me know when you're done.
- 11 A. I'm done. Okay.
- 12 Q. The last clause of that paragraph says "Operator
- 13 shall be entitled to receive all revenue from the use or
- 14 sale of thermal energy or electric power generating using
- 15 the Alternative Energy Systems." Did I read that correctly?
- 16 A. Uh-huh.
- 17 Q. "Yes?"
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Has LTB received any revenue from the use or sale
- 20 of thermal energy?
- 21 A. No, they have not.
- 22 Q. Has LTB received any revenue from electric power?
- 23 A. No, they have not.
- 24 Q. Has LTB1 received any revenue from the use or sale
- 25 of thermal energy?

1 A. No, they have not.

2 Q. Has LTB1 received any revenue from the use or sale

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- 3 of electric power?
- 4 A. No, they have not.
- 5 Q. Has LTB-O&M received any revenue from the use or
- 6 sale of thermal energy?
- 7 A. No, they have not.
- 8 Q. Has LTB-O&M received any revenue from the use or
- 9 sale of electric power?
- 10 A. No, they have not. Did I answer all of them?
- 11 Q. We're good.
- 12 A. Okay. Good.
- 13 Q. Take a look, please, at paragraph 5.2 which is
- 14 called Rental Payment. Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yeah, I do.
- 16 Q. Please read that quietly to yourself.
- 17 A. Okay. I'm done.
- 18 Q. All right. The first sentence of paragraph 5.2
- 19 says "Once the Owner's Alternative Energy Systems are
- 20 installed and producing revenue, then at the end of each
- 21 quarter a rental payment will be due and owing from Operator
- 22 to Owner."
- 23 Did I read that correctly?
- 24 A. That's correct.
- 25 Q. Has LTB-LLC ever made a rental payment to any

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- A. No, they have not.
- 3 Q. Has LTB1-LLC ever made a rental payment to any
- 4 owner?

1 owner?

- 5 A. No
- 6 Q. Has LTB-O&M ever made a rental payment to any
- 7 owner?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Does LTB-O&M have any plans for how it would track
- 10 which lens belongs to which owner?
- 11 A. LTB doesn't have any programs whatsoever at this
- 12 point in time to do any kind of tracking or any kind of
- 13 monitoring of anybody's units in particular, but that
- 14 isn't -- but that's not valuable. It doesn't make -- it
- 15 doesn't make any sense, according to the contract, to do
- 16 that.
- 17 MS. GALLAGHER: Would you read back my question, please
- 18 (to the reporter).
- 19 (The record was read as follows:
- 20 "Q Does LTB-O&M have any plans for how it
- 21 would track which lens belongs to which owner?")
- 22 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. No. The answer's, I think,
- 23 no.
- 24 MS. GALLAGHER: Let's go ahead and read back the
- 25 question --

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1	THE WITNESS:	All right.

- 2 MS. GALLAGHER: -- and please give the answer.
- 3 THE WITNESS: All right.
- 4 (The record was read as follows:
- 5 "Q Does LTB-O&M have any plans for how it
- 6 would track which lens belongs to which owner?")
- 7 THE WITNESS: Yeah, and the answer would be not at this 8 time.
- 9 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Has LTB-LLC ever tracked which
- 10 lens belongs to which owner?
- 11 A. No, they have not.
- 12 Q. Has LTB1 ever tracked which lens belongs to which
- 13 owner?
- 14 A. No, they have not.
- 15 Q. Has LTB ever made a payment to any owner for using
- 16 a lens for advertising purposes?
- 17 A. No, they have not.
- 18 MS. GALLAGHER: Could you read back my question (to the 19 reporter).
- 20 (The record was read as follows:
- 21 "Q Has LTB ever made a payment to any owner
- 22 for using a lens for advertising purposes?")
- 23 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Okay. Has LTB1 ever made a
- 24 payment for using any lens for advertising purposes?
- 25 A. No, they have not.

