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2		1	not intend to answer any questions today; is that
3	R. Gregory Shepard,		correct?
4	called as a witness, being first duly sworn,	4	MR. REAY: That's an answer.
5	was examined and testified as follows:	5	I'm just kidding.
6	EVANDATION.	6	MR. SHEPARD: I'm not sure if I understand
7	EXAMINATION PAGE AND		the question entirely, because you're going to call a
	BY MR. MORAN:	1	judge?
9	Q. Good morning, Mr. Shepard. We are on the	9	MR. MORAN: Well, Mr. Reay, you can do
	record in the case United States versus RaPower3, which	11	you have something you'd like to say? MR. REAY: Correct. I'm uncomfortable
12	is pending in the District of Utah. My name is Chris Moran, here on behalf of		moving forward without the attorneys present, and if
	the United States, U.S. Department of Justice Tax	1	you are going to call the judge, do. And if not, we
	Division.	1	are going to conclude.
15	Will the other attorneys in the room	15	MR. MORAN: Okay. Before we call the
	please put their appearances on the record.		court, we are going to mark an exhibit.
17	MR. REAY: Donald Reay, appearing for Greg	17	
	Shepard.	18	MR.MORAN: Exhibit 458, which has been
19	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Erin Healy Gallagher,		given to Mr. Shepard as well as his attorney, Mr. Reay,
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23	defendant Roger Freeborn, correct?	1	9:00 a.m.
24	MR. REAY: No.	24	Can we go off the record briefly.
25	I'm sorry, yeah. I'm sorry. Correct. I	25	(Break taken from 9:46 to 10:41 a.m.)
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1 defendants, and Neldon Johnson being present, who is 2 not represented, and the lack of representation at this 3 deposition, I didn't feel comfortable moving forward 4 without the parties having counsel present.

5 JUDGE FURSE: Okay. And Mr. Heideman, I 6 appreciate you being on the phone, I have seen your 7 notice to withdraw and we will be acting on that today. 8 But I'm not -- I guess I'm not really seeing how that 9 affects the deposition of Mr. Shepard today. 10 Mr. Shepard is being represented by Mr. Reay. As long 11 as there is -- I don't anticipate that anybody will 12 turn around and put Mr. Johnson under oath or attempt

13 to do that today. 14 And the government is taking the 15 deposition. Mr. Shepard has adequate representation of 15 16 his choosing. And then as far as what this might mean 17 for other parties, obviously that will have to be 18 sorted out at a later date. But if the government has 19 noticed the deposition and it's their choice to go 20 forward with it today, I don't see a reason why 21 Mr. Shepard should not answer questions. Under the 22 Rules there's no basis not to answer questions at this 23 point.

24 MR. HEIDEMAN: Your Honor, if I may. This 25 is Justin Heideman. The concern, I think, goes beyond 1 representation of the companies raises a concern that

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2 is going to put my client in a position to have to be

3 deposed again, and that's my main concern is that

4 there's not adequate representation for many of the

5 defendants at a party deposition. And it just opens

6 the door for problems in the future that I'd like to

7 avoid. And I think it would be more appropriate to 8 continue the deposition.

9 JUDGE FURSE: Right. And I do understand 10 that. I understand that's the concern, and that's why

11 I say if the government -- it's the government's 12 deposition, and if they are choosing to go forward with

13 it, they have the right to do that. It is properly

14 noticed and the deponent is appropriately represented. So as far as whether that means there

16 would be permission for another deposition at a later

17 date or whether there would not be permission for 18 another deposition at a later date, that is a matter

19 for another day. But at this point there is no basis

20 for the Court to refuse to allow the deposition to go

21 forward, or to order the deponent not to answer

22 questions. So that's going to be my ruling. Obviously

23 if the government wants to choose not to go forward,

24 they can do that. But if they want to go forward 25 today, they may.

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1 just Mr. Johnson. The termination of our firm as legal 2 counsel for all of the companies, LTB1, RaPower, IAS,

3 just to name a few, I think it does create a real

4 problem because in the event that the deposition is

5 taken, the argument that exists is that there was not

6 representation for those companies that could be

7 present, and so as a result, the deposition may not be 8 completely valid.

9 I mean, obviously I'm sure everybody is going to respect whatever the court does. I have been 11 ordered not to even be there, so I'm not present. But 12 I understand why Mr. --

13 JUDGE FURSE: You haven't been ordered by 14 the court not to be there.

MR. HEIDEMAN: No. I have been ordered by 15 16 my former client to not attend. But the issue I think 17 is one of chargeability, because Mr. Reay is not going 18 to want to have his client deposed twice. So I think 19 that is the concern. And if the Court is taking that

20 into consideration in its determination, then so be it. 21 But I do think with regard to the companies, it is an

22 issue.

23 MR. REAY: Your Honor, this is Donald 24 Reay. I would second that. That was my argument and

25 he articulated it better than I did; that the lack of

MR. REAY: This is Donald Reay again. 1 2 think the issue may be that there's a discovery 3 deadline coming up, and to avoid the need for two

4 depositions we would have no problem continuing

5 discovery, the deadline, to accommodate that if we do continue. I just wanted to get that on the record. 6

7 JUDGE FURSE: All right.

Anything further, Mr. Moran? 8

9 MR. MORAN: Just one thing, your Honor.

10 This probably isn't a ripe issue yet, but I wanted your

11 Honor to be aware. We have also noticed 30(b)(6)

12 depositions for the rest of this week and Neldon

13 Johnson on Friday. We intend to go forward with those

14 depositions, as well. Tomorrow, Wednesday, and

15 Thursday are entity defendants, and Mr. Johnson is on 16 Friday.

17 Ms. Healy Gallagher.

18 MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Your Honor, I

19 understand the local rules impose a stay after an order 20 to withdraw is acted upon.

21 JUDGE FURSE: Yes.

MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: And you said that 22

23 you were planning to act on that order today? JUDGE FURSE: Yes, I did say that. Is 24

25 there expected to be an opposition to the motion to

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1 withdraw from any of the parties? 2 MR. MORAN: Your Honor, the government 3 would oppose the motion to withdraw to the extent it

4 delays the depositions that have been scheduled for

5 over a month, and on the eve of those depositions Mr. Johnson has decided to fire his attorneys.

7 Your Honor wasn't in the case a year ago 8 when we had a similar situation. Responses to the 9 United States' written discovery were due, and on the 10 eve of that being due, Mr. Johnson also terminated his 11 former counsel, Mr. Sam Alba. And that's when 12 Mr. Heideman entered the case. So to the extent that 13 Mr. Heideman's motion to withdraw is going to delay the depositions that have been scheduled for this week, we

16 JUDGE FURSE: Okay.

MR. REAY: Your Honor, can I interject, 17

18 too? This is Donald Reay again.

19 THE COURT: Yes.

do object.

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20 MR. REAY: I would not have an objection 21 to the motion to withdraw, but if you are granting that 22 today I would move that this deposition be continued on 23 that grounds to give opportunity for defendants in this 24 case to have counsel present at party depositions. I

25 think it's prejudicial to them to not have them here

- 1 and I don't want to put my client through a second
- 2 deposition because of that. I don't think it
- 3 prejudices the case of the United States in continuing
- 4 the fact discovery deadline to reschedule these, but I
- 5 think it heavily would prejudice parties that would put
- 6 my client in prejudice, also. And that's what I'm 7 trying to avoid.

8 MR. MORAN: May I respond to that, your 9 Honor?

10 JUDGE FURSE: Yes.

MR. MORAN: This is Chris Moran. 11

12 Discovery has been open in this case for

13 over a year. The deadline has always been June 2,

14 2017. The United States has been vigorously pursuing

15 discovery throughout that period, and it's culminated

16 frankly in this week of depositions. Mr. Johnson's

decision with two weeks left in discovery to fire his

attorneys was not -- is not our fault. It's his. 18

19 JUDGE FURSE: All right. So I will not

20 act on the motion to withdraw today then. I will

21 give -- and as I've said, I've already ruled on the

22 motion or on the issue of Mr. Shepard's deposition. As

23 long as the government wishes to go forward today, they

24 may do so. And I'm making that ruling with no -- but

25 I'm not ruling on the issue of what that means for

Page 15 1 later on, whether there would be a second deposition or 2 not, once the other -- once the issue of counsel is 3 resolved.

4 When is the next deposition in this case? 5 MR. MORAN: It's tomorrow for I believe 6 it's LTB.

7 JUDGE FURSE: Okay.

8 MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: And that starts at 9:00 a.m., as do the depositions the rest of the week.

10 JUDGE FURSE: Okay. I'm going to -- so I 11 have heard the government's position as far as the 12 motion to withdraw. I'm going to give Mr. Heideman 13 and/or his clients the opportunity to respond to that.

14 Would you like to respond? Would anybody like to 15 respond to that as far as Mr. Heideman or his client at

16 this time? 17 MR. HEIDEMAN: Well, your Honor, I think

18 that Mr. Johnson would probably be best to respond to 19 that. He is in the room. We have provided what I

20 think we can pursuant to attorney/client privilege, and

21 beyond that I think Mr. Johnson would have to respond.

22 JUDGE FURSE: Okay. Mr. Johnson, is there 23 anything you would like to add about Mr. Heideman's

24 withdrawal?

25 MR. JOHNSON: Well, your Honor, I would be

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1 acting pro se on that issue, and in so doing you would

2 have to rule on the issue of whether or not I am 3 capable of acting as pro se, before I could answer any

4 questions.

5 JUDGE FURSE: Well, actually you are 6 capable of acting pro se, because this is not -- this

7 isn't a criminal matter, this is a civil matter and

8 you're an individual. So you can't represent the

9 company pro se, but as an individual you are welcome to

10 represent yourself.

I'm not asking you to represent yourself 12 pro se at this point. What I'm asking is, is there

13 anything else you'd like to add about the motion to

14 withdraw before I rule on the motion to withdraw and

15 whether there is a 21-day stay to obtain new counsel or 16 not.

17 MR. JOHNSON: Well, like I say, if you

18 want to have me act as pro se, then all you have to do

19 is indicate that that's okay and then I'll try and do

20 my best to respond. I'm clearly at a disadvantage, but

21 I would still -- I would still try to respond in a way

22 that would articulate the reasons why we are doing what 23 we are doing.

JUDGE FURSE: That is fine. You can 24 25 represent your own personal self pro se for purposes of

Page 17 Page 19 1 this, or at this point. 1 we were acting upon that never have gotten done. 2 MR. JOHNSON: Well, thank you, your Honor. 2 And so we are really -- I'm really telling 3 We have a problem that we feel like arose. 3 you that we are really in a bad place and we have made 4 I was not aware of any of these depositions coming up. 4 some maybe bad choices. But I'm not a legal expert, 5 I didn't -- I was not told about the depositions coming 5 but I can see when things are going sour. And I think 6 up tomorrow, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, until --6 that from that, it wouldn't be fair -- it wouldn't 7 I wasn't even aware of those until Monday. And I had 7 represent, I think, a fair trial to have me at this 8 already -- we had already scheduled in business 8 kind of disadvantage where you have two expert meetings for this week. And I was only aware that 9 attorneys here from Washington, DC that do this for a something would happen possibly on June, after June 1st 10 living, and here I have never really been involved or something like that. And that was -- this is the 11 where I've had control of a deposition. And I don't first time where I've been aware that I'm going to be 12 think that would be fair. It wouldn't be fair to me deposed for four days. I haven't even had a chance to 13 and it certainly wouldn't be fair to my other -- to the prepare for those depositions. 14 other businesses that are involved, your Honor. Thank 14 15 And so we are clearly at a disadvantage 15 you. 16 16 because of the situation that's not been created by me. JUDGE FURSE: Thank you. And any further 17 And so I'm really in a bad place because I have people comments on the motion to withdraw from the government? 17 coming in from outside the country that I have already 18 MR. MORAN: Nothing, your Honor. 19 scheduled this week for in working out possibly a sale JUDGE FURSE: Okay. And anything further, 19 20 of the company on the foreign market. And it would 20 Mr. Reay? 21 21 certainly be a disadvantage to me in my business MR. REAY: Nothing further, your Honor. JUDGE FURSE: All right. So I will take 22 decisions. But I don't know how I could get these 22 23 people notice that they have to make other arrangements 23 that under advisement and then get a decision out today 24 in their business meetings when I wasn't fully aware of 24 on the motion to withdraw. 25 all these meetings. 25 But as I said, as far as the deposition, Page 18 Page 20 1 as long as the government wishes to go forward today 1 In fact, I was not even aware of the 2 bifurcation that was taking place, hearings. And so 3 I'm clearly at a significant disadvantage of not being 3 answer the questions asked. 4 an attorney and lacking the knowledge that is required 4 MR. HEIDEMAN: Your Honor, Justin Heideman 5 to make the various motions that might affect the case 5 here. I have a duty of candor to the Court here. I'm 6 involving myself. But I clearly couldn't even make any 6 not sure how to address that or deal with that in this 7 objections to anything that would involve any of the 7 circumstance. Does the Court require any additional

8 other defendants. And so because of that, I feel like 9 that I'm really put in a bad situation. And so I feel 10 bad about the situation.

I wasn't even aware of the deadline of 11 12 when the discovery was going to end until Friday of 13 last week. And that's what really constituted the 14 decision to move quickly in getting other counsel, so 15 we could at least take advantage of some discovery, 16 where I'm totally at a disadvantage now of discovery. 17 I don't have anybody even, as far as I know, even on 18 discovery.

19 And so I'm just scared to death of what 20 the situation that I have been put into that clearly 21 wasn't my responsibility, but it leans on me now to

22 have had to make a decision, and it had to be made very 22 23 fast, not only because of the depositions but because 24 of the discovery problems. And the fact that I was not 25 aware of the bifurcation situation or other things that Shepard, R. Gregory

2 then that needs to go forward, and Mr. Shepard needs to

8 briefing or documentation? 9 JUDGE FURSE: I'm not sure what you are

10 saying to me. You have filed a motion to withdraw. I 11 have received that. Is there a misrepresentation in

12 what you have filed? Or not a misrepresentation?

13 MR. HEIDEMAN: No.

14 JUDGE FURSE: Is there something inaccurate

15 in what you have filed?

16 MR. HEIDEMAN: No. My filing is

17 completely accurate.

18 JUDGE FURSE: Okay. Then I think we will

19 leave it at that.

20 MR. HEIDEMAN: Okay.

21 JUDGE FURSE: Thank you very much.

(End of conference call.)

23 (Discussion off the record and

24 Mr. Neldon Johnson left the

25 proceedings.)

- Q. (By Mr. Moran) We are back on the record 1 2 in the case United States versus RaPower3 et al. We
- 3 are here for the deposition of Mr. Gregory Shepard. He
- 4 is here with his counsel, Donald Reay.
- 5 Counsel for United States is myself, Erin
- 6 Healy Gallagher, and Erin Hines is on the phone from
- 7 Washington DC. This deposition will be governed by the
- 8 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the local rules in
- 9 the District of Utah. We will be using several
- 10 exhibits that have already been marked in previous
- 11 depositions. And any exhibits that are marked today
- 12 will be kept by the United States to be used throughout
- 13 the week, and we will provide them to the court
- 14 reporter at the end of the week on Friday.
- Mr. Shepard. You remain under oath. You 15
- 16 have already been sworn in; is that correct?
- A. Yes. 17
- 18 Q. And also for the record, Mr. Neldon
- 19 Johnson, defendant, has left the building after the
- conference call with the court.
- 21 Mr. Shepard, have you ever been deposed
- 22 before?

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- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. You have? How many times?
- 25 Over a dozen.

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- Q. Over a dozen. Okay. Then you are
- probably familiar with the ground rules. Mr. Reay has
- 3 probably talked to you about them but I'm going to go
- 4 over them again.
- 5 A. Okay.
- 6 Q. It will probably be familiar for you. I'm
- going to be asking you several questions today. Your
- 8 job is to provide complete and truthful answers. My
- questions and your responses will be recorded by Madam
- 10 Court Reporter sitting to my right. You need to speak
- 11 loudly enough for her to hear, and answer my questions
- 12 verbally. Do you understand?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. The court reporter cannot record a nod or
- 15 shake of the head, and words like uh-huh are not clear
- on the transcript. So you are doing a great job thus
- far, so "yes" or "nos" will be great. 17
- We also have a tendency, in casual 18
- 19 conversation, to speak over one another or to answer a
- 20 guestion before it's finished being asked. So today
- 21 I'm going to ask you to try and wait until I'm finished
- 22 asking my question before you start your answer. The
- 23 court reporter can't record when you and I are talking
- 24 over each another. Do you understand that?
- 25 A. Yes.

Page 23 Q. Okay. It's my obligation to ask questions

- 2 that you understand so that your answers are complete
- 3 and truthful. So if you don't understand a question,
- 4 just tell me and I'll rephrase it so that you can
- 5 better understand. Do you understand?
 - Yes.
- 7 Okay. Occasionally there may be an
- 8 objection to a question I ask by Mr. Reay. Unless he
- 9 instructs you not to answer, you need to answer my
- 10 question. Do you understand?
- 11 Α. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. It may happen throughout the day
- 13 that you realize a question or an answer you gave
- 14 previously was incorrect, or you'd like to add to it.
- 15 That's perfectly fine. Just tell me and I'll give you
- 16 a chance to clear up your earlier testimony. Do you
- 17 understand?
- 18 Α. Yes. Q. We'll try to take at least a couple breaks 19
- 20 throughout the day. It is already eleven o'clock, it's
- 21 after eleven o'clock, so we will take a lunch break and
- 22 then bathroom breaks as the need arises. If you need
- 23 to take a break at any time or you wish to talk to
- 24 Mr. Reay, you can do so. I just ask that you not ask
- 25 for a break while a question is pending. So if you

- 1 need a break, answer the pending question and then I'll
- 2 give you -- just tell me you want to take a break and
- 3 you can talk to Mr. Reay. Do you understand?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Mr. Shepard, we are here today to get as
- 6 accurate a record of your recollection of the facts of
- 7 this case, so I have to ask you is there anything that
- 8 would prevent you from giving completely truthful and
- 9 accurate testimony today?
- 10 Α.
- Q. Are you taking any medications or drugs 11
- 12 that interfere with your memory?
- 13 Α.
- 14 Q. Have you had any alcoholic drinks in the
- 15 last eight hours?
- Α. 16
- 17 Are you feeling well today? Q.
- 18 Α. I am.
- 19 Q. Okay. Is there any reason you can think
- 20 of why you cannot answer my questions truthfully and
- 21 accurately?
- 22 A. No.

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- Q. Can we go off the record?
- (Discussion off the record.) 24
- 25 Exhibit 459 WASMARKED.)

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- 1 Q. Mr. Shepard, you've been handed a copy of
- 2 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 3 Exhibit 459. This is a list of website captures that
- 4 the United States prepared and Bates stamped and
- 5 provided to your attorneys. I understand that you
- 6 agree these are all authentic for purposes of Federal
- 7 Rule of Evidence 901 and that they are what they
- 8 purport to be, various website captures from some
- 9 websites, with the exception of U.S. 2793 to U.S. 2801.
- 10 Is that correct?
- 11 A. Yeah. What's 2801?
- 12 Q. It's a Bates range.
- 13 A. It's a what?
- 14 MR. REAY: Just the Bates numbers.
- 15 Q. Go to the next page.
- 16 A. Oh, here it is, 2801.
- 17 Q. Yes.
- 18 A. Yeah, SOLCO 1.
- 19 MR. REAY: He was just clarifying for the
- 20 record.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Right.
- 22 Q. (By Mr. Moran) So I'll ask you it again.
- 23 Exhibit 459 is a series of websites that lists the
- 24 Bates numbers for a series of website captures that
- 25 have been Bates stamped as indicated in Exhibit 459.
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- 1 And I understand that you agree that all of those
- 2 website captures are authentic under Federal Rule of
- 3 Evidence 901, with the exception of Bates number U.S.
- 4 002793 through U.S. 002801, which is a website capture
- 5 from SOLCO 1, LLC; is that correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 MR. MORAN: Mr. Reay, is that correct?
- 8 MR. REAY: Yes.
- 9 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Mr. Shepard, how old are
- 10 you?
- 11 A. 74.
- 12 Q. 74.
- 13 A. 75 in July.
- 14 Q. We are going to start out with some
- 15 background information to just better understand how
- 16 you're coming into this case. Are you married?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. What's your spouse's name?
- 19 A. Diana.
- 20 Q. Okay. Do you have any children?
- 21 A. Four.
- 22 Q. Four children. What are their names?
- 23 A. Andrea, Matt, Mark, and Shauna.
- 24 Q. Okay. Is Diana Shepard the only person
- 25 you have ever been married to?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Can you take me through your education,
- 3 very briefly, broad strokes, from when you graduated 4 high school.
- 5 A. Went to Oberlin College in Cleveland, Ohio
- 6 area, majored in music, studied for a year at Salzburg,
- 7 Austria at what is called the Mozart -- it's Mozarteum,
- 8 but in English it's the University of Mozart.
 - And then I attended some postgraduate work
- 10 in exercise sports medicine at Oregon State University
- 11 for one year and a summer. And then transferred to the
- 12 University of Oregon where I got a master's degree in
- 13 science with an emphasis on statistical analysis and
- 14 exercise sports science.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. And then I have my doctorate in exercise
- 17 sports science from Brigham Young University.
- 18 Q. Okay. When did you get those degrees?
- 19 A. '64 from Oberlin College, '67 from the
- 20 University of Oregon with the master's, and the
- 21 doctorate was 1974.
- 22 Q. Okay. I understand you were a coach for a
- 23 period of time.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. When was that?

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- 1 A. Started coaching at Oregon State
- 2 University in 1965 with the football team.
 - Q. Okay.
- 4 A. And then with the football team at the
- 5 University of Oregon Ducks. Then I coached for two
- 6 years at high school, Crater High School in Central
- 7 Point, Oregon, southern Oregon; and then for two years
- 8 in Bellingham, Washington, which is up north, north of
- 9 Seattle. And then went to BYU and was with the
- 10 football team there and coached weight lifting and was
- 11 a part-time faculty member, also. And then I went to
- 12 Rexburg, Idaho as head football coach, Madison County
- 13 High School. Rexburg is north of Idaho Falls,
- 14 Pocatello. And then spent three years there, '73, 74,
- 15 and '75 football seasons, and then coached as a head
- 16 coach down here at Salt Lake City at Granger High
- 17 School for three football seasons. And then I
- 18 volunteer-coached at Hunter High School 2005, '06, '07,
- 19 in there. And then most recently was a volunteer track
- 20 coach at Summit Academy, which is about ten miles south
- 21 of here.
- 22 Q. Okay. And I also understand at one point
- 23 you ran your own company.
- 24 A. Yes. It was called Bigger, Faster,
- 25 Stronger. And I had that, started that in about 1978,

- 1 and then officially sold that in 2013.
- 2 Q. And what did Bigger, Faster, Stronger do 3 generally?
- 4 A. They do a variety of things, but it's in
- 5 the area of strength and conditioning and motivation,
- 6 character building. So there's books, videos, had a
- 7 manufacturing plant manufacturing all kinds of weight
- 8 training equipment, bench presses, squat racks. But we
- 9 sold everything, weights, dumbbells. And then we did
- 10 certification. So we would certify coaches so that
- 11 they could avoid legal problems if those ever arose
- 12 with injuries. And then knowledge of how to do things.
- And then we would do clinics. And so we
- 14 would go to a high school or a college and spend all
- 15 day and teach them how to lift weights, but also why
- 16 and how to win. So basically that's it.
- 17 Q. Sounds like Bigger, Faster, Stronger's
- 18 customers were mostly college and high school athletic
- 19 programs?
- 20 A. Oh, yes. It started out with football but
- 21 then as things evolved, it got into other sports and
- 22 then women's sports.
- 23 Q. Any other customers?
- 24 A. Well, yes. Because, you know, anybody
- 25 that wanted weight lifting equipment. So we had people

- 1 Q. You've answered some questions in the
 - 2 interrogatory about your e-mail address or e-mail
 - 3 addresses you've used. So I'm going to list off a few
 - 4 and I'd ask you to tell me, one, if that's correct, and
 - 5 two, at the end I'll ask you if there were any more.
 - 6 ShepardFoundation2@Outlook.com? Is that your e-mail 7 address?

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- 8 A. I had it briefly but I don't think I ever
- 9 received any e-mails on it and it's no longer active.
- 10 Q. Okay. But have you sent e-mail from that 11 address?
- 12 A. I don't believe so. I can't recall.
- 13 Q. Okay. Do you recall when you had the
- 14 e-mail address ShepardFoundation2@Outlook.com?
 - A. I can't recall.
- 16 Q. How about Greg@Rapower3.com?
- 17 A. Yes.

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- 18 Q. How long have you had that e-mail address?
- 19 A. I can't exactly recall, but probably --
- 20 Q. Approximately is fine.
- 21 A. Six or seven years.
- 22 Q. So about 2010?
- 23 A. That's close, give or take a couple years.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. Not on the low side, but probably on the

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- 1 from gyms that weren't associated with schools.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. And they would order weight lifting
- 4 equipment. But that's -- some junior highs. Very 5 little pro.
- 6 Q. But primarily college and high school?
- 7 A. It was high school, college. And we were
- 8 equally prevalent in all fifty states.
- 9 Q. Okay. Have you ever been employed by
- 10 anyone else? Have you had any other occupations other 10 recollection.
- 11 than what you have already described to me?
- 12 A. I mean, really early I was --
- 13 Q. Well, excluding --
- 14 A. I worked in a cannery when I was 21.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. But you're probably more interested in
- 17 more recently. And the only thing as far as an
- 18 employee in that area was being a substitute teacher 19 recently.
- 20 Q. Okay. Where?
- 21 A. At a charter school in Murray.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. I don't know if I was an employee.
- 24 Q. But did they pay you?
- 25 A. They paid me. And I paid taxes on it.

- 1 higher side.
- 2 Q. How about Greg.Shepard@live.com?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Do you know when you used that e-mail 5 address?
- 6 A. No. I can't recall that one.
- 7 I mean, I have it. Greg.Shepherd@live.com?
- 8 I can't recall, but there is a live.com one. I don't
- 9 know what was before that. I've never used it, to my
- 11 Q. All right. In an interrogatory request
- 12 which you signed, I'll hand you what's already been
- 13 marked for identification as Plaintiff's Exhibit 411.
- 14 A. Okay.
- 15 Q. You identified some of these e-mail
- 16 addresses.

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- A. Okay.
- 18 Q. Is there any reason to believe that that
- 19 would be incorrect?
- 20 A. Facebook.com, I have never used. Twitter.
- 21 Okay. I don't know about those. I don't know about
- 22 Facebook. I don't know about Twitter. I don't know
- 23 about Rapower3.tumblr. I don't know Linked-In. I
- 24 don't know Google. I don't know YouTube. And I don't
- 25 know Pinterest.

- Q. How about what appears in red that says 1
- 2 "supplement," and it says, "Since 2005 I have also used
- 3 Greg@bfsmail.com, Greg.Shepard@live.com, and
- 4 shepardfoundation2@outlook.com."
- A. I used Greg at bfsmail.com for a long time 5
- 6 because that was associated with the Bigger, Faster,
- 7 Stronger, so I received e-mails in there. And
- 8 Greg.Shepherd@live.com, I know that's on there some
- 9 place but I don't recall e-mails that I sent from this,
- 10 or received. I could have, but I don't recall.
- 11 And the same thing with Shepardfoundation.
- 12 That has been discontinued. I could have sent
- 13 something. I don't recall any e-mails being sent from
- 14 there or received from there. But I just don't recall.
- 15 The main one I use is Greg@rapower3.com.
- 16 That's what I use.
- Q. That's your main e-mail address? 17
- A. Yeah. That's where all my e-mails come 18
- 19 in.