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- 1 Q. Has LTB-O&M ever made any payment for using a lens
- 2 for advertising purposes?
- 3 A. No, they have not.
- 4 Q. Has LTB ever made a payment for the use of any
- 5 lens in research and development?
- 6 A. No, they have not.
- 7 Q. Has LTB1 ever made any payment for the use of a
- 8 lens in research and development?
- 9 A. No, they have not.
- 10 Q. Has LTB-O&M ever made a payment for the use of any
- 11 lens in research and development?
- 12 A. No, they have not.
- 13 Q. Has LTB made any payment for the use of a lens to
- 14 generate heat?
- 15 A. No, they have not.
- 16 Q. Has LTB1 ever made any payment for the use of a
- 17 lens to generate heat?
- 18 A. No, they have not.
- 19 Q. Has LTB O&M ever made any payment for the use of a
- 20 lens to generate heat?
- 21 A. No, they have not.
- 22 Q. Please take a look at the page marked 3650,
- 23 paragraph 7.1.
- 24 A. (Witness complies.)
- 25 Okay. What paragraph?

- 1 Q. Paragraph 7.1.
- 2 A. Okay.
- 3 Q. Entitled Insurance Required of the Operator. Do

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- 4 you see that?
- 5 A. I do.
- 6 Q. Has LTB-LLC ever obtained the insurance identified
- 7 in paragraph 7.1?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Has LTB1 ever obtained the insurance identified in
- 10 paragraph 7.1?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Has LTB-O&M ever obtained the insurance identified
- 13 in 7.1?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Has any person who has purchased a lens ever
- 16 contacted LTB-LLC?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Has any person who has purchased a lens ever
- 19 contacted LTB1-LLC?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Has any person who has purchased a lens ever
- 22 contacted LTB-O&M?
- 23 A. No. Well, excuse me. Other than, perhaps, Greg
- 24 Shepard. Shepard might have hired someone.
- 25 Q. Do you know whether it was any one particular LTB
- Page 76 1 entity that Mr. Shepard may have contacted?
- 2 A. He should have contacted all of them. I don't
- 3 know.
- 4 Q. Do you recall what Mr. Shepard reached out for?
- 5 A. I don't. I don't recall, but he probably had
- 6 talked to those people.
- 7 Q. Who are those people?
- 8 A. I mean just myself, you know, about LTB or
- 9 whatever.
- 10 Q. Did he ask you questions about LTB?
- 11 A. I suppose he might have done. I'm not sure what
- 12 the questions were. I don't recall the conversation. But
- 13 I'm sure that the conversation would have existed. If you
- 14 go talk to him, he would -- he's probably got a better
- 15 memory than I do, but I don't know.
- 16 Q. Okay. But to your recollection, you've had
- 17 conversations with Greg Shepard about one or more of the LTB
- 18 entities?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 Q. Okay. Did Mr. Shepard ever ask about LTB-LLC's.
- 21 experience with operating and maintaining solar energy
- 22 equipment?
- 23 A. No. Not that I know of.
- Q. Has any other customer asked LTB about its
- 25 experience operating and maintaining solar equipment?

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A. Not that I know of.

- 2 Q. Did Mr. Shepard ever ask about LTB1's experience
- 3 operating and maintaining solar energy equipment?
- 4 A. Not that I know of.
- Q. Has any other customer contacted LTB1 about its
- 6 experience operating and maintaining solar lenses?
- 7 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- Q. Did Mr. Shepard ever contact LTB-O&M about its 8
- 9 experience operating and maintaining solar energy equipment?
- 10 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- Q. Has any other customer contacted LTB-O&M with 11
- 12 respect to its experience operating and maintaining solar
- 13 lenses?

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- 14 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- 15 Q. To your knowledge, Mr. Johnson, has Mr. Shepard
- 16 ever signed any operation and maintenance agreements?
- A. Yes, he has, and I think -- I think the one you 17
- 18 showed me.
- 19 Q. Let me ask a different question. Has Mr. Shepard
- 20 ever signed an operation and maintenance agreement on behalf
- 21 of any LTB entity?
- 22 A. Okay. I'm a little confused on your question.
- 23 I'm not sure what you mean.
- 24 Q. My question is does Mr. Shepard have the authority
- 25 to sign an operation and maintenance agreement --

Q. Have you three always been the owners of Solco1?

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- 2 A. I'm not positive about that.
- 3 Q. If there have been other owners of Solco1, who
- 4 might they have been?
- A. Roger Hamblin possibly. 5
- MR. PAUL: Are you saying Silco1 or Solco? 6
- 7 MS. GALLAGHER: S-o-l-c-o.
- 8 THE WITNESS: And a 1. Just the number 1.
- 9 But as far as I know, that's the only person that
- 10 may have had any ownership in Solco1, but I don't believe he
- 11 has any at the present time.
- 12 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Do you recall when Mr. Hamblin
- 13 may have had some ownership in Solco1?
- 14 A. It probably would have been around -- I don't know
- 15 exactly when it would have been. 2010, possibly, but I'm
- 16 not sure on that.
- 17 Q. Only in 2010 or did it span some years?
- 18 A. It would have been just between 2010 and 2012. It
- 19 wouldn't have been beyond that.
- 20 Q. During 2010 to 2012, was Mr. Hamblin the only
- 21 owner of Solco1?
- 22 A. No. They still would have been owned by LeGrand
- 23 Johnson and Randell Johnson. Most of the ownership is in
- 24 their hands. Roger would have never owned more than 10
- 25 percent.

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- 1 A. Oh, no.
- 2 Q. Let me -- I'll finish the question.
- 3 A. Oh. Sorry.
- 4 Q. Does Mr. Shepard have the authority to sign an
- 5 operation and maintenance agreement on behalf of any LTB
- 6 entity?
- 7 A. No. he does not.
- 8 Q. To your knowledge, has he ever done that?
- 9 A. Not to my knowledge, no.
- Q. Has anyone ever notified any LTB entity of a 10
- 11 breach of contract?
- 12 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- 13 Q. Does any LTB entity have any obligations
- 14 outstanding under any operation and maintenance agreement
- 15 that's entered to date?
- A. Not that I'm aware of. 16
- Q. Would anyone else know, other than you, if there 17
- 18 were such an obligation?
- A. I'm not sure. I -- I don't know how they would
- 20 know if I didn't know, but it's a possibility that someone
- might know. But I don't have any way of knowing that. 21
- 22 Q. And, Mr. Johnson, who -- who is it that owns
- 23 Solco1?
- 24 A. Oh. It's myself and my two children, LeGrand and
- 25 Randell, I believe, Johnson.

- Page 80 Q. At the time when LeGrand Johnson, Randell Johnson,
- 2 and Roger Hamblin may have been the owners of Solco1, were
- 3 you also an owner of Solco1?
- I don't believe so.
- Q. Okay. Other than you, LeGrand Johnson, Randell
- 6 Johnson and Roger Hamblin, to your recollection, are there
- 7 any other owners of Solco1 at any time?
- 8 A. Not to my recollection. I'm not even sure of
- 9 those owners, but if there is, that's who they would be.
- 10 (Exhibit 556 marked.)
- 11 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Okay. Please take a look at
- 12 Plaintiff's 556.
- 13 A. Okay.

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- Q. Which was Bates marked Jameson 22989.
- 15 Oh. Sorry.
- 16 (Document handed to Mr. Paul.)
- 17 MR. PAUL: Thank you.
- MS. GALLAGHER: Sorry. 18
- Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) This email appears to be from 19
- 20 Greg Shepard. Do you see that?
- 21 A. Yes, I do.
- 22 Q. Dated November 26, 2013; right?
- 23 A. That is correct.
- 24 Q. Okay. Take a look, please, at the second sentence
- 25 of this email which says "LTB-LLC, the RaPower3 Operating