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- 20 Q. How about Edmond@rapower3.net?
- A. I don't -- my son handles all of that 21
- 22 stuff. The same with the Twitter and the Tumblr. I
- 23 don't know anything about those things. I don't have a
- 24 Facebook account.
- 25 Q. All right. We will come back to that.

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Q. What have they given you money for? Page 35

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- 3 Α. For sales.
- 4 Q. Sales? Okay.

Yes.

- 5 A. I have sponsored some people.
- 6 Q. And what did you sell?
- 7 A. I sold solar lenses.
- 8 Q. Solar lenses. Did you sell anything else?
- 9 Α.
- 10 Q. Okay. So RaPower3 has given you -- has
- 11 paid you money for selling solar lenses?
- A. 12 Commissions.
- 13 Q. So RaPower3 has paid you commissions for
- 14 selling solar lenses.
- 15 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
- 16 Has RaPower3 paid you money for anything
- 17 else?
- 18 Α. No.
- 19 How about International Automated Systems;
- 20 have they ever paid you money?
- Α. 21 No.
- 22 How about LTB? Has LTB ever paid you Q.
- 23 money?
- 24 Α. No.
- 25 And when I refer to LTB, I'm referring to

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- Back to your employment. Have you ever,
- 2 with the exception of what you told me about your
- 3 coaching career, Bigger, Faster, Stronger, the cannery,
- 4 have you ever received compensation for any type of
- 5 work you've done, such as from RaPower3 or
- 6 International Animated Systems?
- A. Can you be more specific? 7
- Q. Sure. I understand you're a contractor or
- 9 you have been an independent contractor with some of
- 10 the defendants in this case?
- A. "Some" meaning -- what do you mean by 11
- 12 "some"?
- Q. Have you ever been an independent 13
- 14 contractor for RaPower3?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. How about International Automated Systems? 16
- 17
- Q. Have you ever had any type of employment 18
- 19 relationship with International Animated Systems?
- A. No. 20
- 21 Q. Have they ever paid you money? And by
- 22 "they" I mean International Automated Systems?
- A. I don't recall. I don't think so. 23
- Q. Okay. How about RaPower3; has RaPower3 24
- 25 ever given you money?

- 1 LTB that's a defendant in this case.
- 2 A. I understand.
- 3 Q. You know what company that is?
- A. Yes. They are the operation and 4
- 5 maintenance company.
- Q. All right. You just mentioned solar 6
- lenses that you sell for RaPower3?
- Α. Yes. 8
 - Q. Tell me about the solar lenses. What are
- 10 they?

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- 11 Solar lenses are made of a plastic acrylic
- 12 material which produce heat, and that's what they do.
- They produce a lot of heat. 13
 - Q. Okay. Where do they come from?
- A. It's my understanding they are shipped in 15
- 16 from a large plastic acrylic company called Lucite.
 - Q. Who has them shipped in?
- 18 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 19 speculation.
- Yeah, I have no idea. 20
- 21 Q. You don't know?
- 22 Α.
- 23 Q. All you know is they come from a company
- 24 called Lucite?
- 25 That's what I understand.

Q. How did you get --1

- 2 A. I don't know for sure.
- 3 Q. All right. How did you get that
- 4 understanding?
- 5 A. I believe through Neldon Johnson or his
- son, Randy. 6
- 7 Q. Okay. So Neldon Johnson or Randy Johnson
- told you that the lenses get shipped in from Lucite.
- 9
- 10 Q. What happens to the lenses after they are
- 11 shipped in from Lucite?
- 12 A. They are stored at the manufacturing plant
- 13 in Oasis, Utah.
- 14 Q. When you say "the manufacturing plant,"
- 15 the United States did a site visit about a month and a
- 16 half ago. Do you recall that?
- A. Pardon me. 17
- 18 Q. About a month and a half ago, in early
- 19 April, the United States, Ms. Healy Gallagher and I,
- and you were there, visited the site. We visited, I
- 21 think, two main sites in Delta. The first site is what
- 22 I understand to be the manufacturing facility; is that
- 23 correct?
- 24 Α. Yes.
- 25 And so I just want to be clear, when you

Page 37 Q. Okay. Let's back up to the research and

2 development. Was every lens that you've sold been used

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- 3 in research and development?
- A. I don't know. I'm not in charge of that.
- 5 Q. Who is in charge of that?
- 6 I don't know.
- 7 Well, who knows which lenses were used in
- 8 research and development?
- 9 A. I don't know. I don't know for sure. I'm
- 10 an independent contractor and I don't get a lot of
- 11 information on that kind of stuff.
- Exhibit 460 WAS MARKED.) 12
- 13 Q. Mr. Shepard, you have been given a copy of
- 14 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 15 Exhibit 460. Do you recognize this?
- 16 A. Sure.
- 17 Q. What is it?
- 18 Those are solar lenses.
- 19 And where are these solar lenses?
- 20 Those solar lenses are at the
- manufacturing plant in Oasis, Utah.
- Q. Okay. This is a screen shot taken of a 22
- 23 video that the United States took during the site visit
- 24 on April 4th. Are these the solar lenses that you
- 25 sold?

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Page 40 A. I don't know. Be more specific. I only

- 2 have a few clients. I only have about a dozen or so 3 clients throughout the years.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 So I'm not sure. How would I know if my
- 6 clients' lenses are in there? Because there's stacks
- of them at different places.
- Q. Okay. 8
- 9 Α. They could be.
- Q. The lenses that appear in Exhibit 460, are 10
- 11 those similar to the lenses that you sold?
- 12 Yes. I would think so.
- 13 But you don't know which lenses you sold?
- 14 I don't know if they are there in this Α.
- 15 stack.
- 16 Q. Is there any way that you could find out?
- 17 Α. I would assume so, but I don't know.
- 18 If you were going to find out, what would Q.
- 19 you do?
- 20 I would call -- probably call Glenda. Α.
- 21 Q. Do you think she would be able to tell
- 22 you?
- 23 Α. I don't know.
- 24 Okay. Q.
- 25 I do know that my lenses that I bought and Α.

- 1 said "the manufacturing facility," that we are all on
- the same page. 3
- So the lenses come in from Lucite at the 4 manufacturing facility and what happens next to the
- lenses?
- 6 A. They are put into a -- well, what years
- 7 are you talking about?
- 8 Q. I'm asking generally what's your
- 9 understanding of the lenses that you sell.
- 10 A. Well, they were first used for research
- 11 and development to see what the wind tolerance would be
- 12 and the cracking and how well they would stand up, and
- what the dust would do, how often they would need to be
- 14 washed. If a rock chip hit it, what would the effect
- 15 be. When they are put in certain kinds of frames, what
- would happen. For example, different wind tolerances
- or different cracking. 17
- So it's my understanding -- I didn't do 18
- 19 the research and development. That was my
- 20 understanding that that's what was going on. But now
- 21 they are put in -- the solar lenses are being put into
- 22 solar frames at the construction site, which I have
- 23 seen, and I believe you saw that, too. I don't know if 24 you saw the workmen do that. And then now they are
- 25 being put into the solar rings.

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1	my clients' lenses have an identification code number.	1	pallets	that appeared in the photograph on Exhibit 460.
2	Q. On the lens?	2	-	These appear this label references a
3	A. On the website. So if I want to look up			ny by the name of Plaskolite. Have you ever heard
	my status on the website, I can look up and see how		of Plasi	
	many lenses I purchased, what I owe, if anything, and	5		No.
	then there's a code number on that.	6		
7	Q. And the code number is on the website?	-		Okay. If this is a label that was on the
				could that have been a shipping label from
8	A. Yes.		Plaskol	
9	Q. Okay. I'm talking about the physical;	9		MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
	lens.		specula	
11	A. Not RaPower3.	11		I don't know.
12	Q. Which website?	12		You don't know?
13	A. It's a website that is maintained by	13	A.	I have no knowledge.
1	someone else. I don't know who maintains it.	14		Okay.
15	Q. You don't know?	15		•
16	A. But that's RaPower-3.com, I think.	16	nothing	to do with I don't know what that is.
17	Q. Okay.	17	Q.	Okay.
18	 A. But that's where all clients can go to 	18	A.	Nothing to do with me.
19	look up their information.	19	Q.	All right. When did you first sell solar
20	Q. What information is that?	20	lenses?	
21	A. Equipment purchase contract, operation and	21	A.	2006.
22	maintenance agreement, their status as far as payment	22	Q.	How did you hear about it? When is the
23	and who their sponsor is, who they have sponsored. You	u23	first tim	e you heard of solar lenses?
24	haven't seen that?	24	A.	I think 2001 or 2002.
25	Q. I'm asking the questions.	25	Q.	2001 or 2002? Who did you hear about
25			Q.	<u> </u>
25	Page 42			2001 or 2002? Who did you hear about Page 44 olar lenses from in 2001 or 2002?
	Page 42 A. Well, okay.		these s	Page 44
1	Page 42 A. Well, okay. Q. I want to understand more about the	1 2	these s	Page 44 olar lenses from in 2001 or 2002? I was a shareholder at that time. I owned
1	A. Well, okay. Q. I want to understand more about the identification number you talked about. Is that on	1 2	these s A. stock in	Page 44 olar lenses from in 2001 or 2002? I was a shareholder at that time. I owned International Automated Systems.
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1 2 3 4 5	A. Well, okay. Q. I want to understand more about the identification number you talked about. Is that on solar lens? A. I don't know.	1 2 3 4 5	these s A. stock in Q. heard c	Page 44 olar lenses from in 2001 or 2002? I was a shareholder at that time. I owned in International Automated Systems. Okay. So when was the first time you of International Automated Systems?
1 2 3 4 5 6	A. Well, okay. Q. I want to understand more about the identification number you talked about. Is that on solar lens? A. I don't know. Q. You don't know?	1 2 3 4	these s A. stock in Q. heard c	Page 44 olar lenses from in 2001 or 2002? I was a shareholder at that time. I owned in International Automated Systems. Okay. So when was the first time you of International Automated Systems? Probably 1994, around there.
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A. It was an up-and-coming company and that

1 it might be worth a lot of money in the future.

- Q. Did he tell you what its business was?
- 3 A. Yeah. At that time it was DWM. I'm not
- 4 sure what that acronym stands for.
- 5 Digital wave modulation.
- 6 Q. Okay. Did you do any research on
- 7 International Automated Systems?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. When did you purchase the stock?
- 10 A. 1996, I believe.
- 11 Q. Did you do any research before you
- 12 purchased the stock?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Okay. What type of research?
- 15 A. I went down to, I think at that time it
- 16 was in Salem, American Fork, I believe. And they had
- 17 an operation going there.
- 18 Q. Okay. What was happening at that
- 19 operation?
- 20 A. I can't recall. They had people working
- 21 there. I think they were working on that technology.
- 22 Q. Do you know what the technology was?
- 23 A. DWM.
- 24 Q. The digital wave modulation?
- 25 A. I think so. But they also had some other

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1 turbine go around, which it did. And then the turbine

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- 2 then was hooked to a generator which produced
- 3 electricity to turn on some lights.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. So what I perceived from that, that this
- 6 technology has some merit. But they were still a long
- 7 ways away from -- it was a proof of concept.
- 8 Q. Okav.
- 9 A. It was the proof of concept stage at that
- 10 point.
- 11 Q. And that was in the very early 2000s?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. 2001 or 2002.
- 14 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
- 15 Q. Okay. And during that time you were an
- 16 IAS shareholder?
- 17 A. I was.
- 18 Q. And you had bought some stock I think you
- 19 said in '96, and then did you just hold onto that or
- 20 did you buy more?
- 21 A. No. I did -- I sold and bought and sold
- 22 and bought.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- A. My objective was to make money.
- 25 Q. Sure. Okay.

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- 1 A. But also to leverage to get my price per
 - 2 share that would be more advantageous to me.
 - 3 Q. Sure.
 - 4 A. So if I could sell at \$20 and buy back at
 - 5 \$15, that's a good deal for me.
 - 6 Q. Okay.
 - 7 A. So I'm not saying I did that. But I have
 - 8 done things like that.
 - 9 Q. Sure. So from 1996 through, let's say
- 10 2006, that ten-year period, you were buying and selling
- 11 IAS stock periodically.
- 12 A. Periodically. Not very much, but a little
- 13 bit, yeah.
- 14 Q. Just trying to make money on the market?
- 15 A. A little bit.
- 16 Q. Okay. All right. Now I think you
- 17 testified in 2006 that was the time you bought your
- 18 first lens.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. What caused you to want to buy a
- 21 lens?
- 22 A. I had seen the turbine work dozens of
- 23 times successfully. I have seen the lenses produce
- 24 heat.

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Q. And so you came to understand that there

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- 1 things. I don't know what they were working on.2 Q. Okay. And then you testified in 2001 or
- 3 2002 you heard about solar lenses?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. Do you recall how you heard about it?
- 6 A. No
- 7 Q. You just became aware that IAS had solar
- 8 lenses to sell?
- 9 A. No, they didn't have lenses to sell.
- 10 Q. Then what was your understanding of their
- 11 involvement in solar lenses?
- 12 A. Research and development, and they had an
- 13 operation R&D going with Frenell lenses in Mesquite,
- 14 Nevada. And they were producing electricity with the
- 15 Frenell lenses with the turbine. And so I went down
- 16 there and looked at it in Mesquite.
- 17 Q. What were they doing with the electricity
- 18 in Mesquite?
- 19 A. Just to see if it would work.
- 20 Q. Were they selling electricity?
- 21 A. No. It was R&D.
- 22 Q. When you say R&D, you are referring to --
- 23 A. Research and development to see if Frenell
- 24 lenses would, indeed, produce heat and if the heat
- 25 could heat water enough to create steam to make a

1 was an opportunity to purchase lenses?

- 2 A. Yeah. The technology was fantastic, in my
- 3 opinion. It was a break-through deal.
- 4 Q. And all the information you learned about
- 5 these lenses and their ability to generate heat, where
- 6 did you get that information from?
- 7 A. Okay, now say that again.
- 8 Q. No problem. You've been testifying about
- 9 those lenses that were being used for research and
- 10 development in Mesquite, Nevada.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And you testified that these lenses
- 13 produced heat and --
- 14 A. No. You're skipping over a lot.
- 15 Q. Okay. I understand that the lenses were
- 16 being used to ultimately turn a turbine that you say
- 17 produced electricity.
- 18 A. You skipped over a lot.
- 19 Q. Well, what I want to understand is all the
- 20 testimony you've given about these lenses and the
- 21 research and development that was being done, where did
- 22 you get that information from?
- 23 A. Okay. First of all, down in Mesquite,
- 24 that was a proof of concept.
- 25 Q. Okay.

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- A. And those Frenell lenses were purchased
- 2 basically off the shelf. There was no invention by
- 3 Neldon Johnson.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. That was my understanding.
- 6 Q. Go ahead.
- 7 A. And so with that proof of concept, it's my
- 8 understanding that Neldon Johnson was elated with that
- 9 and wanted to see if it could be explored so that we
- 10 could bring clean, affordable, renewable energy to our
- 11 country. But the Frenell lens concept was far, far too
- 12 expensive. Neldon Johnson, in my opinion, cares about
- 40 that Walman athan aslan assumed a dealt basenes
- 13 that. We know other solar companies don't, because
- 14 they produce electricity with no idea of making money
- 15 and they are going to go bankrupt. We don't want to do
- 16 that.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. I would never be involved with a company
- 19 that did that. So what the deal was is that Neldon had
- 20 to figure out a way to make a Frenell lens that would
- 21 be affordable so that he could beat the price of coal.
- 22 That's what I wanted. I wanted to see that from the
- 23 company, okay?
- So what happened was, long story short,
- 25 they went up to Canada and hired, from my

1 understanding --

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- Q. And who gave you that understanding?
- 3 A. Neldon Johnson and Randy Johnson and
- 4 LeGrande Johnson.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. They went up to Canada and the guy up
- 7 there was supposed to be an expert, and he couldn't
- 8 figure it out in a year. So Randy, who is very smart,
- 9 and LeGrande came up or they had about thirty college
- 10 students, it's my understanding. And after working
- 11 about twenty hours a day for something like three
- 12 months, they finally came up with a formula that they
- 13 thought would work. Then they went down, to my
- 14 understanding, to Lucite or a company like Lucite. And
- 15 I don't know how they do it but they walked in as green
- 16 kids without an appointment and one guy said -- this is
- 17 the story I got --
- 18 Q. From who?
- 19 A. All three of them.
- 20 Q. All three of who?
- 21 A. The Johnsons: LeGrande, Nelson, and Randy.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. And so they got Lucite to make a run,
- 24 which is a very, very difficult thing to do, because
- 25 they have to stop -- I know something about

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- 1 manufacturing because I have -- well, nothing like
 - 2 that. But they had to stop and prepare the machinery
 - 3 for a line of production. And lo and behold it worked
 - 4 fair. They made some adjustments and it worked better.
 - 5 And so those plastic acrylic lenses came
 - 6 off the line in abundance, and very cheaply. So those
 - 7 were the first lenses that came off. And so I bought
 - 8 because here, in my understanding, we had lenses that
 - 9 were extremely cheap compared to other companies and we
 - 10 had a turbine that would work with any kind of water.
 - 11 I know that because I saw it work on a geothermal well
 - 12 down at Cove Fort, where all that gunk and crap went
 - 13 through a turbine. No other turbine can do that. I
 - 14 know that because I have researched it. It's easy to
 - 15 research.
 - 16 And so that turbine -- here Neldon had a
 - 17 turbine that was revolutionary that would work with any
 - 18 kind of water, and nobody can do that, and we had a
 - 19 cheap lens, solar lens that could be mass produced in
 - 20 volumes that would eventually or could eventually
 - 21 become extremely revolutionary for the mass production
 - 22 part and the cost part.
 - So we have something. We have a lens
 - 24 that's going to produce heat, which I have seen many
 - 25 times produce heat, an extraordinary amount of heat.

- 1 So I know if you can do heat, you can heat water, you
- 2 can turn the water into steam, you can make that
- 3 revolutionary turbine go around, you can hook it up to
- 4 a generator and then you can produce electricity. So I
- 5 bought lenses.
- Q. Okay. And you learned all that in, it 6
- 7 sounds like in the early 2000s?
- 8 A. Okay. I gave you a lot of history there
- so let's go between --9
- 10 Q. You gave me a lot of history but you
- 11 testified the first time you heard of a lens was in
- 12 2000 and 2001, and the first time you bought a lens was 12 technology papers. And I was very happy with what I
- 13 in 2006.
- 14 A. Right. So between that time.
- 15 Q. That's what you --
- 16 A. Most of it was 2005 --
- 17 Q. Okav.
- 18 A. -- for that, because they had to develop
- 19 those lenses. They had to get all the R&D done.
- 20 Q. So the R&D was done in 2005?
- A. I don't -- you'll have to -- okay. 21
- 22 Mr. Moran, when you do something that no one else in
- 23 the world can do, it doesn't take -- you don't snap
- 24 your fingers and that happens. And so the R&D takes a
- 25 lot of time.

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- Q. Okay. 1
- 2 A. Right? And still, to this day, nobody can
- 3 come close to that. Still using the old technology.
- 4 And you should be very familiar with the United States
- 5 government giving people like Ivanpah billions of
- 6 dollars and they know it's not going to work, and it
- 7 folds. Right out here, Tooele Department had a solar
- 8 company. The government gave them money and it went
- 9 bankrupt less than a year later.
- 10 Q. I'm going to ask you to --
- A. So they don't have the technology. And so 11
- 12 I'm looking at that. All these companies going
- 13 bankrupt. And I'm saying, "Hey, we got something?"
- 14 I'm really proud of what we got and I'm proud of where
- 15 I am. I'm very thankful that I got hooked up with IAS
- 16 and Neldon Johnson.
- 17 Q. Okay. And it sounds like -- all I'm
- 18 trying to do is understand the time frame.
- A. Okay. 2006 I knew we had solar lenses but 19
- 20 I knew more research and development had to be done.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- A. Now, not to make it work, but to make it
- 23 economically viable. That's what I understood. And I
- 24 also read the technology papers.
- 25 Q. Okay.

Now, I don't know if you've read the

2 technology papers but not very many can understand

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- 3 them. Did you take advanced trigonometry?
 - Q. Like I said, I ask the questions.
- A. I understand you don't want to answer 5
- 6 that, but you have to have an answer -- you have to --
- 7 to evaluate the technology papers you have to have an
- 8 understanding of science and co-science and tangents.
- 9 So that's pretty advanced trigonometry, which I can
- 10 understand. I understand that most people can't do
- 11 that. But also, I understand what's in those
- 13 saw as a person that wanted to buy more shares and buy
- 14 solar lenses.
- 15 Exhibit 462 WASMARKED.)
- 16 Q. You just referenced the technology papers.
- 17 Where did you get those from?
- 18 A. Neldon Johnson.
- 19 Q. The information, the testimony that you
- 20 have been giving about the solar lenses and the systems
- 21 that you expected to come to fruition, did you get that
- 22 information from anyone other than Neldon Johnson?
 - Say that again? I'm sorry.
- 24 Q. The information you received about solar
- 25 lenses and their potential to generate electricity and

- 1 bring clean energy to --2 Α. Whose lenses?
- 3 Q. The lenses that you've been talking about,
- 4 IAS's lenses.
- 5 A. Okay.
 - The information that you have been
- 7 testifying about that, is there anyone besides Neldon
- Johnson that you got that information from?
- A. Well, the Johnson family, Randy and --9
- 10 mostly Randy.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. And a little bit LeGrande.
- 13 Q. Okav.
- A. But it's mostly Randy and Neldon Johnson. 14
- 15 Q. Okay. So Randy and Neldon Johnson,
- 16 LeGrande Johnson. Anyone else?
- A. Well, they didn't write the technology 17
- 18 papers.
- 19 Q. Who did?
- 20 You'll have to ask Neldon. But I
- 21 understand that they are highly esteemed university
- 22 professors at highly esteemed universities.
- 23 But you don't know who it is?
- 24 Α. No.
- 25 Neldon just told you that they are highly

- 1 esteemed?
- 2 A. Yeah. I think if you depose Neldon and
- 3 you have him give you the names, he might. But that's
- 4 very sensitive. But that's up to him. I don't know 5 who they are.
- 6 Q. You don't know who they are? Okay.
- 7 Mr. Shepard, I'd ask you to look at the
- exhibit in front of you, which is Plaintiff's Exhibit
- 462 for identification. Do you recognize Exhibit 462?
- 10 A. I do.
- 11 Q. What is it?
- 12 A. It's an Equipment Lease Agreement.
- 13 Q. Who is the agreement between?
- 14 A. It's between Greg Shepard, me, and
- 15 International Automated Systems.
- 16 Q. And this Equipment Lease Agreement is
- dated December 28, 2005; is that correct? 17
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And is this the first time you bought
- 20 lenses?
- A. Yes. 21
- 22 Q. So I think before, you said that you
- 23 bought them in 2006. That was actually December 28,
- 24 2005?

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25 A. Yeah. December 28th, I guess, 2005.

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- Missed it by three days.
- Q. No problem. It's a ways back. 3 And the first page, there's a reference to
- Yermo, California,
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. What's in Yermo, California?
- 7 A. I don't know.
- 8 Q. It says that the lessor, which is
- 9 International Automated Systems, "Shall furnish,
- 10 deliver, install, and start up the Alternative Energy
- 11 System at a site provided by Lessee at Yermo,
- 12 California." Is that where your lenses were?
- A. No. I don't believe so. 13
- Q. Why is there a reference to Yermo, 14
- 15 California in this contract?
- A. Because it's talking about the 16
- 17 installation site that, if and when they were going to
- 18 be installed, that that would be -- at that time, those
- 19 lenses could have been installed at Yermo, California.
- 20 Q. Was there a site in Yermo, California that
- 21 the parties had in mind?
- A. My understanding was that they had some 22
- property down there in that area.
- Q. Who is "they"? 24
- 25 A. Neldon Johnson.

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Q. And so did you get that understanding from

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- 2 Neldon Johnson?
- Yes. 3 A.
- 4 Q. Okay. So Mr. Johnson told you he had
- 5 property in Yermo, California, and that's where these
- 6 alternative energy systems or lenses were going to be 7 produced?
- A. Well, they could be. But subsequently
- 9 there was, while further research and development was
- 10 being done, there was property being bought in Delta.
- 11 And I think there's a clause in there where they can be
- 12 installed at different sites.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. So I was comfortable, as a person
- 15 purchasing the leases or purchasing the lenses, I was
- 16 comfortable that they could be put up anyplace.
- 17 Q. Okav.
- 18 Α. It was my understanding I could get all
- 19 the credits and the rental fees. It didn't matter
- 20 where they were as long as they were in the United
- 21 States.
- 22 Q. And where were your lenses that you
- 23 bought, or that you leased?
- 24 MR. REAY: I think it's asked and answered
- 25 multiple times.

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- 2 A. My recollection is that they were shipped
- 3 from Lucite into Utah some place.

Q. You can answer.

- 4 Q. Have you ever seen them?
- A. Yeah. They were in -- they have shifted
- 6 locations. At one time they were in the town of Delta,
- 7 Utah.
- Q. And where are they now? The lenses you
- bought on December 28, 2005, my question is where are
- those lenses now.
- 11 A. At the manufacturing plant in Oasis, Utah.
- 12 Q. That was the first site that we visited on
- 13 April 4?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Have you seen the lenses that you bought
- 16 on December 28, 2005?
- 17 MR. REAY: Objection. Asked and answered.
- 18 Q. You can answer.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 What now? What was the --
- 21 Q. My question to you is have you seen the
- 22 lenses that you purchased on December 28, 2005, or that
- 23 you leased? Have you seen the lenses that you leased?
- 24 A. I have seen the general area where they
- 25 are.