- 1 company, is considering using the solar lenses they are
- 2 renting from RaPower3 Team Members to provide heat to
- 3 distill water in massive amounts to relieve drought
- conditions and to provide water for greenhouses."
- 5 Do you have any idea where Mr. Shepard might have
- 6 gotten this information?
- 7 A. No. But he could have been talking to other
- people about doing this and asking me if I would consider,
- 9 you know, operating the system for that purpose. But I have
- 10 never been approached personally by anyone suggesting this
- 11 type of an operation.
- Q. So it sounds like Mr. Shepard talked to you about 12
- 13 this kind of idea.
- 14 A. Not that I remember. I -- I just would have -- if
- 15 he would have -- if he would have been consulting me, I
- 16 doubt very much he would have put it in an email. I don't
- 17 know. But I don't remember ever seeing this or having
- 18 really talked about it at all.
- 19 Q. So --
- 20 A. He may have done, but I just don't recall it.
- Q. I just want to understand a little bit about what 21
- 22 you just said. So is it your belief that if Mr. Shepard put
- 23 this in an email, he probably had talked to you about it?
- 24 A. If he would have talked to me about it, I would 25 have told him that didn't make any sense.

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- Q. Uh-huh. 1
- 2 A. Not because it wouldn't do that, but because it
- 3 wasn't -- wouldn't be economically feasible to make money in
- 4 doing that. And do you want me to tell you why or do you --
- 5 is that all you want to know?
- 6 Q. That's good for right now.
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Q. So then in or around November 2013, was LTB
- 9 considering using the solar lenses in this manner?
- A. No, and I just explained why it wouldn't. To me 10
- 11 it wouldn't -- there would be to -- a system like this would
- 12 not provide water at a price that you could, in my
- estimation, would make this profitable. Of course, it's not
- 14 profitable making electricity either, so I guess it doesn't
- 15 matter. I don't know.
- 16 But I wouldn't have never done it because -- do
- you want the full answer or not? I mean, I really don't 17
- 18 care (laughing).
- 19 Q. Well, my question to you, Mr. Johnson, is if
- 20 Mr. Shepard had brought this idea to you, would you have
- 21 shared with him that it was not something that you would be
- 22 interested in doing?
- 23 A. Yes. And if you want the explanation I would have
- 24 gave him, I'll give it to you. But if you're not
- 25 interested, I'm not going to bore you with something that

1 you would not be interested in.

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- Q. Can you do it in 30 seconds?
- 3 A. Okay. Yes. The turbine makes clean water at a
- 4 much higher rate than this does. We use two processes, what

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- 5 they call vapor compression and the turbine itself where I
- 6 utilize almost 90 percent of the energy for the purpose of
- 7 making water and for the purpose of making electricity which
- 8 makes a lot more economic sense, where the turbine would do
- 9 the -- more efficient than the system you would have to buy
- 10 in replacement turbine. It'll be more expensive.
- 11 Q. I see. Okay. So then what Mr. Shepard is
- 12 describing in this email --
- 13 A. Foolish operation. No, I'm just kidding
- 14 (laughing). I'm sorry. I just couldn't resist that.
- 15 Q. So what Mr. Shepard is describing in this email is
- 16 a different system than how you would use your turbine to
- 17 produce clean water?
- 18 A. That's correct, yeah. I would -- I would have
- 19 first smiled and then I will bite my tongue.
- 20 (Exhibit 557 marked.)
- Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) So take a look, please, at 21
- 22 Plaintiff's Exhibit 557 Bates marked Greg_P&R-1251. The
- 23 first paragraph under "See attached photo" says -- well,
- 24 I'll just read the whole thing. This is an email from Greg
- 25 Shepard; correct?