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Page 61 Page 63 Q. And is that the Oasis Seed building in 1 1 A. Yes. 2 Delta, Utah? 2 Q. How would you have known that? 3 A. Yes. 3 A. I would assume Neldon Johnson would have 4 Q. And how do you know which one is yours? 4 said so. 5 MR. REAY: Objection. Asked and answered. 5 Q. Okay. 6 Q. You can answer. A. And what do you mean by "commercial 6 7 A. How do I know? 7 product"? 8 Q. How do you know, if you and I were down at 8 Q. A product that IAS or any other entity the Oasis Seed building right now and I said, sold to someone in exchange for money. "Mr. Shepard, can show me the lenses you leased on 10 A. I don't understand that at all. 11 December 28, 2005 -- " 11 Q. I'm saying --12 12 A. So on your previous question, I can't Α. No. 13 Q. You couldn't do that? 13 answer. I don't know what you're saying. 14 A. No. Q. You talked about lenses that -- you bought 15 Q. You would just say, "Mr. Moran, I can't do 15 these lenses because you wanted to bring clean energy 16 that"? 16 to the country, right? 17 A. Mr. Moran, I couldn't do that. 17 A. Exactly, yeah. Q. Okay. And usually energy is bought and 18 Q. Okay. I'm going to ask you to look at the 18 next page, paragraph 6 on Exhibit 462. 19 paid for, right? 20 A. Second page? 20 A. I don't understand what you're saying. 21 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for legal Second page. Paragraph 6 down at the 21 Q. 22 conclusion. 22 bottom. 23 A. Okay. 23 Q. In this country is energy offered for 24 Q. It says, "If Lessor shall fail, for any 24 free? 25 reason, to furnish, deliver, and start up the 25 Α. No. Page 62 Page 64 1 Alternative Energy System at the Installation Site, by 1 Q. I assume you pay an electric bill every 2 December 31, 2007, or within six months of the Permit 2 month? A. I do. 3 3 Date, whichever is earlier, hereinafter referred to as Q. Okay. So do you agree with me that energy 4 the 'Refund Date,' Lessor shall refund to Lessee, 4 5 is not -- electricity is not free? If you want to buy 5 within ten days following the Refund Date, the Initial electricity, you've got to pay someone for it. 6 Payment as well as the full amount of any other 7 payments made by Lessee on the Total Lease Amount." 7 MR. REAY: Objection. Compound and 8 Did I read that correctly? 8 confusing. A. Yeah. That's really -- I don't know what 9 9 A. Yes. 10 MR. REAY: Objection. 10 you're saying. Very confused. Q. All I'm asking is do you understand that 11 Go ahead. Withdraw. 12 Q. Did anything happen with your lenses on or 12 in this country electricity is not free? A. I would say usually that's the case. before December 31, 2007? 13 13 Q. Okay. That parties generate electricity A. I don't recall. 14 14 Q. Did you receive any type of payment from 15 and then they sell it to customers, right? 15 16 A. I mean, utility companies or --16 IAS regarding your lenses before December 31, 2007? 17 Q. Sure. 17 A. Yeah. Utility companies generate 18 Q. Do you know if your lenses were used to 19 electricity and then they sell that.

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- 19 generate any type of commercial product before December
- 31, 2007? 20

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- 22 Q. No, they were not, or no you don't know?
- 23 A. I don't know. I can't -- I don't know.
- 24 Q. Do you think you would have known if your
- 25 lenses were used to generate a commercial product?

25 these lenses is because you want to bring renewable

Okay. And one of the reasons you bought

A. And I pay my electric bill.

Q. Just like everyone else?

A. Like everyone else.

Q. Okay.

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A. No.

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- 1 energy to the country.
- A. Yes. 2
- 3 Q. And by "renewable energy" you mean solar 3
- energy that comes from the sun?
- 5 MR. REAY: Objection. Mischaracterizes
- 6 earlier testimony.
- 7 A. Well, there's a variety of things that can
- be done with a turbine. And so that's an -- say that
- question again?
- MR. MORAN: Could you state the question 10 10 11 again.
- (The record was read as follows: 12
- Question: "And by 'renewable energy' you 13
- 14 mean solar energy that comes from the sun?")
- 15 A. Well, yeah. Solar energy comes from the 16 sun.
- 17 And that's one of the reasons you bought Q. 18 your lenses.
- 19 A. One of the reasons. Right. One of the 20 reasons.
- 21 Q. Okay. Well, what are the other reasons?
- 22 Α. To produce heat.
- 23 Why would you want to produce heat? Q.
- 24 Α. Really? You ask that question? Okay.
- One of the things you can do with the heat 25

- Page 67 Q. And did anyone pay International Automated
- 2 Systems for the research and development?
 - MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 4 speculation.
- 5 A. I don't know.
- 6 Q. You don't know.
 - A. That's not my -- I'm an independent
- 8 contractor, Chris. I bought lenses, so I don't know 9 much beyond that.
- Q. Okay. Were you ever paid for something
- 11 your lenses did?
- 12 Α. No.
- 13 Q. Okay. Mr. Shepard, I'd ask you to flip
- 14 back to page 6 of 8, particularly paragraph 29.
- 15 A. Page 6 of this document?
- 16 Q. Yes. Exhibit 462.
- 17 A. Okay. I'm there.
- 18 Q. It says, "Lessor and Lessee acknowledge
- 19 that they each understand and expect the Alternative
- 20 Energy System may qualify for certain tax incentives
- 21 and benefits under the 2005 Energy Policy Act and other
- 22 statutes."

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- 23 A. Okay.
- 24 "Lessee acknowledges that it has reviewed 25 a tax opinion letter obtained by Lessor from Lessor's

1 accountant." Did I read that correctly?

2 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

Q. And the lessor is International Automated

4 Systems, right?

- 5 A. Yes, it is.
 - Q. Okay. Who wrote the tax opinion letter
- 7 that is referred to in paragraph 29?
- A. I believe that's the Anderson tax letter. 8
 - Q. You are referring to Todd Anderson?
- A. I'm not sure what his first name is. I 10
- 11 think that's right.
- 12 Q. Well, I'll represent to you that Todd
- 13 Anderson is an attorney, not an accountant. And this
- 14 is talking about an accountant. So do you recall any
- 15 accountant that --
- 16 A. Oh, yeah. I'm not sure. I kind of recall
- 17 the name Hansen Barnett.
- Q. Hansen Barnett & Maxwell? 18
- 19 A. I think so.
 - Q. So you think you --
- 21 A. Long time ago now. We are twelve years
- 22 ago. But yeah.
- 23 Q. Do you recall reviewing a tax -- what's
- 24 referred to here as a tax opinion letter from Hansen,
- 25 Barnett & Maxwell?

- 1 is you can heat a building. You can heat water and as
- 2 it goes through the turbine it comes out pure,
- 3 distilled water, which can be used for irrigation. You
- 4 don't even have to do anything with electricity.
- 5 I thought you read -- well, I okay. I
- 6 guess you're trying to -- I don't know what you're
- 7 trying to do. But yeah, it can be used to heat a
- 8 building, it can be used to heat hardened oil and 9 liquify it. And it's a very profitable thing. It can
- 10 be used to burn coal, the heat can, which can produce
- 11 electricity. It can be used to purify solid waste. It
- 12 can be used to -- it can use pig waste and burn that
- 13 and produce heat, which can be used for irrigation
- 14 and/or energy, solar energy. The water that can be
- 15 produced can be produced at hardly any cost.
- 16 Q. All right.
- A. And millions and millions of gallons. 17
- 18 Four gallons per kilowatt hour, by the way. If you do
- 19 the math on it, you'd be pretty impressed.
- Q. The lenses that you bought on December 28, 20
- 21 2005, were they ever used for any of the purposes you
- 22 just listed?
- 23 A. R&D had to be done. So I was willing to
- 24 wait until they got all the R&D completed on that to
- 25 make it economically viable.

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- A. Yes. I can't remember what it said, but 1 2 yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. And paragraph 29 refers to certain 4 tax incentives and benefits. Do you recall what those 5 are?
- 6 A. Do I recall what the --
- 7 Q. Do you recall -- what is this contract
- referring to when it says "certain tax incentives and
- benefits"?
- 10 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for legal 11 conclusions.
- A. Okay. So the benefits? I'm not sure what 12
- 13 the benefits said in that. I can't remember.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. I mean, I can tell you what I think the
- 16 benefits are, because it's all over the internet.
- Q. We are going to talk about that in a bit. 17
- 18 A. Okay.
- Q. I'm talking about in the context of 19
- 20 paragraph 29 in this contract from 2005.
- 21 A. I can't remember what it said in that.
- 22 Q. All right. We can break for lunch.
- 23 (Break taken from 12:19 to 1:07 p.m.)
- Q. (By Mr. Moran) We are back on the record 24
- 25 after a lunch break. Erin Hines has left us. She is

- 25 Q.

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- 1 off the phone.
- 2 Mr. Shepard, we talked about a few things
- 3 before the break. I'm going to run through a series of 4 entities. I would like you to tell me what you know
- 5 about those entities. International Automated Systems
- 6 we have discussed. To be clear for the record, were
- 7 you ever employed by International Automated Systems?
- 8
- Q. Okay. What was the basis of your 9
- relationship with them?
- Α. Shareholder. 11
- 12 Q. That's it?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Exhibit 463 WASMARKED.) 14
- Q. Mr. Shepard, you have been given a copy of 15
- 16 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 17 Exhibit 463. What is it?
- A. An Independent Representative Agreement. 18
- Q. And I should ask you, do you recognize 19
- 20 this document?
- 21 A. I haven't seen it for a long time, yeah,
- 22 but my name is on there and it's in my handwriting.
- 23 Q. I'll ask you to look back to the last
- 24 page. Does your signature appear on the last page?
- 25 A. Yes, it does.

- Q. Okay. This appears to be an agreement
- 2 between you and International Automated Systems.
- 3 A. Yeah.
- 4 Q. Okay. So I'll ask you the question --
- A. So I guess I made a mistake, didn't I? 5
- 6 Q. That's fine. Like you said, it's been a
- 7 while. I'll ask the question again. Other than as a
- 8 shareholder, have you had any other relationships with
- International Automated Systems?
- 10 A. Yes. As an independent representative.
- 11 Q. Okay. And what did you do as an
- 12 independent representative of IAS?
- 13 A. Sold solar lenses.
- 14 Q. Okay. And is Exhibit 463 an accurate copy
- 15 of your agreement with International Automated Systems?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And this contract, it sounds like 17
- 18 you were authorized to sell lenses for IAS?
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- Q. Did you do anything else? 20
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- 22 Q. Okay. Did IAS compensate you for selling
- 23 lenses?
- 24 Yes. Α.
- How was that compensation determined?

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- A. It was based on ten percent of the gross 1
- 2 amount. So if somebody paid \$10,000, for example, I
- 3 would get \$1000. Ten percent of \$10,000 is \$1000.
- Q. Sure. So you're saying if someone bought 4 5 \$10.000 --
- A. If they bought \$10,000 worth of lenses and 6
- 7 gave Neldon a check or IAS a check for \$10,000, I would
- get ten percent of that.
- 9 Q. Okay. So you got a commission.
- 10 A. I got a commission.
- Q. Okay. And you signed the agreement to be 11
- 12 an independent representative on September 26, 2005?
- A. I would -- I'm not sure what you mean by 13
- 14 "representative."
- 15 Okay. Wait a minute. What does it say
- 16 there?
- Q. It says "independent contractor, 17
- 18 hereinafter referred to as representative."
- 19 A. Okay. Then yes.
- Q. Okay. That was a few months before you 20
- 21 bought lenses for the first time?
- 22 Α.
- 23 Going back to the lenses you purchased
- 24 December 28, 2005, we talked about these before the
- 25 break.

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1	Exhibit 464 WAS MARKED.)	1	experience in
2	Q. I'd ask you to look at what's been marked	2	MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
3 a	s Plaintiff's Exhibit 464. Do you recognize this	3	speculation.
4 d	ocument?	4	Sorry. I should have let you finish.
5	A. It's been a long time, but I can recognize	5	Q operating and maintaining solar lenses?
6 m	y handwriting, so yes.	6	A. I don't know.
7	Q. Okay. And is that your signature on the	7	MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
8 se	econd-to-the-last page, which is Bates marked	8	speculation.
9 R	a3 000736?	9	
10	A. Yes.	10	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
11	Q. This is entitled Exhibit 464 is	11	it was on this agreement?
12 e	ntitled Equipment Sublease Agreement. And my	12	
13 ui	nderstanding of this agreement is that you are	13	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
14 sı	ubleasing lenses to LTB; is that correct?	14	
15	A. I'm trying to find the LTB. Was LTB in	15	
16 h	ere? Oh, yes, sure.	16	
17	MR. REAY: I'll object. It calls for	17	,
	gal conclusions.		International Automated Systems?
19	A. So what was your question?	19	
20	Q. My understanding, I have read this	20	,
	greement and my understanding is that you were leasing	21	A. They probably did, but I can't recall it.
	ne lenses that you had leased from IAS, on the same		It's twelve years ago.
	ate, December 28, 2005, you had turned around and	23	, ,
	ubleased those to LTB; is that correct?		LTB, LLC was when it was
25	A. Yes.	25	A. Yes.
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1	Q. That's your understanding of the contract?	1	1
2	A. That's my understanding.	2	
3	Q. This also referred to Yermo, California;	3	,
_	s that right?	4	
5	A. Yes.	5	Q. Okay. Do you know what LTB did with your
6	Q. When is the first time you heard about		lenses after they had been subleased?
	TB?	7	A. No.
8	A. On this date.	8	Q. Paragraph 1 of the agreement says or
9	Q. Okay.		
10	A. Or a little before. I'm not sure.		you know if LTB did anything with your lenses at Yermo,
11	Q. All right. What is LTB?		California?
12	A. I don't know. I mean, other than what it	12	
	ays there, a Nevada limited liability company. And	13	Q. Do you think you would know if those
	ney are authorized, I guess, to		lenses had been used to generate any income?
15	Q. That's all you know about them?	15	A. I would if they were. I think I would.
16	A. Yes. I don't know who owns it or who runs	16	Q. Go back to the last page of Exhibit 464,
	or who I don't know anything about the entity.	17	
18	Q. All right. Before you signed this		9
	greement to sublease your lenses to them, did you do	19	
∠∪ a	ny research on LTB?	20	Q. Okay. Any chance it was Chris Taylor?

25 Q. Do you know if it has any expertise or

Q. Do you know -- you don't know any of its

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23 history?

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A. I don't know. I can't make it out.

Exhibit 465 WASMARKED.)

25 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's

Q. No further questions on that document.

Q. Mr. Shepard, you have been given a copy of

1 465. Do you recognize this document?

- 2 A. I don't know. It's not signed so I'm not
- 3 sure. But I recognize in general the contract.
- 4 Q. Okay. All right. In general what is this 5 contract?
- 6 A. It's called a bonus fee contract.
- 7 Q. And what is a bonus fee contract?
- 8 A. It's based on -- it's a referral fee and
- 9 there's money that a person can get or I could get
- 10 based on the -- I don't know if this is the same one,
- 11 but -- yeah. Based on the gross sales of revenue12 received by IAS.
- 13 Q. Okay. Sales of what?
- 14 A. It's my understanding anything. It just
- 15 says gross sales revenue.
- 16 Q. And where did you get that understanding
- 17 from?
- 18 A. From the contract right here. It says
- 19 gross sales of revenue.
- 20 Q. Okay. And my question to you is what's
- 21 your understanding of where IAS would be getting sales
- 22 revenue from?
- 23 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 24 speculation.
- 25 A. I don't know. I assume there's multitudes

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- 1 of sources. I -- I know they got money from a lawsuit
- 2 because a big Canadian company stole Neldon's -- what
- 3 do they call that technology in the grocery stores?
- 4 Self checkout. They stole that technology from him and
- 5 he received \$1.7 million in a lawsuit settlement.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. So that's one thing. There's other
- 8 things, I think. But it could be -- my understanding
- 9 from reading this, it's gross revenue that's received.
- 10 Q. So where does IAS get revenue from?
- 11 A. I have nothing to do with IAS, other than
- 12 being a shareholder. So I don't know all the
- 13 particulars of their business.
- 14 Q. Are you aware of IAS ever receiving
- 15 revenue?
- 16 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 17 speculation.
- 18 A. Yeah, I don't know.
- 19 Q. Do you think that IAS -- if IAS received
- 20 revenue you would know?
- 21 A. Not necessarily. I don't know.
- You want to know the reason? Should I say
- 23 the reason?
- 24 Q. Sure
- 25 A. If the technology is real, the way it's

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1 purported, it's worth billions and billions and

- purported, it's worth billions and billions are
- 2 billions of dollars.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 A. Now, that's not -- don't say "okay"
- 5 because I'm not finished yet. I have a right to
- 6 finish, is that right?
- 7 Q. Yes, you do.
- 8 A. Thank you.
 - And so if it's worth billions and billions
- 10 and billions of dollars, that's going to put a lot of
- 11 people out of business and it's worth a lot of money.
- 12 Q. Okay.

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- 13 A. So I would assume if that's the case, then
- 14 Neldon would be a little careful about how he lets
- 15 information out. And I'm not privy to any of that
- 16 information. If it's a scam like you say, then it
- 17 doesn't matter. But you have also said the technology
- 18 works now. So now I'm confused.
- 19 Q. MJM Holding is identified in this contract
- 20 as the lessee. Who is MJM Holding?
- 21 A. I don't know.
- 22 Q. You never heard of a company called MJM --
- 23 A. I have heard of it, yeah. But I don't
- 24 know exactly what they do. I'm not an officer in the
- 25 company, I'm not on the board of directors, I'm not an

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- 1 employee, so I don't know.
 - Q. Have you ever been involved with MJM3 Holding?
 - 4 A. Let's see. MJM Holding. You better
 - 5 refresh my memory. I can't recall.
 - 6 Q. I'll hand you a copy of what's already
 - 7 been marked in a previous deposition as Exhibit 94. I
 - 8 direct your attention to the last page, sorry, the
 - 9 third from the last page, which is Rowbotham R-01196.
 - 10 A. Okay. I was running on the wrong
 - 11 wavelength here. Yes. Okay. I was thinking something
 - 12 to do with energy.
 - 13 Q. Well, MJM Holding, this is an Equipment
 - 14 Purchase Agreement similar to the Equipment Purchase
 - 15 Agreement that you signed on December 28 --
 - 16 A. Right. MJM Holding was a business that I
 - 17 had a long time ago.
 - 18 Q. Okay. So I'll ask you again, what is MJM
 - 19 Holding?
 - 20 A. I'm trying to come up with what we did
 - 21 with it. It was a holding company that held like a
 - 22 building, for example. We owned a building that we
 - 23 conducted the Bigger, Faster, Stronger business and the
 - 24 manufacturing plant. And so MJM Holding, as it went
 - 25 through the years, owned the building at 843 West 2400

- 1 South.
- 2 Q. Okay. My understanding is that MJM
- 3 Holding was a partnership between you and Robert
- 4 Rowbotham that owned most of Bigger, Faster, Stronger
- 5 assets; is that correct?
- 6 A. Yeah. But I don't think that -- I think
- MJM Holding had a specific purpose and that was to own 7
- the building.
- Q. Okay. 9
- 10 A. And then what Bigger, Faster, Stronger did
- 11 is rent the building from MJM, as I remember. That's
- 12 been a long time.
- 13 Q. Now, MJM Holding it appears bought some
- 14 solar lenses; is that right?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And you signed on behalf of MJM Holding on
- 17 page 6 of Exhibit 94; is that right?
- A. I did. 18
- 19 Q. And then we also have Exhibit 465, a Solar
- 20 Lease Bonus Fee Contract made out to MJM Holding; is
- 21 that right?
- 22 A. Here's the equipment purchase. You mean
- 23 the lease agreement or the equipment purchase?
- 24 Q. I'm talking about Exhibit 465.
- 25 A. Oh, this one. Yeah, right.

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- Q. So the lenses that MJM purchased December 1 2 22, 2006, would they have also signed a Solar Lease
- 3 Bonus Fee Contract? And now I'm referring to Exhibit
- 4 465.
- 5 A. Yes. MJM Holding had a bonus fee contract
- 6 I believe similar to this, if not the exact same. But
- 7 this isn't the original document. Doesn't appear to
- 8 be.
- 9 Q. Is that because it's unsigned?
- A. Yeah. There's no -- there's MJM Holding 10
- 11 and there's IAS, but it's not signed.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- A. Either by me or by IAS. 13
- 14 Q. Now, the Solar Lease Bonus Fee Contract in
- 15 Exhibit 465, is that the standard contract language?
- A. Yeah. But I'm expecting money from this 16
- 17 at some point, or MJM is. In all my bonus contracts
- 18 I'm expecting money from them.
- 19 Q. Are all the bonus contracts drafted
- 20 similarly to Exhibit 465?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. What's different?
- 23 A. I'm not sure unless I see it. I think
- 24 there's some wording that's different. For one thing,
- 25 I think it was March of 2011 it was changed to the

- 1 second billion dollars. Before that there was a change
- 2 in the amount. So the amounts of compensation have
- 3 changed several times.
 - Q. Have changed. Okay. But is it fair to
- 5 say that all the bonus contracts are --
- A. Basically the same.
 - Q. -- basically the same and that they will
- 8 pay out a percentage?
 - A. A percentage of the gross revenues from
- 10 IAS, and then the sponsor or the independent contractor
- 11 who sold the lens to that particular individual gets
- 12 compensated also.
- 13 Q. And that's gross revenue --
- 14 A. Gross revenue.
- 15 Q. -- from whatever International Automated
- 16 Systems would be selling.
- 17 A. Yeah. To stimulate gross sales.
- Q. Okay. But you don't know what the source 18
- 19 of that sale is expected to be?
- 20 Α. Now or then? I'm not sure.
- 21 Q. Then.
- 22 Oh. then. Α.
- 23 Q. Yes.
- 24 Α. Okay.
- 25 And when I say "then," I'm referring to

- 1 the 2005, 2006 time frame.
 - A. Back then I'd say several possibilities,
 - 3 and now there's much more. So that's why, you know,
 - 4 then and now.
 - Q. Have any of the possibilities you knew 5
 - 6 about in 2005, 2006, have any of them ever been
 - 7 realized?

 - Q. The bonus program we just talked about,
 - 10 that's the IAS bonus program? It's always been based
 - 11 on IAS?
 - 12 A. Yes.
 - 13 Q. Okay. Up until today.
 - 14 A. I don't understand that.
 - 15 Q. Has it ever not been -- has the bonus
 - 16 program ever not been based on IAS's expected gross
 - 17 revenue?
 - 18 A. No.
 - 19 Q. Exhibit 94, there's handwriting at the top
 - 20 that says "MJM Replacement Contract Number 2." Do you
 - 21 see that on Exhibit 94?
 - A. Oh, here? 22
 - 23 Q. Right there.
 - 24 A. Okay.
 - 25 Is that your handwriting?

1 A. It is.

- 2 Q. Can you explain to me why this was a
- 3 replacement contract?
- A. I don't recall.
- 5 Q. Let me show you another document we have
- 6 marked in a previous deposition. This is Exhibit 93.
- 7 Do you recognize Exhibit 93?
- 8 A. Just give me a minute here to read it.
- 9 Yes. Okay.
- 10 Q. You do recognize this document?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. What is it?
- 13 A. It is -- it's a notification of a less
- 14 complicated program from the lease/sublease program.
- 15 Q. All right. Now, I'm just trying to
- 16 understand the contracts. In Exhibit 462, which is
- 17 the --
- 18 A. Do I have that one?
- 19 Q. You do have it, and it's the Equipment
- 20 Lease Agreement you signed in December of '05.
- 21 A. Okay.
- 22 Q. And you testified that was your first --
- 23 that was the first time you acquired lenses.
- 24 A. Okay. Yeah.
- Q. And then there's a sublease agreement. We

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Robert Rowbotham produced it to us.
- 3 A. I can see that.
- 4 Q. Would Robert Rowbotham have been a
- 5 recipient of this e-mail?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Why did IAS change between a lease and a

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- 8 purchase program?
 - A. I have no idea. You'd have to ask them.
- 10 Q. And when you say "them," are you referring
- 11 to Neldon Johnson?
- 12 A. I'm not sure who I'm referring to because
- 13 you said "them." I'm not sure. I had nothing to do
- 14 with that because I'm an independent contractor. So I
- 15 don't know who came up with the changes and why they
- 16 were made.
- 17 Q. How did you learn about the changes?
- 18 A. Through another contract.
- 19 Q. Who gave you that contract?
- 20 A. I think Neldon Johnson did.
- 21 Q. Okay. The information that you
- 22 communicate in Exhibit 93, where did you get the
- 23 information from?
- 24 A. I can't recall.
- 25 Q. Would it have been anyone other than

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- 1 talked about that.
- 2 A. Right.
- 3 Q. And Exhibit 94, which is dated December
- 4 22, 2006, that's characterized differently as an
- 5 Equipment Purchase Agreement.
- 6 A. Right.
- 7 Q. And then I see -- and that's characterized
- 8 as a replacement contract.
- 9 A. It would appear, yeah.
- 10 Q. And Exhibit 93 talks about IAS
- 11 transitioning from a lease program to a different
- 12 program, and it refers to --
- 13 A. Okay.
- 14 Q. It refers to investors buying a solar pod
- 15 for \$30,000. Did I read that correctly?
- 16 A. Yeah. And way back then the word
- 17 "investors" should not have been used.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. But I did. We used the term "purchaser"
- 20 pretty soon after that.
- 21 Q. And Exhibit 93 is an e-mail from you?
- A. The what, now?
- 23 Q. Exhibit 93 is an e-mail from you?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Do you recall who it was sent to?

- 1 Neldon Johnson?
- 2 A. Yeah. Yes. Because at this time I was
- 3 doing a lot of research.
- 4 Q. Okay. Who, other than Neldon Johnson,
- 5 would you have gotten this information from?
 - A. SEIA. Solar Energy Industries
- 7 Association. DSIRE.com. That's a government website.
- 8 The American Recovery and whatever it is that the
- 9 Congress signed.
- 10 Q. You think they communicated changes to
- 11 IAS's program?

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- 12 A. No. They communicated the idea of a 30
- 13 percent tax credit.
- 14 Q. Okay. So I'll be more specific in my
- 15 question. The changes to IAS's program, who did you
- 16 learn that from?
 - A. Probably Neldon Johnson.
- 18 Q. Okay. Did Neldon Johnson tell you why he
- 19 was changing from a lease to a purchase program?
 - A. If he did, I can't recall.
- 21 Q. The second sentence, you say, "We now have
- 22 a less complicated program with more investor revenue."
- 23 Did I read that right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. What do you mean by "more investor

- 1 revenue"?
- A. I believe the bonus contract was much more 2
- 3 lucrative.
- 4 Q. The bonus contracts that's based on IAS's
- 5 sales revenue.
- 6 A. Gross revenue, yes.
- 7 Q. When you say it was more lucrative, do you
- mean it was a higher percentage?
- A. Well, yeah. It was -- I would say in
- 10 the -- well, what happened, you can define this how you
- 11 want, but for example, on the -- instead of .1, or 2
- 12 percent, it turned out to be 6 percent; 6 and 3
- 13 percent. So it was quite a dynamic change in the
- 14 bonus.
- 15 Q. Percent of what?
- 16 A. Well, for example, if -- let me see if I
- 17 can remember how this worked. Yeah. So, for example 17
- 18 if --
- 19 Q. I'm not asking you to do math,
- 20 Mr. Shepard. If you have to -- I'm really just asking
- about your understanding of the change.
- A. Yeah. There was a big change as far as
- 23 the amount of money that an independent contractor
- 24 could make; and not only make, but the purchaser.
- 25 Q. The purchaser of what?

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- 1 A. Of solar lenses.
- 2 Q. Okay. The last sentence of the first
- 3 paragraph it says, "Money continues to come in for 35
- 4 years. Anyway that's it in a nutshell." Did I read
- 5 that right?
- 6 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
- Q. Where is the money coming from? 7
- A. The rental fee. 8
- Q. That's the rental fee that is paid after a 9
- 10 lens starts producing revenue?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Has any of this money ever come in?
- 13 A. No.
- Q. Mr. Shepard, we talked about your 14
- 15 agreement with IAS earlier to be an independent
- contractor or representative. 16
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. All right. What is your understanding of 18
- 19 your role as an independent contractor of IAS?
- At that time it was to sell lenses. 20
- 21 Q. Okay. Anything else?
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- 23 Q. When you were selling lenses for IAS, who
- 24 were you selling them to?
- A. Sold them to some neighbors, and MJM, and 25

- 1 Bob Rowbotham. And I think there was, like, six
- 2 people. Something like that. I can't remember. But I
- 3 put that in a deposition.
- Q. You put what in a deposition?
- A. Not in a deposition, but in --5
- 6 MR. REAY: An interrogatory.
- 7 A. -- an interrogatory. But I can't recall
- 8 the exact number. But it was a handful-plus number of people.
- 10 Q. Mr. Rowbotham testified that you had
- 11 marketed lenses to Bigger, Faster, Stronger customers;
- 12 is that correct?
- 13 Α. No.
- 14 Q. No?
- 15 A. No.
- Now, they were, but not by me. 16
- Q. What do you mean? Who is "they"?
- A. I didn't say "they." I just said I didn't 18
- 19 do it. But as I recall, they -- some Bigger, Faster,
- Stronger people found out about it, but not from me.
- Q. Do you know how they found out about it? 21
- 22 Α.
 - Who are the Bigger, Faster, Stronger Q.
- 24 people?

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25 A. I don't know. I mean, I could guess, but

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- 1 I don't know. I didn't contact any Bigger, Faster,
- 2 Stronger people.
 - Q. About buying IAS lenses?
- 4 A. About buying IAS lenses.
- 5 Q. When you say Bigger, Faster, Stronger
- 6 people, are you referring to Bigger, Faster, Stronger
- 7 customers?
- A. Well, you're the one that said that. I
- 9 don't know what you mean because I never sold any
- 10 Bigger, Faster, Stronger customers or clients or
- 11 coaches. I never did that.
- 12 Q. You never sold them solar lenses?
- 13 A. What?
- 14 Q. You never sold any Bigger, Faster,
- 15 Stronger customers lenses?
- 16 Α. No.
- 17 The people you did sell lenses to that you
- 18 put in the interrogatory, Bob Rowbotham, MJM, and
- 19 Lynette Williams, what did you tell them about the
- 20 technology?
- 21 A. I can't recall.
- Q. Generally you have no idea what you told 22
- 23 them about the technology? You just say, "Here's some
- 24 solar lenses. Do you want to buy them?" And they said
- 25 ves?

Page 93 A. No. In general terms - I can't remember

- 2 specifically I said, "This is something you really
- 3 need to take a good look at. There's three ways you
- 4 can make money. You can do it through tax benefits,
- 5 you can do it through the rental program, and you can
- 6 do it through the bonus program. And in addition to
- 7 that, if you want to sell lenses, you can make
- 8 commissions. So that's the deal."
- 9 Q. So you did tell them about the tax
- 10 benefits as the first way they can make money?
- 11 A. Sure. I mean, tell me what solar company
- 12 doesn't do that? You can't. So I did what every other
- 13 solar company does, or whoever is selling the lenses.
- 14 They all do that. They all tell you about -- and it's
- 15 encouraged by the Federal Government to do that, by the
- way. I know you know that.
- Q. I think you testified to this previously 17
- 18 but has the rental income ever been realized?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Has the bonus program ever generated
- anyone any income? 21
- A. No. 22
- Q. So except for the tax benefits, is there 23
- any money that anyone has ever actually made from
- 25 buying a lens?

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- 1 A. Sure. Oh, from buying a lens? Yeah.
- 2 Q. The three ways you just mentioned. You
- 3 said tax benefits, you said rental income, and you said
- bonuses. 4
- 5 A. And I said in addition to that --
- 6 Q. You can get commissions, right?
- 7 A. Exactly.
- 8 Q. Okay. You talked about three ways of
- earning income from lenses.
- 10 A. Right.
- Q. Has anyone ever made money? 11
- 12 A. No. There has been no rental income or
- 13 bonus money received yet.
- 14 Q. Thank you.
- 15 We talked about your independent
- 16 contractor representative relationship with IAS, right?
- A. Yes. 17
- Q. At some point did you have a similar 18
- 19 arrangement with RaPower3?
- A. Yes. I think there was a transition made, 20
- 21 not initiated by me but by IAS or Neldon, or I'm not
- 22 sure. Wanted to put everything into another company
- 23 called RaPower3. And so all my lenses that I purchased 23
- 24 were transferred over to RaPower3 and my records were 24 because I -- I assume Neldon would have to answer that
- 25 on RaPower3's website. And all the people that I

1 sponsored.

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- 2 Q. Okay. And how did that work? Because you
- 3 just said, "My lenses were transferred over to
- 4 RaPower3."
- 5 A. Right. So if I had 25 lenses here with
- IAS. I had 25 lenses over here with RaPower3.
- Q. So you had purchased lenses from IAS.
- 8 Α. Sure.
 - Q. And then you leased them to LTB.
- 10 A.
- 11 And then RaPower3 comes on the scene. Do
- 12 you recall when?
- A. I don't. Not exactly. 2010 or 2008? I 13
- 14 don't know.
- Q. Okay. Whatever that date is, RaPower3 15
- 16 comes on the scene, and now if you already bought your
- 17 lenses and leased them to LTB, what does RaPower3 have
- 18 to do with your lenses?
- 19 A. I don't understand the question.
- 20 Q. Well, I don't understand the contract and
- 21 the way the lenses work, and that's what I'm trying to
- 22 understand. You testified, "If I had lenses with IAS,
- 23 now they are with RaPower3." And my question to you is
- 24 if you purchased them from IAS and you owned them, and
- 25 then you leased them to LTB, which is going to operate

- 1 and maintain them, what does RaPower3 -- what do you 2 mean by, "Now my lenses are with RaPower3"?
- 3 A. Well, I think we all -- well, I'm just
- 4 going to speak for myself. It's my understanding that
- 5 the rental agreement was transferred over there, so I'm
- 6 going to get the same rental income when that happens,
- 7 and I'm going to get the same bonuses when that
- 8 happens.
- 9 Q. Your bonuses are from IAS.
- 10 A. That's true. So that doesn't change.
- Q. And your rental income --11
- 12 Doesn't change from RaPower3, because it
- 13 comes from LTB.
- 14 Q. So I'm trying to understand --
- 15 But I don't get any additional tax Α.
- 16 benefits.
- 17 Q. But you're not answering my question.
- 18 Α. Okay.
- 19 Q. You testified that now your lenses are
- 20 with RaPower3. I don't understand how your lenses can
- 21 be with RaPower3 because you own them but you are
- 22 leasing them to LTB.
 - A. I don't, either. I can't answer that
- 25 kind of a question.

1 Q. So you don't know?

- 2 A. I don't know.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 A. I expect the same outcome.
- 5 Q. Why do you expect the same outcome?
- 6 A. Because Neldon Johnson is very honest and
- 7 I trust him, and I trust the agreements that we signed.
- 8 I trust all that.
- 9 Q. What does Neldon Johnson have to do with
- 10 LTB?
- 11 A. I don't know.
- 12 Q. So if your lenses are being leased to LTB,
- 13 why does your trust in Neldon Johnson have any effect
- 14 on the outcome?
- 15 A. I think he has something to do with that.
- 16 And if he does, then I would trust that that would come
- 17 out okay for me.
- 18 Q. Why do you think that Neldon Johnson has
- 19 something to do with LTB?
- 20 A. I don't know. You're trying to box me
- 21 into a corner and I'm just not going to go there.
- 22 Q. I'm trying to understand the program.
- 23 A. I'm trying to understand what you are
- 24 trying to drive at. I don't understand it so I'm going
- 25 to say I don't know what you're going for. I don't
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- 1 understand it.
- 2 MR. REAY: Clarify your question and then
- 3 I'll instruct him to answer the question.
- 4 MR. MORAN: Can you ask the last question.
- 5 (The record was read as follows:
- 6 "Question: Why do you think that Neldon
- 7 Johnson has something to do with LTB?")
- 8 A. I believe that Neldon Johnson has either a
- 9 direct or distant ability or -- not ability, but has
- 10 something to do either directly or very indirectly with
- 11 what goes on. And I don't know, I can't define
- 12 directly or indirectly because I don't know that.
- 13 Q. Do you think that --
- 14 A. I'm an independent contractor and I don't
- 15 have -- I'm not an officer of any of those companies.
- 16 I'm not on a board of directors. I'm not an employee.
- 17 I don't go to any meetings. I don't know what's going
- 18 on. So you're asking me to speculate on things and I
- 19 don't know the involvement of Neldon Johnson in that or
- 20 the extent of direct or indirectly.
- 21 Q. You testified you expect the lenses you
- 22 leased to LTB are going to produce revenue, right?
- 23 A. I expect that, yeah.
- 24 Q. And you justified that belief on your
- 25 trust in Neldon Johnson, right?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Okay. And I'm trying to understand how
- 3 those two are connected.
- 4 A. Well, I don't know.
- 5 Q. You don't know?
- 6 A. I don't know how they are connected.
- 7 That's not --
- 8 Q. You just think they are?
 - A. I think they are.
- 10 Q. Has Neldon Johnson told you anything about
- 11 LTB?

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- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. It's just a name on a contract?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And the name on that contract is why you
- 16 think your lenses are going to produce money?
- 17 A. The what, now?
- 18 Q. A name on a contract, LTB --
- 19 MR. REAY: Objection. Mischaracterizes
- 20 his early testimony.
- 21 Q. There's a name on a contract that you
- 22 believe might be controlled by Neldon Johnson and
- 23 that's why you expect that at some point they are going
- 24 to --
- 25 MR. REAY: Objection. Mischaracterizes.
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- 1 Q. -- produce income?
 - 2 A. No. I don't understand it.
 - 3 Q. You don't understand the question?
 - 4 A. No.
 - 5 Exhibit 466 WAS MARKED.)
 - 6 Q. Mr. Shepard, you have been given a copy of
 - 7 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
 - 8 Exhibit 466. Do you recognize this document?
 - 9 A. I do.
 - 10 Q. What is it?
 - 11 A. It's a placed in service -- should be a
 - 12 placed in service letter. Yeah. Service for ten
 - 13 lenses. I first purchased ten lenses.
 - 14 Q. Is this the -- does this refer to your
 - 15 first purchase from December 28, 2005?
 - 16 A. It does.

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- Q. Okay. And this is on RaPower3 letterhead?
- 18 A. Yes, it is.
- 19 Q. Okay. And you testified -- let me ask you
- 20 this: Did RaPower3 exist in 2005?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Did it exist in 2006?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. Okay. Why would RaPower3 be giving you a
- 25 placed in service letter for lenses that you purchased

- 1 in 2005 if RaPower3 didn't exist until September 2010?
- 2 A. I don't know.
- Q. Would this document have to have been 3
- 4 back-dated?
- 5 A. I don't know.
- 6 Q. Do you recall when you received this
- 7 document?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Getting back to RaPower3, you testified
- 10 that you're not an officer, you're not a director; is
- 11 that right?
- A. Not on the board of directors, not an 12
- 13 officer, and not an employee. I'm an independent
- 14 contractor.
- 15 Q. Do you know who owns RaPower3?
- 16 A. No.
- Q. In your capacity as an independent 17
- 18 contractor for RaPower3, did you ever sign a contract
- 19 with them? You testified you were an independent
- 20 contractor for RaPower3, right?
- 21 A. Right.
- 22 Q. And previously we discussed a contract
- 23 where you became an independent contractor for IAS.
- A. Right. 24
- 25 Q. My question to you is did you sign a

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- 1 similar contract when you became involved with
- RaPower3?
- A. Yeah. A distributor contract. 3
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. Which everyone who purchased solar lenses
- 6 under RaPower3, there's a distributor application form.
- 7 So you fill that out and you become a distributor. So
- I signed that.
- 9 Q. You signed that?
- A. Uh-huh (affirmative). Electronically. 10
- Q. What about Chief Director of Operations? 11
- 12 A. What about it?
- Q. Is that a position with RaPower3? 13
- 14 A. No.
- Q. Have you referred to yourself as the Chief 15
- 16 Director of Operations for RaPower3?
- A. Sometimes. 17
- Q. Who authorized you to refer to yourself as 18
- 19 that?
- 20 A. No one.
- 21 Q. No one? You just did it?
- A. Yes. Thought it sounded cool. Trying to 22
- 23 sell lenses.
- I know you kind of smile at that, but 24
- 25 there's no -- no corporation has a chief director of

1 operations. I don't know if you knew that. There's a

- 2 COO and there's a CEO and a CFO, but there's not a
- 3 chief officer of whatever.
- 4 Q. Who is Glenda Johnson?
- 5 A. That's Neldon Johnson's wife.
- Q. Okay. Does she have any involvement in
- 7 the sale of solar lenses?
- 8 I don't know what she does.
 - MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 10 speculation.

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- 11 Q. You have no idea what she does?
- 12 A. Well, in general, yes.
- 13 Q. In general terms, what does she do?
- A. She keeps track of the books, and she 14
- 15 sends out -- I get a check, a commission check. So she
- 16 sends out commission checks. And I think she deposits
- 17 but I'm not sure. That's her business, not mine. I
- 18 don't know.
- 19 Q. Okay. You said she keeps the books. Who
- 20 does she keep the books for?
- A. I don't know. That's speculation on my 21
- 22 part. You'd have to ask her, because I'm not down
- 23 there sitting on her shoulder. I don't know what she
- 24 does --
- 25 Q. Okay.

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- A. -- exactly. 1
 - 2 Exhibit 467 WASMARKED.)
 - 3 Q. Mr. Shepard, you have been given a
 - 4 document which has been marked for identification as
 - 5 Plaintiff's Exhibit 467. This is a document that you
 - 6 produced to the United States. Do you recognize this
 - 7 document?
 - 8 A. I do.
 - 9 Q. What is it?
 - 10 A. It's a team memo.
 - Q. I think it's the first page of a team 11
 - 12 memo; is that right?
 - 13 A. It is.
 - 14 Q. Up at the top it appears to be an e-mail
 - 15 from you dated August 9, 2016 and you sent it to Glenda
 - 16 Johnson.
 - 17 A. I did.
 - 18 Q. The e-mail address GlendaEJohnson@
 - 19 hotmail.com, do you know whose e-mail address that is?
 - 20 A. It's Glenda Johnson's e-mail.
 - 21 Q. And that's Neldon Johnson's wife?
 - 22 A. Yes. Do you know why it is done that way?
 - Q. Why it's done what way?
 - 24 A. Do you know why Glenda is on there? You
 - 25 don't, do you?

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Page 105 Q. Please enlighten me.

- 2 A. I will. This kind of refers to -- I know
- 3 what you're trying to do, so I need to do this.
- 4 Neldon doesn't open up e-mails. So if I
- 5 want to get in contact, or if anyone wants to get in
- 6 contact with Neldon by e-mail, you send it to Glenda
- 7 and then she passes it on. So that's why Glenda's name
- 8 is on there.

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- 9 Q. So the normal practice to communicate with
- 10 Neldon via e-mail is to send it to Glenda?
- 11 A. That's my practice, yeah. I don't know
- 12 about other people, but I assume that's true.
- 13 Q. So you have never sent an e-mail to Neldon 14 directly?
- 15 A. If I did, it would have been a long time
- 16 ago, because I would never get a response.
- 17 Q. Do you know if Neldon Johnson has an
- 18 e-mail address?
- 19 A. I don't know.
- 20 Q. Okay. So in this e-mail you say, "Glenda
- 21 and Neldon, need approval on this latest memo.
- 22 Material taken word for word from the IAS.com website."
- 23 Is that right?
- 24 A. Yes. Yes.
- Q. Okay. So even though you sent this e-mail

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- 1 Agreement with IAS, it seems like you needed permission
- 2 to use IAS's name, trademarks, or any references to IAS
- 3 in written materials; is that right?
- 4 A. But this is when RaPower3 was in existence.
- 5 Q. I'm getting to that.
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. But to my understanding, with IAS you
- 8 needed Neldon Johnson's permission to use IAS's name;
- 9 is that correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. And now when it comes to RaPower3,
- 12 I'm just trying to understand was the arrangement the
- 13 same or were you authorized to speak on behalf of
- 14 RaPower3 without Neldon Johnson's authorization?
- 15 A. In general terms, I was authorized to.
- 16 But he didn't -- I sent out e-mails and memos without
- 17 his approving every one. In fact, most of them
- 18 weren't.
- 19 Q. And you were authorized to do that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. But it seems like certain items required
- 22 Neldon Johnson's approval?
- 23 A. No. I just thought that this one was, I
- 24 guess, because I don't know -- it had IAS technology in
- 25 it. And I thought, well, it might be better to get him

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- 1 to Glenda Johnson's e-mail address, the real person you
- 2 were asking for approval from was Neldon.
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Does Neldon Johnson approve everything you
- 5 send out?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Why were you asking for approval on this
- 8 particular team memo number 65?
- 9 A. I can't recall.
- 10 Q. So you are authorized to send out written
- 11 material on behalf of RaPower3 without Neldon Johnson's
- 12 permission?
- 13 A. Say that again? Authorized?
- 14 Q. Well, in your -- in the Independent
- 15 Representative Agreement, in Exhibit 463, and paragraph
- 16 11(a) it says, "Representative shall not use any
- 17 advertising materials, literature, promotional items,
- 18 or assigns that include IAS's names, trademarks or any
- 19 references to --"
- 20 A. Oh, yeah. Good point.
- 21 Q. So I understand that for IAS purposes you
- 22 needed permission from Neldon Johnson to make any
- 23 statements on behalf of IAS; is that right?
- 24 A. Statements on behalf of IAS?
- 25 Q. Well, your Independent Representative

1 to give permission to have that sent out.

- 2 Q. So would you have sent that out without
- 3 Neldon Johnson's authorization?
- 4 A. I can't -- I don't know.
- 5 Q. Do you think --
- 6 A. Well, no. If he told me no, not to send
- 7 it out, I wouldn't have done it. If that's what you're
- 8 asking.
- 9 Q. Okay. That's half of it. If he didn't
- 10 respond or if Glenda didn't respond for him, would you
- 11 have sent it out?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. So if team memo 65 was sent out, it's
- 14 because Neldon Johnson authorized you to?
 - A. It's too far back.
- 16 Q. This is last August.
- 17 A. What?
- 18 Q. This is August of 2016.
- 19 A. Okay. I would assume that he did, then,
- 20 yes.

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- 21 Q. So if team memo number 65 went out to
- 22 RaPower3 customers, it's because Neldon Johnson
- 23 authorized you to do so?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Are there any topics other than IAS

- 1 technology that you would ask Neldon Johnson for his
- 2 approval for before sending it out?
- 3 A. Any what now?
- 4 Q. You testified that with respect to Exhibit
- 5 467, because you were talking about IAS technology, you
- 6 sought Neldon Johnson's approval. Do you recall that
- 7 testimony?
- 8 A. Say that again? I'm sorry.
- 9 Q. You testified that with respect to Exhibit
- 10 467 the reason you sought Neldon Johnson's approval
- 11 before sending it out was because it involved IAS
- 12 technology; is that right?
- 13 A. Yes. But I didn't do it all the time.
- 14 Q. Okay. Well, are there any other topics
- 15 that you would feel you needed to consult Neldon
- 16 Johnson on before disseminating?
- 17 A. I'd have to -- that's a very general,
- 18 broad question. I'd have to see what an exact topic
- 19 might be. But I give I think an extensive disclaimer
- 20 there that it's my opinion when those go out. So they
- 21 are not like Neldon Johnson's or IAS opinions. They
- 22 are my opinions and my doing. So I take -- if there's
- 22 are my opinione and my deling. So I take the first of
- 23 anything wrong or incorrect that went out, then I would
- 24 take responsibility for that.
- 25 Q. Okay. But my question was are there any

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- 1 other topics other than IAS technology that you would
- 2 feel the need to consult with Neldon with.
- 3 MR. REAY: Objection. You've asked and
- 4 answered that question.
- 5 A. Yeah. It's all very general, Chris.
- 6 That's why I said you'd have to have -- or I would have
- 7 to think about what topic would you think.
- 8 Q. Let's go through some documents.
 - Exhibit 468 WASMARKED.)
- 10 Q. Mr. Shepard, you've been given a copy of
- 11 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 12 Exhibit 468. This is a document that you produced.
- 13 This appears to be an e-mail dated March 28, 2016
- 14 between yourself and Mike-George Robbins. Is that
- 15 correct?

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- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And up at the top it says, "Mike, sorry,
- 18 but Neldon and Glenda make the decisions." Did I read
- 19 that correctly?
- 20 A. Absolutely.
- 21 Q. So is this an example of an area where
- 22 Neldon Johnson or where Neldon --
- 23 A. What area are you talking about?
- 24 Q. Well, the topic of this e-mail. It seems
- 25 like someone can't pay for their lenses, and you refer

1 the problem to Neldon and/or Glenda. Is that correct?

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- 2 A. Well, I've got to read the e-mail first.
- 3 Q. Go ahead.
- 4 A. "Neldon said that he ordered the lenses.
- 5 We had to buy the lenses to show that they were there.
- 6 All these should have been paid in full by 2013."
- 7 MR. REAY: You don't want it all on the
- 8 record.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Sorry. I'll read silently.
- 10 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Okay.
- 11 A. Okay. This is to me from Glenda. Got
- 12 that.
- 13 Okay. So what's the question?
- 14 Q. My question is originally I asked a
- 15 question of what other topics or what other, yeah,
- 16 topics would you need to get authorization from Neldon
- 17 on except for --
- 18 A. To put in a memo?
- 19 Q. And whatever you're --
- 20 A. Well, this certainly wouldn't go in a
- 21 memo.
- 22 Q. I understand that. But there's a --
- 23 A. And it certainly wouldn't go out in an
- 24 e-mail to anybody else.
- 25 Q. It seems like a customer e-mailed you and

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1 had an issue paying for their lenses. Isn't that

2 right?

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- 3 A. Apparently so, yeah.
- 4 Q. Okay. And could you have made a decision
- 5 on the issues they raised in this e-mail?
 - A. Oh, no.
- 7 Q. Who did you refer to?
- 8 A. Neldon and Glenda.
- 9 Q. Okay. So if a RaPower3 customer has an
- 10 issue with paying for their lenses, who addresses that
- 11 problem?
- 12 A. Well, sometimes I do in terms of giving
- 13 them a heads-up. If the person hasn't paid, I would
- 14 say, "Hey, you need to -- you should pay."
- 15 Q. And what happens if they don't pay?
- 16 A. Then that's not my problem. I don't know
- 17 what to do after that.
- 18 Q. Whose problem is it?
- 19 A. I would say it would be Neldon's. And I
- 20 would e-mail Glenda to tell Neldon. Or if I saw him in
- 21 person I may say in person. But normally I don't think
- 22 he does anything with people when they don't pay. But
- 23 I don't know.
- 24 Q. What do you mean by that?
- 25 A. Well, if a person doesn't pay for their

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- 1 lenses, he's --
- 2 Q. He doesn't care?
- 3 A. I don't know. He doesn't seem to be too
- 4 forceful in trying to collect delinquent payments. I
- know we send out invoices, like other companies, but --
- 6 Q. Go ahead.
- 7 A. I guess I'm done.
- Exhibit 469 WASMARKED.) 8
- 9 Q. Mr. Shepard, you've been given a copy of
- 10 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 11 Exhibit 469.
- 12 A. Okay.
- 13 Q. Do you recognize this document?
- 14 A. Well, no. But I recognize Kontos and I
- 15 think I recognize Tarika, but I'm not sure.
- 16 Q. I'll give you a chance to review Exhibit
- 17 469, but it appears to be that Tarika Sands isn't
- interested in being a RaPower3 member anymore.
- A. Uh-huh (affirmative). 19
- 20 Q. And you referred to, "Glenda Johnson would
- 21 need an e-mail from you stating that you do not want to
- 22 stay in the RaPower3 program."
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Why would they be talking to Glenda
- 25 Johnson?

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- A. Well, I didn't -- this is from Nicholas 1
- 2 Kontos, not me.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for 4
- 5 speculation.
- 6 A. Nicholas Kontos is an independent
- 7 contractor like I am, and Tarika is Nicholas Kontos's
- 9 Q. And why would she be directed to Glenda
- 10 Johnson?
- A. You'd have to ask Nicholas Kontos. I just 11
- 12 got a carbon copy of this.
- Q. Well, Nicholas Kontos e-mailed you on 13
- 14 February 8, 2012, down at the bottom.
- 15 A. Okay.
- Q. Why would Nicholas Kontos be e-mailing you 16
- 17 about this problem?
- A. Because he thought I might know something, 18
- 19 might give him advice. That's what our program is all
- 20 about. We are team members, Chris. And so if you're a
- 21 team member it's like, you know, you play on the team.
- 22 We played on a team.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- A. So I'm a team member, fellow team member 24
- 25 and I'm kind of the self-proclaimed, you know, I'm kind

1 of at the top. So he probably thought I could help out

- 2 some way, but I can't because I can't make any decision 3 on that.
- 4 Q. And then in the middle of the first page
- 5 there's an e-mail from Glenda Johnson dated February 7,
- 6 2012. Now, was it your understanding that Glenda
- 7 Johnson was speaking for Neldon Johnson there?
- MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for 8
- 9 speculation.
- 10 A. Yeah, I don't know.
- 11 Q. Okay. Who is Roger Freeborn?
- A. Roger Freeborn is a man I've known for a 12
- 13 long time. He started out --
- 14 Q. Let's go off the record.
 - (Telephone interruption.)
- 16 A. So Roger Freeborn started out as wanting
- 17 to do business with Bigger, Faster, Stronger in the
- 18 form of buying equipment, having a clinic. And I think
- 19 my first contact with him was when he was coaching at
- 20 Green River, Wyoming. And that was probably early
- 21 '80s.

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- 22 Q. Okav.
- 23 A. And then we maintained that relationship
- 24 when he went to another high school in Oregon. I did a
- 25 clinic for him there. And then he went to another

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- 1 school in Washington and I did a clinic for him there.
- 2 And I thought he did well, so I offered him a position,
- 3 if you will, to be a -- an offer to be a BFS clinician
- 4 where he could go out and teach people what I taught
- 5 him.
- 6 Q. Okav.
- 7 A. And so we had that relationship.
- Now, as far as RaPower3 goes, it's that I
- 9 asked him if he wanted to buy some lenses, and he ended
- 10 up buying the lenses. Not underneath me, but
- 11 underneath Bob or MJM. I can't remember. And so then
- 12 he wanted to really put the metal -- whatever you say.
- 13 The metal to the floor. But he wanted to go after it,
- 14 and sold or had a lot of customers. A lot of RaPower3
- 15 customers that bought lenses.
- 16 Q. Are you talking about his downline?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. And when you say downline, we are
- 19 referring to people who Roger Freeborn got commissions
- 20 from, who purchased lenses?
- 21 A. Right. Who, in turn, sold to people and
- 22 he got commissions from that. So yeah, he turned it
- 23 into a business.
- 24 Q. Okay. Do you recall when Roger Freeborn
- 25 got involved in selling lenses?

- 1 A. I would probably -- this is a guess. I
- 2 mean, I could look it up. But I would say around
- 3 probably 2008 or 2009, in there.
- 4 Q. Before RaPower3?
- 5 A. Yeah, before RaPower3. I think so, yes.
- 6 Q. So back when IAS was running the program?
 - A. I think so. Now, I'm not sure, because I
- 8 don't have my records in front of me and that's not
- 9 something I can accurately answer. All I'm doing is
- 10 guessing, Chris.
- 11 Q. Did there come a time when Roger Freeborn
- 12 was no longer authorized to sell lenses?
- 13 A. Yes.