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- A. I've never seen this before, but yeah. I can see, 1
- 2 yeah.
- 3 Q. And this is sent on or about November 25th, 2013;
- 4 yes?
- 5 A. Yes, uh-huh.
- 6 Q. And the email starts "See attached photo.
- 7 Five-acre Frito Lay Concentrated Solar Plant that produces
- 8 heat, but not electricity for their business. LTB-LLC, the
- 9 RaPower3 Operating company, is considering using the solar
- 10 lenses they are renting from RaPower3 Team Members to
- 11 provide heat and water for crop production and the
- 12 greenhouses."
- 13 Did I read that -- those sentence correctly?
- 14 A. Yes, you did.
- 15 Q. In or around November 2013, was LTB considering
- 16 using the lenses to provide heat to greenhouses?
- 17 A. Well, let me explain. I should have explained
- 18 this before, and I just didn't think about it. The people
- 19 who buy the lenses can take their lenses and do whatever
- 20 they choose with them. I don't have control over that. If
- 21 they were to come and say I want to do this, then I could
- 22 accommodate them in providing a means for them to do it, but
- 23 I would -- I would have suggested that it probably wouldn't 24 be the most beneficial way of using that heat. But they are
- 25 entitled by the contract, they can, if they choose to, do

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1 whatever they choose to do with their lenses.	1	A.	No.	
2 So I apologize for not making that clear. But	2	Q.	Have you ever told Mr	. Shepard that LTB-
3 they weren't they didn't approach me with this concept,	3 m	nakin	g rental payments to ar	y person?

- MS. GALLAGHER: Could you read back my question, please 6 (to the reporter).
- 7 (The record was read as follows:

4 if that's what you were asking.

- 8 "Q In or around November 2013, was LTB
- 9 considering using the lens to provide heat to
- greenhouses?") 10

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- THE WITNESS: The answer would be no. 11
- 12 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Did you ever tell Mr. Shepard
- 13 that LTB was considering using solar lenses to provide heat
- 14 to greenhouses?
- 15 A. I did not. No. Wait a minute. Now, let me
- 16 explain this; okay? The turbine itself, okay, after the --
- 17 after the heat has -- or the water has produced the turbine
- 18 to create electricity, there is -- there is still about a
- 19 200 degree, approximately, heat that needs to be recondensed
- 20 to make it come back to water. In that frame I have
- 21 indicated that that heat could be used as an additional
- 22 resource to heat a building after it's produced electricity.
- 23 After it's cleaned the water, actually.
- 24 After you put salt water through the system, the
- 25 turbine has then removed all of the particles that would

B-O&M is

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- making rental payments to any person?
- A. No.
- 5 Q. Has he ever asked you?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Have you ever talked about why any LTB entity may
- 8 not have made rental payments to any person?
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- 10 Q. You -- I believe you said earlier that the
- 11 purchaser of a lens is entitled to do whatever that person
- 12 wants with the lens.
- A. That's correct. 13
- 14 Q. To your knowledge, has anyone ever purchased a
- 15 lens -- I'll withdraw that.
- 16 To your knowledge, has anyone ever purchased a
- 17 lens and then come to pick up that lens?
- A. There may have been one, but there wouldn't -- it
- 19 wouldn't have been a normal thing to do. But there may have
- 20 been one or two that did that.
- 21 Q. So less than five people?
- 22 A. Oh, yes. I would -- I would assume it would be
- 23 less than that, if they had even that many, but I don't
- 24 know. But there may have been, but I don't know who they
- 25 would be or if they did or not.

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- 1 contaminate the water and, in the cooling process of that
- water, that heat could be used for other processes such as
- 3 heating domestic water, heating domestic houses, heating
- 4 greenhouses or -- or french fries or potato chips or
- 5 whatever. Onions, whatever you want to use it for. But it
- 6 would be after the use of it producing power.
- 7 MS. GALLAGHER: Would you read back my question, please
- 8 (to the reporter).
- 9 (The record was read as follows:
- 10 "Q Did you ever tell Mr. Shepard that LTB
- 11 was considering using solar lenses to provide heat
- 12 to greenhouses?")
- MS. GALLAGHER: So I'm gonna object to the 13
- 14 responsiveness of the answer after "No, I did not."
- THE WITNESS: Okay. I don't know how to answer that 15
- 16 without making it confusing.
- 17 MS. GALLAGHER: There's no -- there's no question
- 18 pending.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Oh. I'm sorry.
- Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Mr. Johnson, did you ever tell
- 21 Mr. Shepard that LTB was paying rental payments to any
- 22 person?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. Did you ever tell Mr. Shepard that LTB1 was making 24
- 25 rental payments to any person?