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- 14 Q. I'll hand you a copy of what's already
- 15 been marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 80. Do you
- 16 recognize Plaintiff's Exhibit 80.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Before we talk about Plaintiff's Exhibit
- 19 80, let me back up a little bit. Did you give Roger
- 20 Freeborn information about IAS and RaPower3?
- 21 MR. REAY: Objection. Confusing.
- 22 Q. I'll rephrase. How did Roger Freeborn
- 23 learn about the solar lenses that he sold?
- A. From me.
- 25 Q. Okay.

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- 1 A. And Bob Rowbotham.
- 2 Q. And where did he get information about
- 3 these lenses?
- 4 A. Who? Who is "he"?
- 5 Q. Roger Freeborn.
- 6 A. He got it from Bob Rowbotham and/or me.
- 7 Q. Okay. Did you talk to him about the tax
- 8 benefits that you claim are associated with the solar
- 9 lenses?
- 10 A. That's a long time back, but I would
- 11 suppose so, yes.
- 12 Q. Getting back to Plaintiff's Exhibit 80,
- 13 what is it? And I'm particularly referring to an
- 14 e-mail from you dated June 2, 2013, beginning in the
- 15 middle of the page.
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Do you recognize that e-mail?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Did you write that e-mail?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Okay. It says, "You are hereby terminated
- 22 from RaPower3 as an independent contractor."
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Why was Roger Freeborn terminated?
- 25 A. I think it had to do with something in the

1 relationship between Roger Freeborn and Neldon Johnson.

- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. That's all I know.
- 4 Q. How do you know that much?
- 5 A. Because Neldon Johnson told me.
- 6 Q. What did Neldon Johnson tell you?
- 7 A. That there was a problem with Roger
- 8 Freeborn, and I don't know specifics.
 - Q. Neldon Johnson just told you, "There's a
- 10 problem with Roger Freeborn. I want him out"?
- 11 A. Yes.

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- 12 Q. Okay. So Neldon Johnson directed that
- 13 Roger Freeborn be terminated?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Did you ever have any discussions with
- 16 Roger Freeborn about his relationship with Neldon
- 17 Johnson?
- 18 A. If I did, I can't remember. If there
- 19 were, they were very short. But I don't know. I can't
- 20 remember.
- 21 Q. Okay. Roger Freeborn was terminated in
- 22 June 2013. After that time did you have any contact
- 23 with Roger Freeborn?
- 24 A. Very little. Most of it was due where
- 25 I -- well, not most, I think all. All contact was

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- 1 about his health. He was going through some severe
- 2 health problems. And so he is a friend for, you know,
- 3 since '81 or whatever it was. And so -- he was one of
- 4 my clinicians. So as a friend I wanted to call him
- 5 and --
- 6 Q. See how he was doing?
- 7 A. See how he was doing.
- 8 Q. Sure. After this termination, did you
- 9 ever discuss solar lenses with Roger Freeborn?
- 10 A. No. Not to my recollection.
- 11 Q. What about when this case was initiated?
- 12 A. Can you be --
- 13 Q. The United States filed this case in
- 14 November 2015, and named you and --
- 15 A. And Roger.
- 16 Q. -- Roger as defendants. Did you ever have
- 17 any discussions with him about this case?
- 18 MR. REAY: Object that attorney/client
- 19 privilege discussions could have taken place between
- 20 the three of us.
- 21 Q. All right. I'll rephrase. Did you have
- 22 any discussions with Mr. Freeborn, where Mr. Reay was
- 23 not present, about this case?
- 24 A. I can't remember.
- 25 Q. Did Roger Freeborn ever call you and say,

1 "Hey, I'm part of this, too"?

- 2 A. Yes, I think he did.
- 3 Q. And what did --
- 4 A. But I can't remember specifics of the
- 5 conversation. I mean, I'm trying to help you out on
- 6 this, but I probably told him, "Don't worry about it.
- 7 We'll get through it somehow." I mean that's what I --
- 8 if I did, that's what I would have told him.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. And yeah, the main thing was to help him
- 11 get through his health issue.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. Apparently he is doing a lot better now.
- 14 Thank goodness.
- 15 Q. Back to the e-mail in Plaintiff's Exhibit
- 16 80.
- 17 A. And by the way, I'm remembering something
- 18 now. He also offended Bigger, Faster, Stronger and Bob 18
- 19 Rowbotham.
- 20 Q. And how is that?
- 21 A. And so I can't remember the specifics on
- 22 that, but he was -- he didn't do a good job at the
- 23 later -- in his later days as a clinician. And so he
- 24 was cut off as a clinician. So he was terminated
- 25 there. Not by me, but by Bob. And so we had a

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- 1 strained -- there was a strained relationship with BFS
- 2 and with Neldon Johnson. And so because that was the
- 3 case, I did not want to be caught in the middle of
- 4 that. And so I had kind of a hands-off philosophy
- 5 other than asking how he was doing.
- 6 Q. Okay. Back to Plaintiff's Exhibit 80 and 7 your June 2, 2013 e-mail.
- 8 That's directed to CoachFree@aol.com and I
- 9 understand that's Roger Freeborn.
- 10 A. It is.
- 11 Q. And you cc GlendaEJohnson and
- 12 neldon@iaus.com. Whose e-mail is that?
- 13 A. That's Neldon's but, like I said, he never
- 14 opens it. But I wanted to have it on record.
- 15 Q. So --
- 16 A. I think he saw this but I don't think he
- 17 saw it by opening up e-mails to Neldon@iaus.com.
- 18 Q. He saw it because you sent it to Glenda?
- 19 A. Yes. Pretty sure.
- 20 Q. But you do know that if I asked you --
- 21 withdraw that.
- 22 Is Neldon@iaus.com an e-mail address you
- 23 know to be associated with Neldon Johnson?
- 24 A. I think I said no before just because I
- 25 know he never opens it. It doesn't do any good.

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- Q. Sure. But to be clear, you understand
- 2 that Neldon@iaus.com is Neldon Johnson's e-mail
- 3 address?
- 4 A. Yes, I do. Sorry if that was
- 5 misunderstood.
- 6 Q. No problem. Is there a reason you sent
- 7 Roger Freeborn's termination notice rather than Neldon
- 8 Johnson?
- 9 A. I think because I had a relationship with
- 10 him. But I don't know why he asked me. But if he
- 11 asked me to do it, I was glad to do it.
- 12 Q. And when you are saying "he," you are
- 13 referring to --
- 14 A. Neldon. If Neldon asked me to do
- 15 something that is reasonable, I would accommodate that.
- 16 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with an entity
- 17 known as Cobblestone?
 - A. Yes, I am.
- 19 Q. What is Cobblestone?
- 20 A. I don't know. I mean, really. I think it
- 21 has something to do with RaPower3, I guess, but I don't
- 22 know what it does. Again, I'm an employee, I'm not on
- 23 the board of directors, I'm not -- I have nothing to do
- 24 with Cobblestone, and I don't even know what it does.
- 25 Q. You just know that it exists?

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- 1 A. I know that it exists.
- 2 Q. How do you know that it exists?
- 3 A. Because I have seen it in some references
- 4 and some documents.
- 5 Q. Okay.

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- A. I just know that it's there.
- 7 Q. And who did you get those references and
- 8 documents from?
- 9 A. I don't know.
- 10 Q. Would it have been Neldon Johnson?
- 11 A. It could have been. It could be on a
- 12 document -- I just don't know anything about it.
- 13 Q. Any idea who, other than Neldon Johnson,
- 14 you would have heard about it from?
- 15 A. Yeah. There could have been Glenda.
- 16 Could have been LeGrande. Could have been Chris
- 17 Taylor, maybe. Could have been -- but I don't really
- 18 think I -- I didn't hear about it verbally. I just saw
- 19 it on a document.
- 20 Q. Do you recall what those documents were?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Except for the people you just mentioned,
- 23 the Johnson family and Chris Taylor, is there anyone
- 24 else you would have gotten those documents from?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. Well, wait a minute. Would I have gotten
- 3 it -- did I get it from you guys? I don't know.
- 4 MR. REAY: There's been a lot of documents.
- 5 A. I don't know. I saw it some place. I
- 6 have seen it several places and I don't know which
- 7 documents it was and who sent them to me. I don't
- 8 know.
- 9 Q. And my question to you is except for
- 10 the --
- 11 A. I think it's on a -- I think it's one --
- 12 it's on one of our official documents, but I don't
- 13 know.

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- 14 Q. Is that on the RaPower3 website?
 - A. You probably have that. So if you've got
- 16 it, give it to me and I'll look at it. But I don't
- 17 know.
- 18 Q. Well, I'm trying to understand the source
- 19 of the documents where you would have heard of
- 20 Cobblestone. And excluding the Johnson family and
- 21 Chris Taylor, is there anyone else who you could have
- 22 conceivably gotten those documents from?
- 23 A. No. I don't see how the -- well, unless
- 24 it was from an attorney. Either you guys or --
- 25 Q. You can exclude us, as well.

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- 1 A. Okay.
- 2 Q. Is there anyone else?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. How about DCL 16 BLT?
- 5 A. That's what I had for lunch, a BLT. Just
- 6 trying to lighten things up. I never heard of that.
- 7 Q. You never heard of DCL 16 BLT?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. All right. I'll give you a document that
- 10 was marked in a previous deposition. And this is
- 11 Plaintiff's Exhibit 439, which was marked in the
- 12 deposition of Matt Shepard. The e-mail that appears on
- 13 the first page, Shepard_Greg-03681, do you recognize
- 14 that?
- 15 A. PCC, yes. Okay.
- 16 Q. Is Exhibit 439 an e-mail from you?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. And you have an attachment entitled
- 19 Closed-Loop System for audits? And does that exhibit
- 20 appear on the second page?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. On the page marked Shepard_Greg-03682.
- 23 A. Okay.
- 24 Q. The top paragraph says, "The third party
- 25 engineering review was conducted by reputable engineers

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1 with Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in Physics, Mechanical

2 Engineering, and Nuclear Engineering from prestigious

- 3 universities. Did I read that correctly?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Earlier in your testimony you talked about
- 6 validations that you understood to have been done by
- 7 various universities.
- 8 A. Yes.
 - Q. Is the statement that appears on Exhibit
- 10 439 what you were referring to?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. And who did you get that information
- 13 from?

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- 14 A. It was in the technology reports from
- 15 Neldon Johnson. But I don't know the circumstances.
- 16 Q. And do you know the names of the reputable
- 17 engineers?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Okay. Neldon Johnson just told you they
- 20 were reputable engineers from these universities?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. The rest of the information in the
- 23 attachment to Exhibit 439, the rest of the information
- 24 you convey there, did you take that from a white paper
- 25 that you obtained --

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- 1 A. Yes. Yes. I didn't make up anything.
- 2 That's a cut and paste.
- 3 Q. From a document you obtained from Neldon
- 4 Johnson?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. We already talked about the manufacturing
- 7 site. I think there's also been references to an R&D
- 8 site.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. All right. Is that the second site that
- 11 we visited during our site visit on April 4th?
- 12 A. Yeah. The last site.
- 13 Q. And that's where there were a bunch of
- 14 towers up in the air?
- 15 A. About 18, 17, yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. You said there's 18 or 17 towers?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And the towers are where the lenses that
- 19 various customers had bought are intended to go, at
- 20 some point?
- 21 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 22 speculation.
- 23 Q. Okay. I'll withdraw it.
- 24 The research and development site where
- 25 there's 17 or 18 towers, what's going on there?

- 2 Q. Okay. Research and development of what?
- 3 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for

A. Research and development.

4 speculation.

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- A. Yeah. I don't have anything to do with 5
- 6 the research and development. I mean, I go down there
- 7 quite a bit and I see what's going on. But I don't
- 8 collect any data. I have never seen any data. There
- 9 was a lot of research and development done on gear
- 10 shifts, dual access tracking. There's been R&D done on
- 11 heat exchangers, molten salt containers, solar lenses,
- 12 turbines. I think I said that. The frames, the solar
- 13 frames. Research and development on how fast they
- 14 could put up towers. 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. What the drying time of concrete would be.
- Q. Now, on the towers that are there --17
- A. Yes. 18
- Q. -- the 17 or 18 towers, there's several 19
- 20 plastic lenses, right?
- A. Several plastic lenses? 21
- 22 Q. There's lenses on those towers, right?
- A. Yeah. But more than several. There's 23
- 24 quite a few. I don't know how many. But "several" to 25 me implies five or six.

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- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. I think there's a lot more than that.
- 3 Q. Okay. How many lenses --
- There's less than a hundred of them. But 4 Α.
- 5 I think it's more than five or six.
- Q. Okay. You think it's between five and a 6
- hundred? Probably closer to a hundred? 7
- A. Well, let me see. I have to guess. I can 8
- do a multiplication. 9
- Q. Each tower has four rings on it, right? 10
- A. Correct. 11
- 12 Q. And how many lenses are on each ring?
- A. On each ring, there are 34. 13
- 14 Q. Okay. So there's 34 on each ring.
- 15 Right. Α.
- O. And then there's four lenses on each 16
- 17 tower.
- Right. So you can have 136, potentially. 18 Α.
- Yeah. So 136 total on each tower. So the 19 generated by the lenses ever been sold? 19 Q.
- 20 total number of lenses that are at the research and 20
- 21 development site would be, at most, 136 times 18.
- A. Yes. But there's not. But at most, yes. 22
- 23 Q. Now, the lenses at the research and
- 24 development site, 136 times 18, whatever that is --
 - MR. REAY: 2448.

MR. MORAN: Thank you, Mr. Reay. 2048? 1

- 2 MR. REAY: 2448 if my math is right. 3 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Have any of these lenses
- ever produced electricity? 4
- 5 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 6 speculation. Asked and answered.
 - Q. I'll rephrase it. Have you ever seen any
- 8 of these, at most, 2448 lenses generate what you
- 9 understand to be electricity?
- 10 Α. No.
- 11 Q. Ever?
- 12 A. No. But I have heard that they have for
- 13 R&D purposes. I have never been there when they have
- 14 actually done it.
- 15 Q. And who have you heard that from?
- 16 Α. Neldon.
- 17 Q. Anyone else?
- 18 Α. No.
- 19 Q. Okay. Have you ever seen those 2448, at
- 20 most, lenses ever heat or cool a structure?
- 21 A. You mean like a building, or like a hut?
- 22 Q. Sure.
- No. I have just seen them produce heat 23 Α.
- 24 and set boards on fire, like you saw. And I have seen
- 25 them hurt myself.

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- 1 Q. What do you mean, hurt yourself?
- A. I was standing where I wasn't paying 2
- 3 attention and my shoe started smoking, so I know they
- 4 produce heat. I had to run fast.
- 5 Q. Okay. But has that heat ever been used to
- 6 heat a structure?
- 7 Α. No.
- 8 Q. How about to cool a structure?
- 9 Α. No.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- A. I haven't seen it. I'm not saying that it 11
- 12 hasn't been done for a short period, but I have never
- 13 seen it.
- 14 Q. Has anyone ever told you that the lenses
- 15 were used to heat or cool a structure?
- 16 Α.
- 17 Q. Now, you've mentioned heat a couple times.
- 18 Have the lenses ever been used -- has the heat
- - A. No.
- 21 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 22 speculation.
- 23 A. Not to my knowledge.
- Oh, wait a minute. Wait a minute. I take 24
- 25 that back. Say that again.

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- MR. MORAN: Would you read back the last 1 2 question.
- 3 (The record was read as follows:
- 4 "Question: Now, you've mentioned heat a 5 couple times. Have the lenses ever been used --
- 6 has the heat generated by the lenses ever been 7 sold?")
- 8 MR. REAY: You may need to rephrase that 9 question.
- 10 A. Yeah. Rephrase the question.
- 11 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Has the heat generated by
- 12 the lenses at the R&D site ever been sold?
- 13 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for 14 speculation.
- A. The lenses that are -- the R&D lenses on 15
- 16 the towers have presently been sold?
- Q. Has the heat ever been sold. In other 17
- 18 words, has anyone ever paid money for the heat?
- 19 A. My understanding, yes.
- Q. Someone did pay money for the heat? 20
- A. Paid money for -- okay. I'm trying to 21
- answer your question because I know that --22
- 23 Q. I'm just trying to understand.
- A. Okay. It's my understanding that lenses 24
- 25 have been sold outside of RaPower3, because of where 25

- We will do both. Another entity. 1
 - 2 A. I think -- and I don't know. I'm
 - 3 speculating. If that's what you want me to do. Should 4 I do that? Speculate?

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- 5 MR. REAY: No. Calls for speculation.
 - Q. You can answer based on what you know.
 - MR. REAY: It's compound and confusing.
- Q. If someone has told you lenses were sold 8 9 outside of RaPower3, that's responsive to my question.
- 10 And you've mentioned lenses sold outside of RaPower3,
- 11 and I want to know what you're talking about.
- A. I have just heard that from Neldon. I 12
- 13 don't know the specifics. I don't know where those
- 14 lenses might be, or if they even need to be -- they are
- 15 bought on speculation that they will be produced at
- 16 some point. I don't know. You're asking things that I
- 17 don't have any control over and have no knowledge of.
- 18 I don't know. I don't have any --
- 19 Q. All right.
- 20 A. I just can't help you out on this, Chris.
- 21 I'd like to.
- 22 Q. The lenses that are at the R&D site, is it
- 23 your understanding that there are lenses like them
- 24 elsewhere?

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Sure. At the manufacturing plant.

- 1 the project is at and producing heat. But I don't know
- the specifics. Neldon would know that.
- Q. All right. Let's come back to that. 3
- Right now I'm asking about the lenses at the R&D site.
- 5 A. Yea.
- 6 Q. And you testified that they generate heat.
- 7 A. They do.
- Q. The simplest way to ask this question is 8
- has that heat ever been sold?
- 10 A. No. From those lenses, no. Not to my
- 11 knowledge.
- 12 Q. Okay. All right. And now you just
- 13 previously talked about lenses outside of RaPower3 that 13 knowledge of lenses being built by Lucite and sent
- 14 you believe may have been sold --
- A. Lenses outside of the R&D site. 15
- Q. Okay. 16
- A. That are being used for R&D. 17
- Q. Outside of the R&D site now, lenses have 18
- 19 been sold. Where are those lenses?
- A. I don't know. That's not my -- that's not 20
- 21 my --
- Q. Are these the lenses that are at the 22
- 23 manufacturing facility?
- A. For what now? For RaPower3 or another 24
- 25 entity?

- Q. Okay. Anywhere else? 1
- 2 Not to my knowledge. I don't know. Α.
 - Q. Okay.
- 4 But you do know that all I have to do is
- 5 send a roller to Lucite and a ton more lenses can be
- 6 made. You knew that, right? 400 megawatts worth,
- 7 which is about \$800 million worth.
- 8 Q. Again, I'm asking the guestions.
 - A. Well, I'm telling you what can be done.
- 10 And also, that they are so cheap it doesn't even matter
- 11 if they are broken. They can be replaced.
- 12 Q. All right. That's fine. Do you have any
- 14 anywhere but the manufacturing site or the R&D site?
- 15 A. I have no knowledge of that, no.
- 16 Q. Just so the record is clear, has anyone
- 17 ever paid electricity -- withdrawn.
- Has anyone ever paid for electricity 18
- 19 that's generated by a solar lens?
- 20 A. Oh, yeah. Tons. Tons.
- 21 Q. They have paid for electricity?
- A. Oh, absolutely. Millions of dollars 22
- 23 worth.
- 24 Q. People paid for the electricity that's
- 25 generated by the lenses?

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A. Oh, that wasn't the thing. Chris, you

- 2 didn't ask the right question. I'm just -- you just
- 3 said have lenses ever produced electricity. You meant
- 4 to say have IAS or RaPower3 lenses ever produced5 electricity.
- 6 MR. REAY: Calls for speculation.
- 7 Q. I'll rephrase. A lens --
- 8 THE WITNESS: Come on, Erin Healy. Smile
- 9 a little bit now. That was pretty good.
- 10 Q. Of the lenses we have been discussing that
- 11 are at the RaPower3 R&D site and manufacturing
- 12 facility, are you with me, the at most 2448 lenses.
- 13 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
- 14 Q. Have those lenses ever generated
- 15 electricity that someone has paid for?
- 16 MR. REAY: I'll renew my objection. Calls
- 17 for speculation.

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- 18 A. I think so.
- 19 Q. You think someone has bought electricity
- 20 that's generated by lenses at the R&D site?
- 21 A. I think so. But I don't know for sure.
- 22 That would be a question for Neldon.
- 23 Q. All right. You think that happened. When
- 24 do you think that happened?
- 25 A. The last couple of years.

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- 1 Q. Who do you think purchased the electricity?
- 2 A. I don't know.
- 3 Q. Okay. Where did you get the information
- 4 that leads you to believe electricity was sold?
- 5 A. Well, there's a huge, long cable. I can't
- 6 ask you questions. But it was visible on your tower,
- 7 if you saw that. It's also on the RaPower3 website.
- 8 There's an electric -- there's a cord about that big
- 9 around that goes from the R&D site into the house that
- 10 we were in.
- 11 Q. Is it the cable that was on the ground?
- 12 A. Yes. And that goes to a transformer which
- 13 goes to a three-phase power that's right next to the
- 14 house, which goes into Rocky Mountain Power.
- 15 Q. And you think that Rocky Mountain Power 16 paid for --
- 17 A. I don't know. That's not my -- I don't
- 18 know.
- 19 Q. Well, my original question to you is has
- 20 anyone paid for electricity --
- 21 A. I said I think so. You'd have to ask
- 22 Neldon.
- 23 MR. REAY: Let him finish.
- Q. My question is has anyone paid for
- 25 electricity that those lenses have generated, and you

1 said you think so.

- 2 A. Could be, yeah.
- 3 Q. And I said who, and it seems like you have

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- 4 identified Rocky Mountain Power.
- 5 A. I don't know. No, not necessarily.
- 6 Q. All right. Now, if --
- 7 A. Those are things that Neldon would have to
- 8 answer.

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- Q. If the lenses had generated power,
- 10 generated electricity that was sold to someone,
- 11 wouldn't that have triggered rental payments?
- 12 A. Okay. We are --
- 13 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 14 speculation and legal conclusions.
 - A. Yeah. What if it was a hundred bucks?
- 16 Are we going to distribute that?
- 17 Q. My understanding is that once these lenses
- 18 are generating revenue, that rental payments are owed;
- 19 isn't that right?
- 20 A. It is, on a continual basis, yeah. If
- 21 it's done for R&D purposes, no.
- 22 Q. Okay. So has electricity ever been
- 23 generated on a continuous basis?
- 24 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 25 speculation.

- /? 1 A. I would say no.
 - 2 Q. Okay. Except for the cable you just
 - 3 mentioned that goes from the R&D site to the house that
 - 4 you think connected to Rocky Mountain Power, is there
 - 5 anything else that forms the basis for your belief that
 - 6 electricity has been sold?
 - 7 A. Been sold or produced?
 - 8 Q. Sold.
 - 9 A. No.
 - 10 Q. Have the lenses, the 2448 lenses at the
 - 11 R&D site, have they ever been used to make hot water?
 - 12 Or to heat water?
 - 13 A. I don't know.
 - 14 Q. Okay.
 - 15 A. Oh, heat water? Boy, I don't know.
 - 16 Q. You don't know?
 - 17 A. I would say that there's a possibility of
 - 18 that, yeah.
 - 19 Q. If the lenses had been used to heat water,
 - 20 do you think you would have remembered it if you had
 - 21 seen it?
 - A. Well, I didn't see it but I think there's
 - 23 a high -- there's a probability that Neldon did during
 - 24 his R&D. It would have been a simple thing to do.
 - 25 Q. Did Neldon ever tell you that he did?

1 A. No.

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- 2 Q. Okay. What's the biomass burner?
- 3 A. To my -- well, is this outside my --
 - What do you think, Attorney?
- 5 MR. REAY: No. You can answer the 6 question.
- 7 A. Okay. I'm not an expert in a biomass
- 8 burner deal. But the biomass burner is I think
- 9 patented, but I'm not sure. You'd have to ask Neldon
- 10 that. But the biomass burner can burn any form of
- 11 biomass material. It can burn coal. It can burn solid
- 12 waste. It can burn cotton residue, which I think
- 13 Neldon is planning on doing in his Texas project. I
- 14 think he has a project with cotton farmers to do that.
- 15 And it can burn pig waste, which I think he has plans
- 16 to do from the pig farm down in Milford, which is a
- 17 million pigs. And it can burn sawdust, wood, garbage.
- 18 Q. All right. With all these items you say
- 19 it can burn, what's done with -- what does that do?
- 20 What does burning have to do with --
- 21 A. Well, just like a coal plant or natural
- 22 gas.
- 23 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 24 speculation.
- 25 A. But it's pretty simple.

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- 1 Can I answer it if it's simple?
- 2 MR. REAY: You can answer it.
- 3 A. Well, it heats water. When you can heat
- 4 water you create steam. When you've got steam, you can
- 5 make the turbine go around. If it's hooked to a
- 6 generator, you can produce electricity and/or you can
- 7 produce water.
- 8 Q. Okay. How does that involve a lens?
- 9 A. It doesn't unless the lens is producing
- 10 heat on the same system. But the biomass can work
- 11 independently from the solar lenses.
- 12 Q. So you don't need a lens to operate a
- 13 biomass burner?
- 14 A. You don't need it. You can, but you don't
- 15 need it. I just listed all the sources.
- 16 Q. You say you can burn items in a biomass
- 17 burner and heat --
- 18 A. You are not going to burn a solar ray.
- 19 But you can hook the solar lenses and produce heat with
- 20 it. Heat water, and you have the same outcome. You
- 21 can either produce water with it or you can produce
- 22 electricity. They can work independently or together
- 23 to produce one result.
- Q. But how does a lens connect to a biomass
- 25 burner?

Page 141 1 A. I told you it doesn't.

2 Q. All right. So they are not connected in

3 any way?

4 A. Well, no, that's not true. It's my

5 understanding that the turbine can be used with both of 6 them at the same time.

- 7 Q. And how did you get this understanding?
- 8 A. Common sense.
 - Q. Any one person tell you about it?
- 10 A. No. It's just it should be very common
- 11 sense.

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- 12 Q. So what's different about --
- 13 A. You have a solar lens over here producing
- 14 heat, and you've got biomass over here producing heat.
- 15 You can run them into the turbine, the same turbine.
- 16 Q. So the biomass burner is not dependent on
- 17 a lens?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 MR. REAY: There's not a real valid
- 20 objection for relevance, but what does a biomass -- so
- 21 I'm going to raise an objection for relevance because a
- 22 biomass burner has nothing to do with this.
- 23 MR. MORAN: Mr. Reay, you're aware that a
- 24 relevance objection isn't appropriate in a deposition.
- 25 MR. REAY: Right. But the judge will

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- 1 still have to rule on it. It just doesn't have a lot2 of direction for this.
- 3 MR. MORAN: Your objection is preserved.
- 4 And if he just clarified that it's his testimony that a
- 5 lens is not in any way connected to a biomass burner
- 6 then we have the information we need.
- 7 A. But I'm also not an expert.
- 8 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Okay.
- 9 A. Right?
- 10 Q. Next question, has a lens, any of the
- 11 lenses been used to purify water?
- 12 A. I haven't seen it but, again, I'm not
- 13 privy to all the information.
- 14 Q. Who is privy to all the information?
- 15 A. Neldon Johnson.
- 16 Q. Okay. Has anyone ever told you that a
- 17 lens was used to purify water?
- 18 A. Was used or could be used or what?
- 19 Q. I'll ask it in two parts. Has anyone ever
- 20 told you that a lens at the R&D site could be used or
- 21 has been used to purify water?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Okay. Has anyone ever told you that a
- 24 lens could be used to purify water?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Who?

- 2 A. Neldon.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 A. Neldon Johnson.
- 5 Q. I'll give you a document which has been
- 6 marked in a previous deposition. This is Plaintiff's
- 7 Exhibit 119 from the deposition of Preston Olsen.
- 8 Mr. Shepard, do you recognize Exhibit 119?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Okay. Do you recognize in general a
- 11 document called the RaPower3 Purchase Agreement?
- 12 A. Yes
- 13 Q. What is the RaPower3 Purchase Agreement?
- 14 A. It's when a potential RaPower3 team member
- 15 buys solar lenses.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. And so this is -- when that happens, then
- 18 this is the Equipment Purchase Agreement.
- 19 Q. Okay. And that Equipment Purchase
- 20 Agreement is available on the RaPower3 website, right?
- 21 A. It is.
- Q. Does Exhibit 119 appear to be the standard
- 23 RaPower3 Purchase Agreement?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. All right. And that's for Preston Olsen

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- 1 on behalf of --
- 2 A. Excuse me. On the RaPower3 website there
- 3 is an example of this. But you have to go to another
- 4 website to actually buy the lenses and do that. That's
- 5 not my website.
- 6 Q. Is that Rapower3.net?
- 7 A. Yes. Or RaPower-3.
- 8 Q. Who owns that website?
- 9 A. I don't know.
- 10 Q. You have no idea?
- 11 A. Well, I have an idea. I mean, I have an
- 12 idea that Neldon oversees that.
- 13 Q. Neldon Johnson?
- 14 A. Yes. But I don't know who actually runs
- 15 it.
- 16 Q. Okay. But it's your understanding that
- 17 Neldon Johnson or someone who he oversees runs the
- 18 RaPower-3.net website?
- 19 A. Yeah. Where you can sign up to be an
- 20 independent contractor.
- 21 Q. Okay. And Exhibit 119 is the standard
- 22 Purchase Agreement?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- A. Well, it was in 2012 for a while. I think

1 it's different now.

- 2 Q. When did it change?
- 3 A. I'm not sure when it changed, as far as --

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- 4 and I'm not saying -- it might be the same. But in
- 5 2016, at the end of 2016, things changed.
- 6 Q. Okay. And we are going to talk about that 7 in a minute.
- 8 A. Okay

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- Q. But in 2012, to your knowledge --
- 10 A. This was it.
- 11 Q. Okay. And "this" is Exhibit 119?
- 12 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
- 13 Q. Okay. First question on paragraph 2 down
- 14 at the bottom of the page, there's a clause, "Seller
- 15 shall provide to Purchaser all required documentation
- 16 related to the Alternative Energy System and its
- 17 components as requested by Purchaser for federal,
- 18 state, and local review of the Alternative Energy
- 19 System for potential tax benefits."
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Is that referring to the placed in service
- 22 letter?
- 23 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for legal
- 24 conclusions.
- 25 A. I don't have anything to do with this

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- 1 contract. Never made it.
- 2 MR. REAY: Calls for speculation.
- 3 Q. What's your understanding of the
- 4 documentation that RaPower3 provides to its customers
- 5 regarding tax benefits?
- 6 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for legal
- 7 conclusions.
- 8 Q. You can answer. Do you have an answer,
- 9 Mr. Shepard?

- 10 A. As to -- go ahead. Would --
- 11 Q. What's your understanding of the required
- 12 documentation referred to in paragraph 2 on the first
- 13 page of Exhibit 119 relating to potential tax benefits?
 - MR. REAY: Renew my objection that it
- 15 calls for legal conclusions and speculation.
- 16 A. So you want to know what my understanding
- 17 is of potential tax benefits?
- 18 Q. No. I want to know what the term
- 19 "required documentation" refers to.
- 20 A. I don't know.
- 21 Q. Can I see that stack of documents?
- 22 Mr. Shepard, I'll direct your attention to Exhibit 466.
- 23 A. Okay.
- 24 Q. This document states that the 'Alternative
- 25 Energy Systems' that were purchased from RaPower3, LLC

- 1 were put into service on or before December 31, 2005.
- 2 "This will qualify you for the Internal Revenue Service
- 3 solar energy tax credit." Is that right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Are you aware of similar documents 5
- 6 being sent to RaPower3 customers?
- 7 A. Oh, sure.
- Q. Okay. As an example, Exhibit 125? 8
- 9 A. Yes. So this corresponds to possibly this
- 10 purchase.
- 11 Q. Exhibit 125 is a letter dated February 1,
- 12 2014 to Preston Olsen from you; is that correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Did you sign this document?
- 15 A. I did.
- 16 Q. Okay. And it's very similar to Exhibit
- 17 466. I think --
- A. Yeah. 18
- Q. -- that Neldon Johnson sent to you. Is 19
- 20 that right?
- A. Yes. 21
- 22 Q. And Exhibit 125 also says, "This will
- 23 qualify you for the Internal Revenue Service solar
- 24 energy credit." Did I read that right?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- Q. All right. So I'll direct your attention 1
- 2 back to Exhibit 119. Down at the bottom in paragraph
- 3 2, "Seller shall provide to Purchaser all required
- 4 documentation relating to the Alternative Energy System
- 5 and its components as requested by Purchaser for
- 6 federal, state, and local review of the Alternative
- 7 Energy System for potential tax benefits."
- A. Okay. 8
- 9 Q. Does the clause on paragraph 2 on the page
- 10 Olsen_P&E-00642 refer to the placed in service letter?
- 11 For example, is that Exhibit 125?
- 12 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for legal
- 13 conclusions.
- 14 THE WITNESS: I have to answer that, right?
- 15 MR. REAY: Please do.
- A. I would assume so. 16
- Q. (By Mr. Moran) Okay. All right. 17
- 18 Continuing on through Exhibit 119, directing your
- 19 attention to the second page, Olsen_P&E-00643,
- 21 to Seller the sum of \$3500 for each Alternative Energy
- 22 System." Did I read that right?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Am I correct in understanding that the 24
- 25 price per lens is \$3500?

- 1 Α. Yes.
- 2 Q. And this price is on every contract?
- 3 Α.
- 4 Q. It's not on every contract?
- 5 A. Not on the early ones.
- 6 Q. Okay. Is that because the price changed
- 7 between 2005 and 2006?
- A. I think so. 8
 - Q. When did the price become \$3500?
- 10 A. I don't know.
- 11 Q. Okay.

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- 12 A. But it's been -- boy, going back now. I
- 13 think it was \$3000 for a while. Well, I know it was.
- Q. When was it \$3000? 14
- 15 A. In 2006, possibly '07, '08. I don't know.
- 16 But then it changed at least I would say 2010. I think
- it changed to \$3500. 17
- Q. And was that around the same time that 18
- 19 RaPower3 came into existence?
- 20 A. Yes, I think so. But I'm fuzzy on the
- 21 dates. I'd be happy to research that for you. I can
- 22 do that.
- 23 Q. All right. But since --
- 24 A. But then I don't have anything to do with
- 25 the price. I just figure that Neldon Johnson can

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- 1 charge -- he can make price changes, or changes. I
- 2 don't have anything to do with that. I don't have any
- 3 input. I have never been asked any advice, "What do
- 4 you think we can sell it for? What do you think of the
- 5 Equipment Purchase Agreement? Do you have any changes
- 6 you want to make?" I've never had to go there.
- Q. But it sounds like 2010, around the same
- 8 time RaPower3 came into the scene, the price has been
- 9 \$3500?
- 10 A. I think so.
- 11 Q. And on the same page it says initial down
- 12 payment of \$1050. And there's various ways to pay
- 13 \$1050. Is that the down payment?
- 14 A. Yes. Yes. But it's been -- most times it
- 15 was that way, but earlier it was \$1020.
- 16 Q. And when is that down payment due?
- 17 A. We did go \$105 as kind of an initial
- 18 payment at one time.
- 19 Yeah. That's here on option 2. So that
- 20 paragraph 3 says, "Payment Terms. Purchaser shall pay20 should be -- when? Did you say when?
 - 21 Q. Am I correct in understanding that the
 - 22 down payment of \$1050, however it is paid, is due when?
 - 23 A. It's due within, I think it's July 15th.
 - 24 June 15th. I think it's July 15th.
 - Q. Well, option 2 says June 30th.

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A. Okay. June 30th. 1

- 2 Q. So after a customer has paid \$1050,
- 3 there's still a balance due of --
- 4 A. \$2450.
- Q. When is that due to be paid? 5
- 6 A. When is that due?
- 7 Q. When is the \$2450 remaining balance due?
- A. Okay. So I'm pretty sure you know the 8
- 9 answer to it but we will go over it. That has to do
- 10 with the rental agreement with LTB, LLC. So those are
- 11 connected, and so they are supposed to generate \$150 \(\alpha 11 \)
- 12 year per lens, and there's a grace period of the first
- 13 five years so that the sponsor gets the full \$150. And
- 14 so that would be \$750 per lens for the five-year
- 15 period. And then after that, then the \$150 is split,
- 16 so LTB gets \$82.
- Q. I thought LTB was paying. 17
- 18 A. I guess. But what I want to know is what
- 19 do I get? I get \$68. And that \$68 is applied to the
- 20 \$2450. So if you were to multiply 68 times 30, you are
- 21 going to come out with that number.
- Q. All right. You just packed a lot in
- 23 there. LTB is the company that's operating and
- 24 maintaining the lenses, right?
- 25 A. Yeah. They are the ones that collect the

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- 1 rent, I guess.
- Q. They collect the rent? Who are they 3 collecting the rent from?
- 4 A. I don't know.
- 5 Q. And then you testified about \$150 a
- 6 vear --

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- 7 A. No, not "about." It's exactly \$150.
- That's what the contract says.
- Q. Yes. And you testified that \$150 is
- 10 payable from, is it from LTB to the lens's owner, and
- 11 that is divided between paying off the remaining
- 12 balance on the lens and paying the sponsor? Is that
- 13 correct?
- A. No. 14
- 15 Q. All right. Can you restate it?
- A. Yeah. After five years. 16
- 17 Q. After five years that the lenses have been
- generating revenue. 18
- 19 A. Right. And the purchaser is receiving 20 \$150 per lens.
- Q. From who? 21
- A. I don't know. I think it's LTB, LLC. 22
- 23 Q. Okay.
- A. And so they make \$750 for the five years. 24
- 25 Five times \$150 is \$750.

Page 153 1 The lens owner is receiving --

- 2 The lens owner is receiving that. Α.
- 3 Q. \$150 times five.
- Right. And then that \$150 rental fee is 4 Α.
- 5 then split --
- 6 Q. After the five-year period?
 - After the five-year period.
- 8 Q. Okav.
 - And then \$82 is retained. Α.
- Q. By who? 10
 - I think by LTB, LLC. And then \$68 goes to
- 12 RaPower3 to pay off the balance of the \$2450.
- 13 So the customer or the owner is going to
- 14 get paid for the first five years. And then after
- 15 that --
- 16 A. Yeah. He signs a lease agreement, a
- 17 rental agreement.
- Q. And now he's got \$750. 18
- 19 Α. He's got \$750.
- 20 Q. And now he has to start paying back the
- 21 money he owes on the lens.
- 22 Α. Right. At \$82 a year.
- 23 And that goes to RaPower3? Q.
- 24 Α. Yes.
- 25 Q. And where does the --

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- A. Where does \$62 go to? Or the \$68? \$68
 - 2 goes to the purchaser.
 - Q. Okay. So you have \$150 per year for five
 - 4 years and then it drops down to \$68 per year.
 - A. Right. So if you multiply \$68 times 30,
 - 6 it's a little over \$2000, plus the \$750. That's more
 - 7 than the tax credit and the tax benefits. Good deal.
 - 8 If Neldon and RaPower3 and this whole thing can work,
 - 9 it's a wonderful thing for the purchaser. And if it is
 - 10 going to work, you should buy lenses, Chris. You can
 - 11 make money.
 - 12 MR. REAY: When it's done.
 - 13 A. If everything works the way we want it to
 - 14 work, then it's a great deal for the purchaser. Going
 - 15 to make more money -- and the bonuses will be way more

 - 16 than the tax benefits. Tax benefits are tertiary. I
 - 17 learned that word on the bifurcation. Tertiary.
 - 18 Q. All right. Moving on to the third page of
 - 19 the contract Olsen_P&E-00644. Paragraph 4, "The
 - 20 Alternative Energy System shall be placed in operation
 - 21 only at and operated only at the installation site."
 - 22 Where's the installation site?
 - 23 A. The installation site, in my understanding,
 - 24 can be any place that Neldon wants it to be.
 - 25 Q. Are there any installation sites right

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1	now?	1	A. Probably near Yermo.
2	,	2	Q. Does Neldon Johnson own property near
3	speculation.	3	Yermo?
4	A. Yes.	4	A. I don't know where Yermo is, but I know
5	Q. Where?		that he owns property right next to the freeway, I-15.
6	A. Well, you saw them. We call it the	6	It's pretty close to the Nevada border. I've been
	construction site. It's in it's west of Delta, Utah		there but I can't remember exactly where it is.
	and on the side of a little place called Abraham, Utah,	8	Q. Has anything been constructed in Yermo?
9	and there's 200-plus towers under construction. And	9	A. No.
10	everything has been done now, according to my	10	Q. Neldon Johnson just owns property there?
11	understanding, the brackets have now been placed on the	11	A. Yes.
12	solar rings, and the solar frames are now going into	12	Q. Okay. Delta, the property in Texas, the
13	the the frames are going into the solar rings.	13	property in Yermo, California, that's it? Is there
14	Q. So there's 200 towers?	14	anything else you know that might be a potential
15	 Over 200 trusses that have been built. 	15	construction or installation site?
16	The trusses are the main part. And so a huge amount of	16	 A. Yes. But you'll have to ask Neldon that.
17	work has been done. And so now the next step is to dig	17	I don't know specifics on you'd have to ask Neldon
18	the holes and put the towers in. And then you get the	18	that.
19	cranes and you lift the trusses on top of the tower.	19	Q. You're not aware of any?
20	Q. Okay.	20	A. Yes.
21	A. We are about I would shake my head,	21	Q. Yes, you are aware of some?
22	too. Because then we are off and running.	22	A. Yes.
23	Q. Are there any other installation sites?	23	Q. Where are they?
24	A. I would probably rephrase that, but it	24	 Different places throughout the world.
25	would be the same. Construction sites.	25	Q. And Neldon Johnson owns property?
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1	Q. Are there any other construction sites	1	A. No.
2	where towers are being erected?	2	Q. Okay.
3	A. No.	3	A. I don't think so.
4	Q. Okay.	4	Q. Well, what locations are you referring to?
5	A. There are construction sites.	5	A. I think there's a location in China and
6	Q. Where is that?	6	Saudi Arabia.
7	A. Texas, for one.	7	Q. And how did you get that understanding?
8	Q. What's happening in Texas?	8	A. Neldon.
9	A. There is ground, to my understanding, that	9	Q. Neldon told you he has potential projects
10	Neldon has purchased. And it's in west Texas. I don't	10	in China and Saudi Arabia?
11	know exactly where. But lenses could be put up there.	11	A. Potential.
12	It's my understanding that two major grids go right	12	Q. What did he tell you about those projects?
13	through the center of his property.	13	MR. REAY: I'm going to object for
14	Q. Besides Neldon Johnson owning property in	14	A. I can just answer that. I don't know
15	Texas, are there any other at the Texas property	15	MR. REAY: Okay. Withdrawn.
16	you're referring to, has any type of construction	16	A beyond that there's a potential project
17	actually begun?	17	in China and a potential project in Saudi Arabia.
18	A. Not to my knowledge.	18	MR. REAY: How much longer do you think?
19	Q. Okay. Are there any other sites that you	19	I'm just looking at how big your box is.
20	know of that could be installation or construction	20	MR. MORAN: It's a big box.
21	sites?	21	(Break taken from 3:22 to 3:31 p.m.)
22	A. Yes.	22	Q. Mr. Shepard, do you know how many lenses
23	Q. Where?	23	have been sold?
24	A. California.	24	A. No.
25	Q. What are you referring to there?	25	Q. You have no idea?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. I'll show you an exhibit that's been
- 3 marked in a prior deposition. This is Plaintiff's
- 4 Exhibit 204 from the deposition of Peter Gregg. This
- 5 appears to be an e-mail from you dated February 8,
- 6 2011.
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Is that correct? Is this an e-mail from
- 9 you?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. I direct your attention to the first
- 12 paragraph. There's a question and then it appears to
- 13 be an answer in caps. Are the words that appear in
- 14 capital letters, are those your words?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. It says, "The 300,000 systems
- 17 (units) that are available is based on the number of
- 18 lenses that are on standby." Did I read that
- 19 correctly?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. All right. So am I to understand that
- 22 there are at least 300,000 units that were available at
- 23 one point? And when I say "units," I mean lenses?
- 24 A. Yeah. And I'm not even --
- 25 Q. Is my understanding correct?

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- 1 A. I'm reading it.
- 2 Q. Okay. Let me know when you're done.
- 3 A. Oh, okay. Yeah.
- 4 Q. Am I correct in understanding that at one
- 5 point there were at least 300,000 units that were
- 6 available to be sold?
- 7 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 8 speculation and misrepresents the evidence.
- 9 A. I was never told that. I did some of my
- 10 own math and came up with that.
- 11 Q. Well, then as of February 8, 2011 was it
- 12 your understanding that there were 300,000 lenses
- 13 available?
- MR. REAY: That misrepresents testimony
- 15 and I think the evidence speaks for itself. He is
- 16 using the numbers from the evidence.
- 17 A. Well, I did some of my own calculations.
- 18 I was never told that.
- 19 Q. Okay. Well, how did you come to
- 20 understand that there were 300,000 lenses that were
- 21 available?
- 22 A. I don't know. I don't know how I did
- 23 that. I probably did it based on the number of
- 24 megawatts that -- potential megawatts that were
- 25 produced by Lucite on the first -- on the run.

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- 1 Q. Help me understand that. My understanding
- 2 is that Lucite nor Plaskolite produces lenses, right?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And you just characterized what Plaskolite
- 5 and Lucite manufactures are megawatts.
- A. I have been told that it's around 350.
- 7 350 megawatts.
- 8 Q. What do you mean that the lens
- 9 manufacturers generate megawatts? I don't understand,
- 10 because they generate plastic lenses, right?
- 11 A. Right. But those plastic lenses could do
- 12 a project, a 350 megawatt project. That's my
- 13 understanding.
- 14 Q. And how did you get that understanding?
- 15 A. Through Neldon and Randy, and I have been
- 16 told that.
- 17 Q. By?
- 18 A. I don't have anything in writing.
- 19 Q. Okay. But so Neldon Johnson, Randy
- 20 Johnson, anyone else?
- 21 A. I can't remember.
- 22 Q. Okay. And you understood that there was a
- 23 certain amount of megawatts available from Lucite?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And from that information you determined

- 1 that there were 300,000 lenses available to be sold?
- 2 A. If I did the math right. But I'm not sure
- 3 I did my math right. I was going to try to check it.
- 4 But anyway ...
- 5 Q. You're talking to RaPower3 customers here,
- 6 so I assume you wouldn't misrepresent anything to them.
- 7 You're on the same team.
- 8 A. Not knowingly, no.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. But you're asking me to verify that.
- 11 Q. My question is, what I'm trying to
- 12 understand is how many lenses are available. And no
- 13 one has ever been able to tell us that. I see this
- 14 here where you stated there's 300,000 lenses available,
- 15 and so my question to you is, is that accurate?
- 16 A. Okay. Give me a minute here.
- 17 MR. REAY: I'm going to object and say
- 18 that it's vague and the evidence in this Exhibit 204
- 19 represents that Brad is under the regular writing, and
- 20 he asserts that there's 300,000. And you clarified
- 21 earlier in testimony, Greg, that your writing is in
- 22 bold as it indicates in the first sentence?
- 23 THE WITNESS: No. My writing is in bold.
- MR. MORAN: It's in caps.
- MR. REAY: He testified it's not in bold,

1 it's in caps.

- 2 THE WITNESS: Mine are in caps.
- 3 MR. MORAN: And Mr. Shepard says that

4 there's 300,000 units. All I'm trying to establish is

- 5 there are 300,000 lenses.
- 6 MR. REAY: But the evidence speaks for
- 7 itself. The evidence indicates that Brad alluded to
- 8 300,000, not Greg. I think it is misrepresenting the 9 evidence.
- 10 MR. MORAN: Mr. Gregg seems to agree with 11 him.
- MR. REAY: Or he used the number, right. 12
- 13 So just to clarify my objection would be that it was
- 14 misrepresenting the testimony and evidence, the
- 15 auestion is.
- Q. (By Mr. Moran) Mr. Shepard, I will give 16
- 17 you a little time to do the math, but we have to move
- 18 on.
- A. I'm almost done. I'm trying to go faster. 19
- 20 136 times 50 is 1680?
- Q. I had 6800. 21
- A. 6800, rather. Yeah, I would say that's 22
- 23 probably pretty close.
- Q. Okay. So there are approximately 300,000 24
- 25 lenses available. Is that fair?

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- A. In 2011? 1
- 2 Q. Yes.
- 3 A. Yes. I don't know about now.
- Okay. Since 2011 have more lenses become 4
- 5 available?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. Not to my knowledge.
- Q. Mr. Gregg -- or Mr. Shepard, I've handed 9
- you Plaintiff's Exhibit 260 from the deposition of
- 11 Peter Gregg. I'm directing your attention to the top
- 12 of the first page. Gregg_P&R-002787. The first
- 13 sentence in the first paragraph says -- I'm sorry, the
- 14 second paragraph, "There are now 21,000 lenses in stock
- 15 at the manufacturing plant." Did I read that
- 16 correctly?
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. And that's dated September 30, 2012? 18
- A. Uh-huh (affirmative). 19
- 20 Q. Oh, September 22, 2012; is that correct?
- A. Yes. September 22, 2012. 21
- Q. That's the date for Exhibit 260. So am I
- 23 correct in understanding that between February 8, 2011
- 24 and September 22, 2012, the available lenses had
- 25 decreased from 300,000 to 21,000?

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A. No. I'm not -- you misunderstood the 2 300,000 number.

3 Q. It's your number.

4 MR. REAY: Object. Mischaracterizes the 5 witness's testimony.

A. I think what I'm saying is when I said

"available," that means potential lenses that could be

8 made. Lucite doesn't make all 300,000 and ship them to 9 us.

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10 Q. Okay. How many are at the manufacturing 11 facility?

12 A. I don't know. That's not my deal. All I

13 can do is kind of like when I'm there -- I have never

14 been told. I can count and estimate what's on a pallet

15 and do some multiplication and try to figure it out,

16 but I don't ask those kinds of questions. I'm not told

17 the answers to those kinds of questions.

18 Q. So when you put the number 300,000 in

19 Exhibit 204 and the number 21,000 in Exhibit 260, where

20 did you get those numbers from?

21 A. Okay. I told you about the 300,000, did

22 some math, and based on the number of megawatts that

23 could be done from one mold, one roller, the potential

24 number is about - in my estimation, my math, never been

25 told, I could be way off - is about 300,000. But you'd

1 be foolish to manufacture all or give Lucite an order

- 2 for 300,000 lenses, in my estimation.
- Q. Okay. 3
- 4 A. So you would want to order the number of
- 5 lenses that would fit your pocketbook at the time, and
- 6 the amount of lenses that you needed. So I looked, I
- 7 apparently looked -- I don't know where I got 21,000,
- 8 but that's a lot of lenses for RaPower3 people.
- Q. Do you think you just made up the 21,000 9 10 number?
- A. No, I didn't make it up. 11
- 12 Q. Who would you have gotten it from?
- A. I didn't get it from anybody. I said I 13
- 14 went and did some math. When I saw the number of
- 15 pallets, I can estimate how many lenses are on a pallet
- 16 and then do some multiplication.
- 17 Q. So you would have counted the number of
- 18 lenses in the manufacturing site?
- 19 Α. Yes.
- 20 And then do you know how many lenses are Q.
- 21 in each pallet and multiply?
- 22 A. You can do that, yes. That's not a hard
- 23 thing to do.
- Q. Now, I still don't understand how if this 24
- 25 300,000 number comes from a mold, why is RaPower3

- 1 limited to 300,000 per mold?
- 2 A. You have to ask Neldon that.
- 3 Q. I still don't --
- 4 A. But I do give you -- I don't know if it's
- 5 even worth it to give you, but what happens is on a
- 6 mold, and this is all manufacturing molds, to my
- 7 understanding, it was when I had my business
- 8 manufacturing plant, you make a mold and it's only good
- 9 for so many number. It wears out. And then you've got
- 10 to replace it.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. You probably didn't understand that. But
- 13 it's not good forever. You can't just keep running and
- 14 running and running it. It becomes obsolete and then
- 15 you have to have another roller mold and you have to
- 16 make that and then ship that to Lucite if you want to
- 17 do a second run. If you want to do, you know, a third
- 18 run, fourth run, fifth run. Or you can buy more mold-
- 19 making machines. There's only one mold-making machine
- 20 now, but you can buy ten.
- 21 Q. So am I understanding that Neldon Johnson
- 22 made a mold and that mold was good for 300 megawatts of
- 23 lenses?
- 24 A. Yeah. Something like that.
- 25 Q. Okay.

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- 1 A. And then you have to make another mold.
- 2 Q. How many molds has Neldon Johnson made?
- 3 A. One.
- 4 Q. One?
- 5 A. That's my understanding.
- 6 Q. All right.
- 7 MR. REAY: Can I ask a question just to
- 8 avoid doing it later and coming back to the subject? I
- 9 think it will be quicker if we do it now.
- 10 MR. MORAN: Why don't we go off the
- 11 record.
- 12 MR. REAY: That's actually a better idea.
- 13 (Discussion off the record.)
- 14 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Mr. Shepard, directing
- 15 your attention to Exhibit 204, someone named Brad asked
- 16 a question and you gave an answer; is that right?
- 17 A. Right.
- 18 Q. Do you know who Brad is?
- 19 A. I have no idea. He could be a plant. We
- 20 get those all the time, so I don't know.
- 21 Q. He says, "If there are 40 units per tower
- 22 and 300,000 units available then you would need 7500
- 23 towers." Do you know where he got the number 300,000
- 24 units?
- 25 A. I don't. If you project out that a tower

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1 would produce about 50 kilowatts, I don't know what

- 1 would produce about 50 kilowatts, I don't know what
- 2 that would be. I came up with 6800, so he came up with 3 7500 towers.
- 4 Q. You came up with 6800 where?
- 5 A. When I did my math. 136 lenses per tower,
- 6 and if they produce 50 kilowatts then a megawatt would
- 7 be twenty times that.
- 8 Q. Okay. But you don't know where Brad would
- 9 have gotten the 300,000 available unit figure?
- 10 A. I might have told him that a tower
- 11 produces, we think, because I have been told that, it's
- 12 a guesstimate of 50 kilowatts per tower.
- 13 Q. Who told you that?
- 14 A. I can't remember.
- 15 Q. Would it have been anyone other than
- 16 someone from Neldon Johnson's family?
- 17 A. I don't know. It could have been from a
- 18 worker there that -- I don't know. I would say most
- 19 likely came from Neldon's family, but I'm not -- or
- 20 Neldon's group of -- I'm not sure.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. And it could have come from -- you know, I
- 23 get information from different sources. People that
- 24 talk with Neldon, and then they say. So a lot of times
- 25 it's hearsay information.