- 1 Q. You don't remember their names?
 - A. I don't even remember if they did. I was just
 - 3 saying it was a possibility that someone did, but I don't
 - 4 know.
 - 5 Q. So it may not have happened at all?
 - 6 A. Correct. I just don't know.
 - 7 Q. Has LTB ever made a payment for the use of any
 - 8 lens simply to generate heat?
 - 9 A. No, they have not.
 - 10 Q. Has LTB1 ever made a payment for the use of a lens
 - 11 to generate heat?
 - 12 A. No, they have not.
 - 13 Q. Has LTB-O&M ever made any payment for the use of a
 - 14 lens to generate heat?
 - 15 A. No, they have not. Just heat by themselves;
- 16 right? Not making electricity; right? Well, LTB hasn't
- 17 done that, so never mind. Pardon me.
- 18 Q. I'm showing you what's previously been marked
- 19 Plaintiff's Exhibit 341. Please take a look at that email,
- 20 read it, and let me know when you're done. For the record,
- 341 is Bates marked Greg_P&R-1787. 21
- 22 A. (Peruses document.)
- 23 Okay.
- 24 Q. I'd like to draw your attention, please, to the
- 25 paragraph that starts Rental Payments. Do you see that

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10 Exhibit 121.

12 Mr. Paul).

14 Exhibit 121 --A. Okay.

A. I'm done.

A. I do.

20 Preston Olsen. Do you see that?

1 produce clean drinking water?

A. No, they have not.

Q. Has LTB-LLC ever produced any electricity?

Q. Has LTB1-LLC ever produced any electricity?

Q. Has LTB-O&M ever produced any electricity?

Q. Showing you, sir, what's been marked Plaintiff's

And you should have a copy of this one (to

Please take a look back through Plaintiff's

Q. This is an operation maintenance agreement that

Q. This operation and maintenance agreement is in a

Q. -- and let me know when you're done.

19 says, in the first paragraph, it is between LTB-LLC and

23 little bit of a different format than the 2008 operation and

25 do you recognize Plaintiff's Exhibit 121 as, generally, the

24 maintenance agreement that we looked at earlier today, but

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1 paragraph?

- 2 A. Right.
- 3 Q. It says "Fabulous news. You purchased your lens
- 4 from RaPower3. Then you rented them from LTB-LLC. Then
- 5 LTB-LLC found a place to use them. IAS wanted to use them
- for their R&D program. IAS has used them since 2010."
- 7 Did I read that correctly?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Has LTB used any lenses for IAS's R&D program?
- A. If you're asking me if I understand this 10
- 11 statement, I do not. I don't know what he's referring to.
- 12 But I've already said that LTB has not made any payment at
- 13 all, but this -- these don't make -- to me I don't even know
- 14 what he's talking about here, so I don't understand what
- 15 he'd even be doing.
- 16 Q. Okay. So you don't know what Mr. Shepard is
- 17 talking about in the paragraph that is headed Rental
- 18 Payments?
- 19 A. No. The contracts speak for themselves.
- 20 Q. The next paragraph says "Therefore, your rental
- 21 payments began to accrue back then. Let's say you purchased 21
- 22 10 lenses in 2010 or earlier. I'm 99.5 percent sure you
- 23 will start receiving rental payments this year, so at \$150
- 24 per lens per year you'd get \$750 for 2010, \$750 also for
- 25 2011, 2012, 2013, and possibly 2014. That would add up to

1 operation and maintenance agreement in effect in or around

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2 2016?

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- 3 A. Right.
- 5 A. Yes, I do.