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- 1 Q. Just so we are clear, you can tell me
- 2 information that other people tell you if that's
- 3 responsive to the question.
- 4 A. Yeah.
- 5 Q. Okay. In other words, the fact that it's
- 6 hearsay doesn't mean you can't tell me.
- 7 A. Yeah.

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- 8 Q. I want you to be clear about that.
 - I have given you a copy of Exhibit 141
- 10 from the deposition of Preston Olsen. This appears to
- 11 be e-mail from you dated November 20, 2012.
- 12 A. Okay.
- 13 Q. Is that correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And in particular on the first page of
- 16 Exhibit 141, you say, "The manufacturing plant has
- 17 21,000 lenses in inventory (see photo attached), 150
- 18 towers ready to install, and \$15 million in the bank."
- 19 Did I read that correctly?
- 20 A. Yes.

- 21 Q. Where are the 150 towers ready to install?
- 22 A. What now? Where did that come from?
 - Q. Yeah. You say there's 150 towers ready to
- 24 install. Earlier I think you testified, and we saw,
- 25 there's only about 18 or 19 towers that were erected;

Page 173 Page 175 1 correct? 1 Q. Whose bank are you referring to? 2 I don't know about the bank. 2 A. That were erected, yeah. But ready to 3 Q. All right. install is a different animal. 3 4 The name of the bank. 4 Q. What's your definition of ready to Α. 5 Q. When it says 15 M, is that \$15 million? 5 install? 6 A. Having the solar lenses. 6 Α. 7 7 Q. Just having the lenses? Q. And who is -- who has \$15 million in the 8 A. Yeah. 8 bank? 9 Q. Okay. You don't need the towers to be 9 Α. I don't know. Who gave you the information about \$15 built for them to be ready to install? 10 Q. A. Well, you would need the towers built to 11 million in the bank? 11 12 install lenses. 12 A. I don't know. 13 Q. Okay. 13 Q. Would it have been somebody other than A. But at that time, my thinking was that it 14 Neldon Johnson or members of his family --14 15 wouldn't take too long to put up 150 towers. 15 Α. Yes. Q. -- that told you about \$15 million in the This is about four and a half years ago, 16 16 17 bank? 17 right? 18 Α. Yes. 18 A. Yeah. 19 Q. Who would that have been? Q. Was your thinking correct? 19 20 Α. There's people that call me all the time. 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. And they say, "Mr. Shepard, we have \$15 Q. You were correct in thinking that it 21 22 million in the bank"? 22 wouldn't take very long to install these towers? Well, they are people that I think are A. Yeah. Once it's ready to go. And I 23 Α. 23 24 thought it was ready. But again, you don't accept the 24 pretty trustworthy. 25 fact that we have disruptive technologies and we are 25 Who are these people? Page 174 Page 176 One would be Monty Hamilton. 1 doing things -- Neldon is doing things that have never 1 Α. 2 Okay. And he is your financial advisor? 2 been done before. If we were copying other people, Q. 3 3 then yeah, that would be a serious deal. But when Α. No. 4 Q. What is he? 4 you're not copying somebody, and you have to go down 5 roads that no one else has gone down. Sometimes you go 5 Α. He is a RaPower3 team member. 6 Okay. 6 down a road that you thought was correct and it wasn't. Q. 7 Q. Okay. Your comment that there's 150 7 Α. And I sponsored him. He is one of my 8 towers ready to install, where did you get that 8 clients. 9 So you think the \$15 million in the bank information from? 10 may be Monty Hamilton's \$15 million in the bank? 10 A. I did it. It's mine. I came up with a 11 Α. 11 number of lenses and we were building solar frames or 12 lenses were going into frames and I thought, 12 Q. Who's got \$15 million in the bank? A. I don't know. 13 personally, that we were pretty close. Unfortunately, 13 14 we were wrong. 14 Q. You don't know? 15 15 Α. Probably some type of entity that Neldon Q. Okay. 16 A. And that happens when you have brand new 16 might have. So if it's an entity that Neldon might technology, Chris. The frames didn't work. 17 17 18 have, who gave you the information about \$15 million in Q. Okay. 18 A. And the dual axis tracking didn't work. 19 the bank? 19 20 MR. REAY: Objection. Asked and answered. 20 A. I wish we could push a button and make 21 A. Yeah. I don't recall.

25 25 A. Yes.

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23 Neldon owns?

A. Could be.

Is there anyone else you know who might

Q. But you think it's about an entity that

22 every correct call.

Q. The next question is this "15 M in the

bank," is that \$15 million in the bank?

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- 1 have \$15 million in the bank that you would be talking
- 2 about in the same sentence as solar lenses?
- 3 A. Yeah. Huntsman. I'm sure he has \$15 4 million in the bank.
- 5 Q. Is Jon Huntsman part of your program?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Does he own solar lenses?
- 8 A. No. You asked if anybody has \$15 million.
- 9 Q. You are talking to Preston Olsen about
- 10 21,000 lenses in inventory, 150 towers ready to
- 11 install, and \$15 million in the bank and you're telling
- 12 me you have no idea who has \$15 million in the bank?
- 13 A. I'm not sure what entity or who.
- 14 Q. Okay. All right. Would this entity be --
- 15 and you also testified that you think it might be an
- 16 entity that Neldon Johnson owns or controls?
- 17 A. Yeah. You'd have to ask him.
- 18 Q. Why would you be telling Preston Olsen
- 19 that there's \$15 million in the bank?
- 20 A. Probably a pretty good probability that
- 21 that's the case.
- 22 Q. Would you be lying to Preston Olsen?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. So then someone has \$15 million in the
- 25 bank.

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- 1 A. Yeah. I don't know who or what entity.
- 2 Q. Well, why would you tell Preston Olsen
- $3\,$ that there's \$15 million in the bank if you don't know
- 4 who?
- 5 MR. REAY: Objection. Asked and answered.
- 6 A. Okay. What now? Am I supposed to answer?
- 7 Q. Yeah. I want to know who has the \$15
- 8 million in the bank.
- 9 A. I don't know. I don't know what entity,
- 10 and I think there's a high probability that it was in
- 11 the bank in some kind of an entity.
- 12 Q. In whose entity?
- 13 A. In some kind of an entity that is involved
- 14 with these solar projects.
- 15 Q. Okay. And would that entity be owned by
- 16 anybody other than Neldon Johnson?
- 17 A. I don't know.
- 18 Q. Well, you're telling Preston Olsen that
- 19 there's \$15 million in the bank, and you told me that
- 20 you wouldn't lie to Preston Olsen. If you are telling
- 21 him this in 2012, do you think you knew in 2012?
- A. I might have, yeah. I don't know back
- 23 that far.
- 24 Q. Well, I guess my question is why would you
- 25 be telling him there's \$5 million in the bank? Why

1 does that matter?

- 2 A. I think it matters because then -- in my
- 3 mind it matters because you can keep going. You can
- 4 keep with your R&D and you can keep the project going
- 5 if you've got money.
- Q. And whose project are we talking about?
- A. What do you mean whose project?
- 8 Q. You said if you have money in the bank you
- 9 can do the project --
- 10 A. RaPower3 project, and any other project
- 11 that Neldon has control over and wants to.
- 12 Q. So if we are talking about \$15 million in
- 13 the bank --
- 14 A. Yeah. And it's probably pretty accurate
- 15 and he hasn't gone bankrupt yet, and that was five
- 16 years ago. We are still rocking and rolling. Must
- 17 have had something.
- 18 Q. No further questions on that document.
- 19 We talked earlier about serial numbers.
- 20 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
- 21 Q. Handing you a copy of what's been marked
- 22 for identification as Plaintiff's Exhibit 420.
- 23 Plaintiff's Exhibit 420 appears to be an e-mail from
- 24 you dated June 20, 2014 to undisclosed recipients.
- 25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Is this an e-mail that you wrote?

2 A. Yes.

- 3 Q. Who are the undisclosed recipients?
- 4 A. RaPower3 team members.
- 5 Q. Okay. About how many people are on or
- 6 would be on that list?
- 7 A. I think about a thousand.
- 8 Q. About a thousand? So there's about a
- 9 thousand people who have bought lenses from RaPower3?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. There's a series of questions and
- 12 answers. I'll direct your attention to the second set
- 13 of Q and A. "Are we assigned serial numbers for each
- 14 one we purchase?"
- 15 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
- 16 Q. Earlier you testified that there were
- 17 serial numbers assigned on the RaPower3 website. Do
- 18 you recall that testimony?
- 19 A. I do.
- 20 Q. Okay. Are the serial numbers actually on
- 21 each lens?
- 22 A. I don't know. If it is, they are pretty
- 23 obscure. I'm not saying they can't be.
- 24 Q. Have you ever seen a serial number on a
- 25 lens?

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1 A. No.

- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. And a serial number, probably more
- 4 accurate, is -- see, each time you buy a lens, whether
- 5 it's one or ten or a hundred, you're assigned an
- 6 account number. So --
- 7 Q. I think you explained that in your answer 8 right here.
- 9 A. Okay. There it is. Yeah.
- 10 Q. The next Q and A says, "Also, how do I as
- 11 an owner know what my product is doing?"
- 12 And your answer is, "Through my e-mails
- 13 and Rapower3.com website. Your lenses are being used13
- 14 right now by virtue of your Bonus Contract. It is our
- 15 goal to have your lenses operating in a tower before
- 15 goal to have your lenses operating in a tower being
- 16 summer is over." Did I read that right?
- 17 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
- 18 Q. What does "lenses operating in a tower"
- 19 mean?
- 20 A. Producing heat and/or electricity.
- 21 Q. All right. We already discussed that
- 22 there are, at most, 2400 lenses in your towers.
- 23 A. Not in my towers.
- 24 Q. In the towers at the R&D site. Is that
- 25 right?

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- 1 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
- 2 MRS. HEALY-GALLAGHER: Yes?
- 3 A. Yes. Up to that.
- 4 Q. Okay. Now, RaPower3 has sold way more
- 5 than 2400 lenses, right?
- 6 A. Well, I don't know how many more above
- 7 that. But -- I don't know what you mean by "way more."
- 8 Q. Do you think RaPower3 has sold more than
- 9 10.000 lenses?
- 10 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 11 speculation.
- 12 A. I don't have access to that information.
- 13 Q. You have no idea?
- 14 A. Well, let's say you had a thousand people
- 15 and the average number was ten, that would be 10,000
- 16 lenses.

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- 17 Q. All right. So they have sold at least
- 18 10,000 lenses? Can we agree on that at this point?
- 19 A. Yeah.
 - MR. REAY: Calls for speculation.
- 21 A. It calls for speculation, but I would be
- 22 surprised if it was less than 10,000 lenses.
- 23 Q. Okay. You say that lenses will be -- that
- 24 this person who is asking this question, that their
- 25 lenses will be operating in a tower before the summer

1 was over.

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- 2 A. Yeah. I thought so. That was the goal.
- 3 I didn't say they would be. Didn't I say that was the
- 4 goal?
- 5 Q. That was the goal. Did that happen?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. We missed our goal.
 - Q. Okay.
- 10 A. But at least we didn't go claim tax
- 11 credits and then go bankrupt like 200 other companies
- 12 did during that time.
 - Q. No further questions on that document.
- Mr. Shepard, handing you a copy of what's
- 15 been marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 8A. This was from
- 16 the deposition of Peter Gregg. Do you recognize this
- 17 document?
- 18 A. I do.
- 19 Q. What is it?
- 20 A. "History of RaPower3" by Greg Shepard.
- 21 Q. You wrote this document?
- 22 A. I did.
- 23 Q. Where did you get the information from?
- 24 Where did you get the information that appears in
- 25 Exhibit 8A from?

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- 1 A. Being involved with the company for that
 - 2 long. And some cut and paste.
 - Q. Where did you cut and paste from?
 - 4 A. Various places. IAUS.com, and my own
 - 5 pictures. I took pictures myself.
 - 6 Q. I see on the first page, above the words
 - 7 "Propulsion Turbine" it says, "Most of the following
 - 8 came from the IAS website."
 - 9 A. There you go.
 - 10 Q. So you got most of this information from
 - 11 the IAS website?
 - 12 A. Underneath that, yeah.
 - 13 Q. And then you said you took some pictures
 - 14 and those appear in here, as well?
 - 15 A. Yes.
 - 16 Q. Okay.
 - 17 A. No, not -- yeah.
 - 18 Q. Any other sources that you would have
 - 19 gotten this from?
 - 20 A. The eight-foot copper roller mold was
 - 21 taken off the internet. It's a generic.
 - 22 Q. It's a generic picture?
 - 23 A. Yeah.
 - Q. Okay. Did the information come from any
 - 25 sources other than what you have already described?

- A. Well, you know, you've got a pretty 1 2 lengthy thing here.
- 3 Q. Do you recall using any other sources 4 to --
- 5 A. I don't -- listen, give me a chance to
- look at it. I'm on page 2. 6
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. Because I don't want to make a mistake and
- 9 I don't want to mislead you. And then my fingers don't
- work very well, so it's hard to even turn the page.
- 11 There, I'm on page 3.
- Yeah, my camera took that picture on page 12
- 13 3. That's the mold making machine. And those are pallets of lenses on page 4.
- Q. Would the text have come from anywhere 15 16 other than IAUS?
- A. Yeah. On page 4 I said, "I have 17
- 18 witnessed," and that comes from Monty Hamilton. And
- 19 then Sterling Rigby. I'm not sure where I got that. I
- 20 don't think I got it from the IAUS website, but I'm not
- sure where I got that.
- And when I say about Lucite International,
- 23 I think I got that off the internet. Are you following
- 24 me?
- 25 Q. Yeah. Which one?

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- A. Page 4, where it says Lucite 1
- International. I don't think that -- I know that
- wasn't taken off the IAUS website. 3
- Q. Let's go off the record. 4
- 5 (Break taken from 4:06 to 4:12 p.m.)
- 6 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Mr. Shepard, you have had
- 7 an opportunity to review Exhibit 8A and I'll ask the
- same question I asked before, which is where did you
- get the information that appears in the text of Exhibit 10 8A?
- A. Okay. One source would have been the IAUS 11
- 12 website. Another source would be the technology 13 reports.
- 14 Q. Whose technology reports?
- A. The IAUS technology reports that's on the 15
- 16 website that says Technology Reports.
- Q. Okay. 17
- A. It's 53 pages, I believe. So quite a bit 18
- 19 of info on that. So the pictures are probably 90
- 20 percent mine that I took with my camera or had someone 20 marked US001155.
- 21 else take with my camera. And most of the information
- 22 after page -- probably from the second page on, most of
- 23 it is mine, where I wrote after talking with various
- 24 people, mostly Neldon and Randy. But most of it is my
- 25 own observation. And I'm a writer so it comes very

- 1 easily. So I just wrote the history because I have
- 2 been involved with the company so long and seen so
- 3 much, seen it developed. So that's what I did; I wrote
- 4 kind of a history from my point of view.
- Q. Okay. You mention getting information
- 6 from Neldon Johnson and Randy Johnson.
- 7 A. And workers. But, yeah.
- 8 Q. And when you say workers --
- 9 A. The workers that Neldon has employed.
- 10 Q. Okay. Anyone else?
- 11 A. I don't know without looking, but the
- 12 preponderance is from my own -- history written from my
- 13 point of view.
- 14 Exhibit 470 WAS MARKED.)
- 15 Q. Mr. Shepard, have you testified before the
- 16 Public Service Commission in Utah in the past?
- A. Not -- no. Oh, wait a minute. I don't 17
- 18 know what you mean by "testified." Where are you --
- Q. Well, let's look at this exhibit, which 19
- 20 has been marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 470. It's Bates
- 21 stamped US001123 through US001187, and I'll represent
- 22 that there have been pages omitted to keep this exhibit
- 23 short.
- 24 My understanding, based on this hearing
- 25 transcript, is that you testified on June 13, 2013

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- 1 before the Utah Public Service Commission. And I'll
- 2 direct your attention to the page that's marked
- 3 US001153. You're on it right now.
- A. Oh, there you go. I remember that now. 4
- 5 Q. Did you testify at a hearing on June 13,
- 6 2013?
- 7 A. I think it was -- yeah, it was a public
- 8 hearing.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. As I remember. And then they asked if
- 11 anybody wanted to make comments. And I said, "Yeah,
- 12 I'd like to make a comment."
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. And so they said, "Well, you need to raise
- 15 your right hand." And I guess I didn't understand it
- 16 was a hearing. But it had nothing to do with me at the
- 17 beginning. I just heard what people were saying and I
- 18 said, "Hey, I'll make a comment." So yeah.
- 19 Q. I'll direct your attention to the page
- 21 A. Here is 54.
- 22 Q. Yes. One more.
- 23 A. Okay.
- 24 I'll direct your attention to line 19. It
- 25 says, "We're doing projects right now -- in fact, we've

- 1 signed, we have a verbal commitment, which is going to
- 2 be made public here very soon, with a large company
- 3 here in Salt Lake County, for 5 cents a kilowatt hour.
- 4 Five cents. They said we had to do it less than what
- 5 Rocky Mountain Power is charging. We said fine." Was
- 6 that your testimony?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And when you say "we," are you referring
- to Rapower? Who is the "we" you are referring to?
- 10 A. Yeah. RaPower3.
- 11 Q. International Automated Systems?
- A. Yeah. Using International Automated 12
- 13 Systems' technology.
- 14 Q. Okay. What's the verbal commitment you
- 15 are referring to?
- 16 A. With, I think that was with Murray.
- Q. Murray what? 17
- 18 The city of Murray.
- 19 Okay. Q.
- 20 They have their own utility company, by Α.
- 21 the way.
- 22 Q. Okav.
- 23 Α. Which is different than Rocky Mountain
- 24 Power.
- 25 Murray had made a verbal commitment to

- Page 191 A. Well, basically I thought we were closer
 - 2 to being ready to do something like that. And I guess
 - 3 his underlings wanted to see a project up and running
 - 4 before they committed. I think that was their advice,
 - 5 but I can't remember.
 - Q. Now, after you gave this testimony, did
 - 7 you ever go back to the Utah Public Service Commission
 - 8 and correct your testimony?
 - 9 Α. No.
 - 10 In your testimony you mentioned that you
 - 11 would be able to provide electricity at 5 cents a
 - 12 kilowatt hour. Is that a fair characterization?
 - 13 A. Yes. Back then. Now I'd probably ask
 - 14 another penny.
 - 15 Q. Six cents?
 - 16 Α. Well, it would be under what anybody else
 - 17 is selling.
 - 18 Okay. Well, my question is how did you
 - 19 know that you could offer electricity for five cents a
 - 20 kilowatt hour?
 - 21 Neldon Johnson made that very clear.
 - 22 Q. He said it?
 - 23 Α. Yes.
 - 24 Q. Did he ever tell you what he based that
 - 25 conclusion on?

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- - 1 For five cents?
 - 2 Q. Yeah.
 - 3 Yeah. It was to be able to undercut other A.
 - people by a little bit.
 - Q. How did he know he could do it for five
 - 6 cents a kilowatt hour?
 - A. Math. 7
 - Q. Did he do any testing?
 - A. Yeah. He did a lot of testing. But
 - 10 that's a question for Neldon and how he came up with
 - 11 that. I know that the turbine is one thousandth of the
 - 12 cost of other people's turbines, and it has a huge
 - 13 advantage. I do know that. I have seen it work.
 - 14 I know the lenses can be mass produced. I

 - 15 know they produce heat. I know they don't cost very
 - 16 much, about a thousandth of what other people have to
 - 17 spend. And I know they don't have to be washed. You
 - 18 saw that. You saw a lens that produced massive amounts
 - 19 of heat in 80 seconds with a lens that had never been
 - 20 washed for six years. Other people have to wash their
 - 21 lenses every flipping day. And so that's a cost of
 - 22 operation.
 - 23 Neldon -- other people have to lease their
 - 24 land. Wind and solar, the average price is \$500 per
 - 25 acre per year. I think Neldon has got 4000 acres and

- 1 RaPower3?
- 2 A. Well, I kind of thought so, because the
- 3 mayor, Dan Snarr, lives right around the corner from
- 4 me. I live in Murray. And he went down a couple times
- 5 and said, "I want to do this."
- 6 Q. Okav.
- 7 A. So that was a verbal thing.
- 8 Q. Okay. And when the mayor said, "We want
- 9 to do this," what does that mean?
- 10 A. They want to do a project and bring some
- 11 solar energy and put that solar energy in our mix. 12 Murray City gets their power from seven different
- 13 sources. And solar is a little bit of it. Mostly it's
- 14 coal, some hydro. But Mayor Snarr wanted to make -- he
- 15 wanted a bigger mix of renewable energy and was excited
- 16 about our technology and came down and --
- 17 Q. So did he want to buy lenses or did he --
- A. No. He wanted it for the city. 18
- Q. So he wanted to put up towers? 19
- 20 A. For Murray, yeah.
- Q. Did that ever happen? 21
- 22 A. Oh. no.
- 23 Q. It didn't happen?
- 24 A.
- 25 Q. Okay. Why didn't it happen?

- 1 that's a \$2 million cost. He doesn't have to pay that
- 2 because he buys his land. And the reason he can buy
- 3 his land is because he can use bad water, brackish
- 4 water, which is in abundance in the great basin there
- 5 in Delta, which he can use. He doesn't have to have
- 6 clean water.
- 7 So coupled with not having to wash lenses,
- 8 having an extremely low cost with a turbine that
- 9 doesn't need maintenance like other people, no cooling
- 10 towers that Rocky Mountain Power has to go through. I
- 11 mean, the difference is incredible. So he has
- 12 estimated that his cost of operation would be about a
- 13 half a penny to a penny per kilowatt hour. If he uses
- 14 coal, it would be a little bit more.
- 15 Q. Everything you just discussed, all the
- 16 components that are necessary to generate electricity
- 17 at 5 cent a kilowatt hour, did any of that exist in 18 2013?
- 19 A. Any of what now? Say that again.
- 20 Q. Any of the --
- 21 A. Yeah, the tower, the lenses, the heat
- 22 exchanger, the ability to make water. Yes, that all
- 23 existed.
- Q. Was it making water or generating
- 25 electricity in 2013?

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- 1 A. No. It was -- okay. First of all, he
- 2 bought the land.
- 3 Q. I understand that.
- 4 A. So he didn't have that cost. We knew he
- 5 didn't have to wash the lenses. That's part of the
- 6 equation, Chris.
- 7 Q. Sure.
- 8 A. Okay. We knew that the turbine would be
- 9 very inexpensive to run and also scalable. I don't
- 10 know if you know what that means, but you don't have to 10
- 11 go buy a 50 megawatt turbine. You can get a 500
- 12 kilowatt turbine and do fifty of them.
- 13 Q. How many turbines existed in 2013?
- 14 A. I don't know. Several. That's Neldon's
- 15 thing. But they are easy to make and quick to make,
- 16 from my understanding. And so he knows the cost.
- 17 And so when you couple the fact that you
- 18 don't have cooling towers -- Rocky Mountain Power has
- 19 to shut their plant down, Chris, and they have to spend
- 20 a fortune on employees to go clean their pipes. Neldon
- 21 wouldn't have to do that. Their cost of operation is
- 22 estimated to be 5.5 to 6 cents per kilowatt hour. That
- 23 is according to Neldon. And I guess he got that from
- 24 Rocky Mountain Power. He lives right there.
 - 5 Q. And that's why he came up with 5 cents a

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- 1 kilowatt hour, because it is slightly less --
- 2 A. You can undercut Rocky Mountain Power and 3 make a fortune. That's the deal.
- 4 Q. Mr. Shepard, you testified that no one has
- 5 ever paid for a product; is that right? No one has --
- 6 A. No. People have paid for lenses.
- 7 Q. Except for lenses. A product generated by
- 8 a lens, heat, electricity, water, anything like that,
- 9 has anyone ever paid for a product generated by a lens?
- 10 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 11 speculation.
- 12 A. You'll have to ask Neldon that. I think
- 13 so. I think so. But you'll have to ask Neldon that.
- 14 And you have asked that over and over and over again.
- 15 And my answer is going to be the same.
- 16 Q. You say you think so, but you have never
- 17 told me why you think so.
- 18 A. You have to ask Neldon that.
- 19 Q. Neldon has told you that someone has paid
- 20 money for a product?
- 21 A. You have to ask Neldon that. He will
- 22 answer that if he wants to.
- 23 Q. Neldon doesn't have a choice as to whether
- 24 or not he answers the questions.
- 25 A. Well, he can answer it different ways.

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- 1 Q. You've testified that you believe someone
- 2 has paid money for a product. I want to know --
- 3 A. That's speculation. People do it all the
- 4 time.

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- 5 Q. But you don't know anyone --
- 6 A. I'm going to buy this and when you do
- 7 certain things then I'm going to pay you certain stuff.
- 8 You don't have to -- people put money down all the time
- 9 on spec. Ask Tesla. That's a car.
- 10 Q. I'm not talking about buying lenses. I'm
- 11 talking about buying a product that a lens creates.
- 12 A. Right. And you have to have the lenses to
- 13 do that. And so on speculation that the lenses are
- 14 going to be producing power, I think people will put up
- 15 money on speculation that that will happen.
- 16 Q. To buy power?
 - A. To buy power or water and/or water.
- 18 Q. And who have they put up that money to?
- 19 A. That's not my -- I don't know.
 - Q. What's the basis for your belief that
- 21 people have put up money for power or water? Why do
- 22 you believe that?
- 23 A. Neldon has told me.
- 24 Q. Neldon has told you.
- 25 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

Q. Is there anything else that forms the 1

- 2 basis for that belief?
- 3 No.
- 4 Q. Okay. Has Neldon ever told you who these
- 5 people are?
- 6 Α.
- 7 Has Neldon ever showed you money in a bank
- 8 account?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. So Neldon told you, "I've got people who
- 11 are putting up money on spec to buy water and power"?
- A. No, he didn't say it that way. 12
- 13 Q. How did he say it?
- 14 A. That money is in an escrow account, and
- 15 when certain stages of development are done then he can
- 16 draw money out. I think he signed a contract with some
- people, some wealthy people, but I don't know who they 18 are.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. I don't know the entity.
- Q. So based on what Neldon told you, you then 21
- went and got under oath and testified to the Utah 22
- 23 Public Service Commission --
- 24 A. No. No. Don't twist stuff. Why would
- 25 you do that? I have tried to be honest with you, in

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- case you made a mistake. 1
- 2 Q. Sorry. That was the Murray mayor.
- 3 A. Okay. Thank you.
- Based on what Neldon has told you, you 4 Q.
- 5 believe that --
- 6 A. It has nothing to do with this document,
- 7 if you're trying to tie those two together. That would
- be a wrong thing to do.
- 9 Q. I didn't mean to tie it to Exhibit 470. I
- 10 agree you testified that was the Murray mayor.
- A. Okay. 11
- 12 The entire basis for your belief is that
- 13 lenses -- that someone --
- 14 A. Belief in what?
- 15 Q. That someone has put up money on spec to
- 16 buy a product that's generated by a lens that is from
- 17 Neldon Johnson. Is that --
- A. Yeah. 18
- 19 Q. Okay. No one else?
- 20 Done all the time.
- 21 Q. But there's --
- A. I don't understand what's --22
- 23 I'm not saying that there's anything wrong Q.
- 24 with it.
- 25 A. Okay.