Q. "Yes?"

- 6 Q. Okav.
- 7 (Exhibit 558 marked.)
- 8 Q. (BY MS. GALLAGHER) Please take a look at
- 9 Plaintiff's Exhibit 558 and let me know when you're done.
- 10 A. I'm done.
- 11 Q. Bates number is Jameson 5174. Do you recognize
- 12 Plaintiff's Exhibit 558?
- 13 A. Yes, I do.
- 14 Q. What is it?
- 15 A. It's a placed-in-service letter.
- 16 Q. And you've signed the letter; correct?
- 17 A. Correct. Yes, I did.
- Q. On behalf of RaPower3? 18
- 19 A. Yes, I did.
- 20 Q. Okay. Let's take a look at the second sentence --
- 21 A. Okay.
- 22 Q. -- of this letter which says "LTB-LLC has utilized
- 23 solar energy from your panels for the purpose of assisting
- 24 IAS in research and development for both agricultural and
- 25 municipal solar thermal waste heat reclamation and multiple

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- 1 \$3,750 this year."
- 2 Did I read that correctly?
- 3 A. Correct.
- Q. Do you have any idea what Mr. Shepard's talking 4
- 5 about here?
- 6 A. I do not.
- Q. Did you authorize him to make this statement about 7
- past rental payments accruing starting in 2010?
- A. I've never had this conversation with him at all.
- 10 I do not know what it is. The contracts, again, speak for
- 11 themselves.
- Q. Have you ever had any intention to pay rental 12
- 13 payments retroactively?
- A. No, I do not. 14
- 15 Q. If the owner of the lens demanded retroactive
- 16 rental payments from any entity that you're in charge of,
- what would you do? 17
- A. I just refer them to the contract. 18
- Q. Has LTB-LLC ever negotiated any contract for the 19
- production of clean drinking water?
- 21 A. No, they have not.
- Q. Has LTB1-LLC ever negotiated any contract to
- 23 produce clean drinking water?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. Has LTB-O&M ever negotiated any contract to

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1 200	Page 93	1	Page 9 STATE OF UTAH)
	n-serial array concentrated photovoltaic receiver	') SS.
	cuitry"	2	COUNTY OF SALT LAKE)
	A. Correct.	3	REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE
	Q "among other applications such as refinement of	4	I, Amanda Richards, certified shorthand reporter
1	arless dual-axis hydraulic tracking mechanisms"	5	for the State of Utah, certify:
	A. That's correct.	6	That the deposition of the witness herein was
7	Q "and quick-release panel stabilizers and	7	taken before me at the time and place herein set forth, at
8 coi	nnections, which qualify as commercial use of solar		which time the witness was by me duly sworn to testify the
9 en	ergy."		truth; that the testimony of the witness and all objections
10	Did I read that correctly?		made and all proceedings had of record at the time of the
11	A. That's correct.		examination were reported stenographically by me and were
12	Q. How, if at all, did LTB do this, what's described		thereafter transcribed into typewritten form by me.
13 he	re?	13	That the foregoing transcript, as transcribed by me, is a full, true and correct record of my stenographic
14	A. LTB didn't do it.		notes so taken; that review of the transcript by the witness
15	Q. Any idea why it says LTB did it?	1	was requested pursuant to Rule 30(e) of the Rules of Civil
	A. I don't know, but it's a mistake. It would have	1	Procedure.
	en IAS, not LTB. LTB wouldn't have been involved in the	18	I further certify that I am neither counsel for
	search and development.	1	nor related to any party to said action, nor in anywise
	Q. RaPower3 provided placed-in-service letters to	1	interested in the outcome thereof.
	ners of lenses; correct?	21	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name
21	A. Correct. But this is a mistake, and I'll correct	22	below this 13th day of July 2017.
	e mistake, but it's not it's not accurate.	23	
23			
	Q. Mr. Johnson, are there any answers to my questions	24	A
	day that you would like to update or correct?	25	Amanda Richards, CSR
25	A. No. We're fine. We're good.	25	
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1	Q. All right.	1	WITNESS CERTIFICATE
2	We would like the witness to read and sign at this	2	
3 tim	ne. I have no further questions.	3	I, NELDON JOHNSON, hereby declare under the
4	MR. PAUL: I don't have any questions either. Thank		penalties of perjury of the laws of the United States of
5 yo	ou.	5	America and the laws of the State of Utah that the foregoing
6	(The proceedings ended at 1:34 p.m.)	۱ ۵	is true and correct.
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