Q. I'm just trying to understand why you

- 2 think that there are individuals or entities who are
- 3 going to pay for a product that's made or generated by

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- 4 a lens. And it sounds like the answer to that question
- is stuff Neldon Johnson has told you.
- Yeah.

- And no one else?
- Correct. 8 Α.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 Exhibit 471 WAS MARKED.)
- 11 Q. Mr. Shepard, you've been given a copy of
- 12 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 13 Exhibit 471. Do you recognize this document?
- 14 A. I do.
- 15 Q. What is it?
- 16 A. Well, I'm looking at it. It's an e-mail
- 17 that was sent from me using Rapower3.com to Bob Tilden.
- 18 Apparently he asked a question -- oh, so it's not --
- 19 okay. Yeah. Okay.
- 20 Q. And below that there's an e-mail that I
- 21 think he is responding to you; is that correct?
- 22 A. I don't know. I get a lot of e-mails.
- 23 Q. And the second two pages, there's some
- 24 text and then on the last page it says, "Regards,
- 25 Greg."

- A. Yes. 1
- 2 Q. Okay. So the e-mail on page Shepard_Greg-
- 3 001143 through 1144, is that e-mail written by you?
- 4 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Directing your attention to the 5
- 6 middle of page 1143. It says, "It is now estimated
- 7 that we can put up all the lenses purchased by RaPower3
- Team Members on working towers in less than a month."
- 9 A. Okay.
- 10 Does that mean all 6800 towers could be
- 11 installed or somewhere around 6800 towers --
- 12 Sure.
- 13 Q. -- could be installed in less than a
- 14 month?
- 15 A. Could be, sure. It's just a matter of
- 16 math.
- 17 Q. Is that the plan?
- 18 A. I don't know what Neldon's plan is, other
- 19 than -- let's see. When was this written? March '16?
- 20 Yeah. So the idea was to see what could be done on a
- 21 tower an hour.
- 22 Q. You mean how many hours it took to put up
- 23 a tower?
- 24 A. No. Every stage, every phase in the
- 25 manufacturing, Neldon wanted to come up with how many

- 1 people it would take at each station to do one tower an
- 2 hour. So if you were at the pipe cutting machine, for
- 3 example, how many people would it take to run that, and
- 4 how many pipes would you need to run through to cut
- 5 those towers to make one tower an hour? And so once
- 6 you have that, the question would be do we need two
- pipe cutting machines or do we need ten.
- 8 Q. So it says that Neldon Johnson did that
- 9 estimation?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 But I went around and confirmed that. I
- 13 went around and took a video of all that. I don't know
- 14 if you've seen video clips, but I went around and asked
- 15 the workmen, I got one by the name of Walter and I took
- 16 a video clip of it, it is on the RaPower3 website. I
- 17 asked Walter, I said, "At this shearing station, how
- 18 many people do you need here?" He said three. Okay.
- 19 If he pays \$20 an hour, that's \$60 an hour to fulfill
- one tower an hour at that station. Okay? So that's
- 21 the idea.
- 22 If we needed two shearing machines then
- 23 Neldon would have bought two shearing machines. But he
- 24 didn't have to. Some of the stations required four,
- 25 like the A-frame station. But all of that is done now.

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- 1 And then he had to go through the same thing with the
- construction phase. How many people does it take to
- 3 put brackets on the trusses on the rings?
- Q. And how long has that been going on? 4
- 5 A. The construction phase for probably I
- 6 would say about a year. But really escalated in the 7
- last four or five months.
- Q. Okay. So why are you saying that you
- could have all the towers installed in less than a
- 10 month?
- 11 A. Well, it's just a matter of math.
- 12 Q. But if it's taken you several months, why
- 13 are you saying here --
- 14 A. You misunderstood. You can't do that,
- 15 Chris. You need to -- okay. So once you get all that
- 16 information, and I thought we would have the
- 17 information beforehand. This is coming from me, not
- 18 Neldon. But I know what Neldon's game plan was to
- 19 figure all that out. And there were bumps on the road
- 20 as far as what needed to be done and how it needed to
- 21 be done.
- 22 Because again, everything that Neldon has
- 23 done had to be done from scratch. He couldn't buy --
- 24 he couldn't go down to a store or manufacturing plant
- 25 or another solar company and say, "Let me see what

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- 1 you're doing," and then go buy that. He would have
- 2 loved to have done that, but he couldn't do that.
- So now what the final outcome is, if you
- 4 want to do, say, 6800 lenses or whatever the RaPower3
- 5 is, it's just a matter of, okay, we need to hire 200
- 6 people.
- 7 Q. Okay. So what you are referring to there
- 8 is the cost estimates for if and when these towers are
- 9 put up?
- 10 A. No. Once you get the calculations done,
- 11 and they are all done on the manufacturing, so if we
- 12 want X, Y, Z number of lenses to fulfill all RaPower3,
- 13 and to get the towers done and get all the components
- 14 ready, which that's done now, then we just do the math.
- 15 So if we need 10,000 lenses or whatever, we just do --
- 16 it's just a math thing. We have 30 employees. Maybe
- 17 we need 60 to fulfill that.
- 18 Q. But none of what you just told me explains
- 19 why you would say, "We can put up all the towers in
- 20 less than a month."
- 21 A. Yes. So now you've got 30 days, and if
- 22 you work six days a week how many people do you need.
- Q. So why didn't you put up all the towers in 23
- 24 less than a month?
- 25 Because we didn't have all the questions

- 1 answered, Chris. We have the manufacturing questions
- 2 answered now. In fact, I think Neldon has a Chinese
- 3 manufacturing plant that can now do ten towers an hour.
- 4 And that could be escalated to even more.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 This thing is going to be big, Chris, when
- 7 we get done. And then, now we have to do the
- 8 construction part of it. There's two phases, right?
- Manufacturing and construction.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- Α. 11 Right?
- 12 Q. I think you've answered my question, so we
- 13 can move on.
- 14 A. Okay. Better go buy some stock.
- 15 I'm handing you a copy that's been marked
- 16 for identification of Plaintiff's Exhibit 292. It's
- 17 actually Government's Exhibit 292. This is from the
- 18 deposition of Peter Gregg.
- 19 I'll direct your attention to the -- well,
- 20 what is Exhibit 292? Do you recognize it?
- 21 A. I do. Yeah. It's team memo number 25.
- Q. Is this a team memo that you sent out? 22
- 23 Yes. Α.
- 24 There's -- direct your attention to the
- 25 first paragraph. It says Update. The second sentence

- 1 says, "Also, we are now in the process of negotiating a
- 2 PPA for the first set of towers that will be going up."
- 3 Did I read that right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. What is a PPA?
- 6 A. Power Purchase Agreement.
- 7 Q. What's the context they are using PPA
- 8 here?
- 9 A. Well, as it turns out, we don't need PPAs.
- 10 So that's now obsolete. But at the time, it meant a
- 11 Power Purchase Agreement. What you do with a Power
- 12 Purchase Agreement is -- so a utility agrees to pay you
- 13 X number of pennies per kilowatt hour, so now you take
- 14 that to the bank and say, "We've got a utility company
- 15 that will give us this much money. We have signed an
- 16 agreement, a Power Purchase Agreement, to help purchase
- 17 the power." And then you take that to the bank and the
- bank, then, will loan you money to finish your project.
- 19 Q. All right. Now, who were you negotiating
- 20 a PPA with?
- A. I was just told that that was -- well, 21
- 22 that didn't come from Neldon. Since 2010 I have tried
- 23 to put my own projects together.
- Q. Your own power project? 24
- 25 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

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- Q. To sell power? 1
- 2 A. Yeah. A lot of money in it, if it will
- 3 work. But we just kept running into road blocks. I
- 4 have talked with a lot of people about different 5 projects.
- 6 Q. Who have you negotiated power purchase 7 agreements with?
- A. I haven't negotiated any yet. Never got
- 9 that far. Every time I got close, they wanted to see a
- 10 power project up and running.
- Q. Yeah. 11
- 12 A. And we didn't have that running yet.
- 13 Q. The power purchase agreement you are
- 14 referring to in --
- A. But I'm not -- you know, I don't know. I 15
- 16 don't remember, because it was back a little over two
- 17 years ago. So if you can refresh my memory, I'd be
- 18 glad to look at it.
- 19 Q. I don't know. I want to know who you were
- 20 telling RaPower3 members that you were negotiating a
- 21 PPA with.
- A. Yeah. I thought I was very close to -- I
- 23 thought very close to getting some kind of a deal done.
- 24 Q. With who?
- 25 A. I don't know specifically on that one.

1 I'm sorry, Chris. I talk with a whole bunch of people.

- 2 Q. Who did you talk to?
- 3 A. I talked with a Mexican outfit. I talked
- 4 with UAMPs, Utah Association of Municipal Power.
- 5 Q. Did any of them sign PPAs with RaPower3?
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- Did any of them sign PPAs with you? Q.
- 8 Α. No.
- 9 Q. Okay. Let's go off the record.
- 10 (Discussion off the record.)
- 11 Q. We can go back on.
 - Mr. Shepard, I will direct your attention
- 13 back to Plaintiff's Exhibit 411, which is your
- 14 interrogatory responses.
 - A. Yeah. I don't know where you are at.
- 16 Q. Exhibit 411. It should be in your stack.
- 17 In this stack? Α.
- Yes. 18 Q.
- 19 Α. The memo stack?
- 20 Q. Yeah. The stack of exhibits right there.
- 21 I'll hand you another one. Mr. Shepard, I'll direct
- 22 your attention to Interrogatory Number 8.
- 23 What page? Under general objections?
- 24 No. Interrogatory Number 8. I'll help
- 25 you.

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- Interrogatory 8 asked you to, "Identify
- 2 any electricity grid access agreements, interconnection
- 3 agreement, or any other agreement in which you obtained
- 4 the right to provide electricity to any entity. Your
- 5 response should include the names of the entity or
- 6 person you entered into the agreement with, the date
- 7 and the items of the agreement."
- Your response is, "I have not been part of
- 9 any electricity grid access agreements and have no
- 10 knowledge of such agreements."
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. All right. Am I to understand that you
- 13 claim to have negotiated with various people to provide
- 14 electricity, but nothing was --
- 15 A. Right. Verbally. I had people tell me,
- 16 "Okay, we are going to do this."
 - And I said, "Well, are you the main guy?"
- "Yeah, I'm the main guy, and then we will 18
- 19 do this and we will do that." And then I come to find
- 20 out that they are blowing smoke.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. So I haven't signed any agreement with
- 23 anybody.

- 24 Q. Okay. But you say that it was negotiated.
- 25 Well, yeah. Negotiated verbally with a

- 1 guy that really couldn't make a decision, or with
- 2 people. It's happened to me probably five times.
- Q. Now, after you sent this to RaPower3 team
- 4 members, your own teammates, who you look out for, did 4
- 5 vou ever go back to them and say, "By the way, I told
- 6 you we were negotiating with someone for a PPA, and it
- 7 fell through. It didn't work out"?
- 8 A. I don't think so.
- 9 Q. Okay. Do you think that's something they
- would have liked to have known?
- 11 Α. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 But I don't know what Number 26 said or 27
- 14 said.
- 15 Q. Who writes the RaPower3 team memos?
- 16 A. I do.
- Q. Okav. 17
- A. I have to go back and say maybe I did. 18
- 19 You are saying maybe they would like to know, and I
- said yeah, but --
- Q. Mr. Shepard, you have the option to sign 21
- 22 an errata sheet after this deposition.
- 23 A. Sign what?
- Q. An errata sheet. Your attorney can tell 24
- 25 you more about it. But if the need arises and you need

- 1 It's an e-mail to Bryan Bolander.
- 2 Q. From you?
- 3 A. From me.
- Q. Okay. I'll direct your attention to the
- 5 third sentence that says, "So even though people

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- 6 purchased during the last week of December, their
- lenses had already been placed in service."
- A. Wait a minute. What now? Where are you 8
- 9 reading? Third sentence or --
- 10 MR. REAY: Third sentence.
- 11 A. Okay. I was looking for paragraphs.
- 12 Q. Sorry. "So even though people purchased
- 13 during the last week of December, their lenses had
- 14 already been placed in service." Did I read that
- 15 correctly?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. What do you mean in that sentence? What
- 18 do you mean by "placed in service"?
- A. They were in a state of readiness, they 19
- 20 were -- had the ability to produce heat.
- Q. Okay. And were they producing any heat? 21
- 22 A. They had the ability.
 - Q. They had the ability to produce heat.
- 24 A. Right.
- When did they get the ability to produce 25

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- 1 to correct any errors in your testimony, the rules
- provide you an opportunity to do that.
- MR. REAY: I don't think you said you 3
- 4 didn't tell them. I think the question was do you feel
- 5 you should have told them, and you said yeah.
- 6 MR. MORAN: I think first I asked him --
- 7 THE WITNESS: Well, you did ask, but then
- 8 I got to thinking, maybe I did. Maybe I said something
- or we were on to something else. I don't know. I'd
- 10 have to read maybe ten subsequent memos.
- Q. (By Mr. Moran) Well, Mr. Shepard, I can 11
- 12 ask the question again. Did you ever tell your
- 13 RaPower3 team members that that PPA you said you were
- 14 negotiating didn't work out?
- 15 A. I can't remember.
- 16 Q. Okay. If you feel like you need to
- 17 correct that testimony at a later date, talk to
- Mr. Reay about how to do that.
- A. Okay. That's a better deal. 19
- 20 Exhibit 472 WAS MARKED.)
- Q. Mr. Shepard, you have been given a copy of
- 22 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 23 Exhibit 472. Do you recognize it?
- 24 A. Sure.
- Q. What is it? 25

1 heat?

- 2 A. As soon as they were made. As soon as
- 3 they came off the assembly line at Lucite.
- 4 Q. They were placed in service? 5 A. They had the ability to produce heat. And
- 6 in my view, that's good enough to be placed in service.
- 7 Q. And when you used the term "placed in
- 8 service," is that synonymous with the placed in service
- 9 letters we discussed earlier?
- 10 A. Yes. In my view, yeah.
- Q. The placed in service letter that was sent 11
- 12 to Preston Olsen?
- A. Yeah. They were in a state of readiness. 13
- 14 They were not put on a tower and they were not
- 15 producing electricity or heat. Well, they were in a
- 16 state of readiness for producing heat. Some of them 17 produced heat.
- 18 And you couched that as that was your
- 19 view.
- 20 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
- 21 Q. How did you get that view?
- 22 Α. Tax letters.
- 23 Q. From who?
- Todd Anderson and Kirton McConkie, but I 24
- 25 think mostly it was Todd Anderson.

1 Q. Anyone else?

- 2 A. I'm not sure. Possibly.
- 3 Q. Todd Anderson, Kirton McConkie, and you
- 4 think there might be some more but you're not sure?
- 5 A. Well, some more sources that would confirm
- 6 that. I do a lot of research online, so I can't -- I'm 7 not sure.
- 8 Exhibit 473 WASMARKED.)
- 9 Q. Mr. Shepard, you have been given what's
- 10 been marked for identification as Plaintiff's Exhibit
- 11 473. Do you recognize it?
- 12 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
- 13 Q. What is it?
- 14 A. This is a RaPower3 team memo number 64.
- 15 Q. Okay. Did you send this out to RaPower3
- 16 team members?
- 17 A. I did.
- 18 Q. Would Neldon Johnson have approved Exhibit
- 19 473?
- 20 A. I can't answer that. I don't know what he
- 21 would approve or not. I don't even know what's in it
- 22 right now. Let me see. Oh. Page 2 is basically a cut
- 23 and paste, "Line 12b."
- 24 Q. Cut and paste from where?
- 25 A. That's right from the --

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- MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 2 speculation.

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- 3 MR. MORAN: This is his -- he admitted
- 4 authoring this document.
- 5 MR. REAY: Yeah. You asked if he thought
- 6 Neldon would approve.
- 7 MR. MORAN: Right.
- 8 THE WITNESS: And I said I don't know.
- 9 I'm just looking.
- 10 MR. REAY: So speculation.
- 11 MR. MORAN: Well, then I'll rephrase the
- 12 question.
- 13 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Before you sent this out,
- 14 sent out Exhibit 473 to RaPower3 team members, would
- 15 Neldon Johnson have approved the memo?
- 16 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 17 speculation.
- 18 Q. Well, earlier we talked about a team memo
- 19 that you had sent to Neldon Johnson for approval.
- 20 MR. REAY: Did you ask -- can you restate
- 21 the question? Did you say "did" or "would"?
- 22 Q. (By Mr. Moran) I rephrased it and said
- 23 before you sent out RaPower3 team memo number 64, did
- 24 you have Neldon Johnson approve team memo number 64?
- A. No, I don't believe so.

Q. Okay. And that would be different than

- 2 the team memo we discussed earlier?
- 3 A. I don't know what --
- 4 Q. We talked about a team memo, and we can
- 5 find it if you'd like.
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. But there was a team memo that you sent 8 for an approval.
- 9 A. Yeah. For approval from Neldon. But I
- 10 didn't do -- I'm sure I didn't do it here. I could
- 11 have, but I don't recall.
- 12 Q. Okay. You don't recall getting approval
- 13 from Neldon Johnson for team memo number 64?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. I'm not sure why I would.
- 17 Q. I direct your attention to the second page
- 18 and the paragraph titled Our Procedure.
- 19 A. Okay.
- 20 Q. "Once you've paid in full your 30 percent
- 21 down payment, you are eligible to receive a 'Placed in
- 22 Service' letter from the company." Did I read that
- 23 correctly?

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- 24 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
- 25 Q. And the placed-in-service letter that you

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- $\ensuremath{\mathbf{1}}$ are referring to here is similar to the one we looked
- 2 at earlier that was sent to Preston Olsen?
 - A. Correct.
- 4 Q. What does the 30 percent down payment have
- 5 to do with the placed-in-service letter?
- 6 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for legal
- 7 conclusions.
- 8 A. If -- it has to do, in my opinion, I
- 9 didn't feel good about giving a placed-in-service
- 10 letter with no money. If you didn't abide by your
- to local marris money: If you didn't ablac by your
- 11 contract, you shouldn't get a placed-in-service letter.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. Why -- if you sign a contract and you
- 14 violate the contract and you're in -- you have refused
- 15 to pay and honor your contract, why should we give you
- 16 a placed-in-service letter?
- 17 Q. Refused to pay who?
- 18 A. Who you signed the contract with:
- 19 RaPower3.
- 20 Q. So if RaPower3 hasn't gotten their money,
- 21 then in your view the RaPower3 team member shouldn't
- 22 get their placed-in-service letter?
- 23 A. Absolutely. Why should they? They have
- 24 to pay.
- 25 Q. And that's just 30 percent of the \$3500

- 1 purchase price.
- 2 A. Right.
- 3 Q. Tell me this: Why don't customers have to
- 4 pay the full \$3500 purchase price before they get a
- 5 placed-in-service letter?
- 6 A. Why?
- 7 Q. Yeah.
- 8 A. You have to ask Neldon that. But if I
- 9 want to speculate on that, which is pure speculation,
- 10 because Neldon is in charge of what the price is and
- 11 the down payment is --
- 12 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 13 speculation.
- 14 A. Yeah. I can't answer that.
- 15 Q. Don't you sign the placed-in-service
- 16 letters?
- 17 A. I do.
- 18 Q. Okay. So if you sign the placed-in-
- 19 service letters, my question to you is why do you give
- 20 someone a placed-in-service letter before they have
- 21 paid the full purchase price?
- A. Because they signed a contract. Everyone
- 23 operates that way in the solar business, and all other
- 24 businesses. If I buy a -- if I'm going to buy a copy
- 25 machine for my business, I'm probably going to sign a

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- 1 contract. That doesn't mean I can't depreciate it
- 2 immediately. I've signed a contract.
- 3 Q. And you probably have a purchase price to
- 4 pay for that contract, right?
- 5 A. Yeah. But I haven't paid the full
- 6 purchase price on the copy machine. I signed a
- 7 contract, paying \$100 a month for a copy machine. I
- 8 might not pay it off for three years.
- 9 Q. Understand. On the copy machine, are you
- 10 using it in your business?
- 11 A. In my theoretical example?
- 12 Q. Yes.
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Okay. So to get the placed-in-service
- 15 letters, your lens doesn't have to be generating any
- 16 income. Is that your understanding?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And how did you get that understanding?
- 19 A. From the tax attorney opinion letter by
- 20 Todd Anderson and others, I guess --
- 21 Q. The Kirton --
- 22 A. -- that we have talked about.
- 23 Q. The Kirton McConkie firm?
- 24 A. Yeah.
- 25 Q. The next sentence says, "The Operation &

1 Maintenance Company LTB, LLC rents your solar lenses

- 2 and utilizes the solar energy from your panels for the
- 3 purpose of assisting IAS in research and development
- 4 for both agricultural and municipal solar thermal waste
- 5 heat reclamation and multiple non-serial array
- 6 concentrated photovoltaic receiver circuitry, among
- 7 other applications such as refinement of gearless
- 8 dual-access hydraulic tracking mechanisms and
- 9 quick-release panel stabilizers, and connections, which
- 10 qualify as commercial use of the solar energy."
- 11 A. Pretty cool.
- 12 Q. You say that LTB rents solar lenses. Does
- 13 that mean that LTB gets rental payments for the solar
- 14 lenses?
- 15 A. I don't know what the relationship between
- 16 LTB and whoever else. All I know is that LTB is the
- 17 operations and maintenance company and they sign an
- 18 agreement with the person who buys the lenses, the
- 19 customer, and they agree to pay the customer \$150 per
- 20 lens per year. That's what they agree.
- 21 Q. I know that's the other part of the
- 22 contract, but here you are saying that LTB then turns
- 23 around and rents those solar lenses to someone else.
- 24 A. I probably made a typo there.
- 25 Q. There's an entire sentence where you talk

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- 1 about LTB renting solar lenses for all sorts of 2 purposes.
- 3 A. Let's read it carefully. "The Operation &
- 4 Maintenance Company, LTB, LLC, rents your solar
- 5 lenses." Isn't that what they do, they rent them?
- 6 Q. All right. They rent them and LTB is the
- 7 one doing the research and development?
- 8 A. LTB rents your solar lenses.
- 9 Q. All right. So LTB rents and you are using
- 10 that --
- 11 A. They pay \$150 per year per lens.
- 12 Q. Has LTB ever paid someone \$150 per lens?
- 13 A. We have already discussed that. No.
- 14 Because, as you well know, and we have talked about --
- 15 I have it marked down here seven times, and I knew you
- 16 were going to do this, but -- where was I?
- 17 Q. It sounds like LTB, and I understand --
- 18 A. That's when the lenses are producing
- 19 revenue. So you've said that. I'm repeating what
- 20 you're saying and that's what the deal is. When the
- 21 revenue is being produced then the rental income can
- 22 start being paid.
- 23 Q. All right.
- 24 A. But until that point, then LTB isn't
- 25 obligated to pay rent.

1 Q. Okay.

- 2 A. And the RaPower3 team member is not
- 3 entitled to collect their \$150 a year until they are4 producing revenue.
- 5 Q. Okay. But in your view, they are entitled
- 6 to claim that those lenses are placed in service.
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Okay. And you base that view on letters
- 9 from Kirton McConkie and Todd Anderson?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Anyone else?
- 12 A. I don't know. Could be.
- 13 Q. I'm going to ask you to give me an answer
- 14 on that, because if there's --
- 15 A. I can't recall.
- 16 Q. You don't recall?
- 17 A. No. But in my mind those are the two main 18 ones.
- 19 Q. All right. And then you talk about LTB
- 20 assisting IAS in research and development and you list
- 21 a series of activities. Can you tell me how that
- 22 works? How does LTB assist IAS --
- 23 A. No, it didn't assist. You're reading
- 24 stuff -- you have completely read it -- you put your
- 25 own stuff in there, and you can't do that.

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- 1 Q. Well, explain it to me, please.
- 2 A. Okay. Let's read it carefully and slowly.
- 3 "... rents your solar lenses and utilizes the solar
- 4 energy from your panels for the purpose of assisting
- 5 IAS." They don't, LTB doesn't assist. If you read it
- 6 clearly, the solar panels, the energy from the solar
- 7 panels, that's the purpose for assisting IAS in
- 8 research.
- 9 Q. All right. So the solar panels that are
- 10 inside the manufacturing facility under a roof, how are
- 11 they using solar energy?
- 12 A. Good point. Because they are out at the
- 13 research and development site.
- 14 Q. Just by nature of their existing?
- 15 A. The nature of them producing heat. And
- 16 sometimes they have produced energy, but I don't know
- 17 how often. But the ultimate goal is to produce heat
- 18 and/or energy.
- 19 Q. And we can look at the exhibit, but
- 20 earlier we showed you a photo, on Exhibit 460, there's
- 21 a photo of several lenses inside a warehouse.
- 22 A. Right.

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- Q. How are those utilizing solar energy?
- 24 MR. REAY: Object. That misrepresents
- 25 testimony. He didn't say those were the ones doing

1 that.

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2 Q. The lenses in Exhibit 460, have they been

3 placed in service?

- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Are they utilizing solar energy for
- 6 anything?
- 7 A. Yes. They are assisting IAS in research
- 8 and development.
 - Q. They are sitting inside a warehouse.
- 10 A. They are not all used. They are used --
- 11 some are used, and so because some are used and that's
- 12 assisting in research and development for the end
- 13 purpose, so that we can continue our projects.
- 14 Q. By sitting in a warehouse they are
- 15 assisting in research and development?
- 16 MR. REAY: Objection. This calls for
- 17 speculation. He is not in charge or involved with the
- 18 research and development.
- 19 Q. The information that you conveyed here in
- 20 Exhibit 473, in particular the paragraph under Our
- 21 Procedure, where did you get that information from?
- 22 A. I can't recall, but I think it was from --
- 23 because that's not my writing.
- Q. You are saying you cut and pasted it from
- 25 somewhere?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. But I don't know. I can't recall where.
- 4 But that's not my writing.
- 5 Q. Who, other than Neldon Johnson, could you
- 6 have gotten that information from?
- 7 A. An attorney.
- 8 Q. An attorney?
- A. His attorney. I don't know. You have to
- 10 ask him, because I didn't write that. That's not my
- 11 writing. If I had written it, I might have written it
- 12 a little bit differently. I don't know. But I was
- 13 never consulted on that. I was just given that.
- 14 Q. You authored team memo 64. We already
- 15 talked about that.
- 16 A. Well, I authored the -- right above that
- 17 is "Line 12b Instructions." I cut and pasted that from
- 18 IRS.gov. Come on.
- 19 Q. Well, how --
 - A. I put a team memo together using various
- 21 sources. One source was IRS.gov. That's word for word
- 22 cut and paste, 1b Instructions. And our procedure, I
- 23 got that from -- I'm not sure exactly where I got it
- 24 from, but it's not my writing.
- 25 Q. Okay.

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1 A. That's a source.

- 2 Q. All right. Turning the next page,
- 3 Shepard_Greg-3377, the first complete paragraph, the
- 4 second sentence says -- well, I'll read the whole
- 5 paragraph. "The 'Placed In Service' letter is
- 6 regarding the 'Alternative Energy Systems' that you
- 7 purchased from RaPower3 LLC. RaPower3 put into service
- 8 your equipment." Did I read that right?
- 9 A. You did.
- 10 Q. All right. RaPower3, to my understanding,
- 11 is a marketing company.
- 12 A. Right. And that probably should have
- 13 said -- I'm not sure.
- 14 Q. You don't know --
- 15 A. I didn't write that.
- 16 Q. Who did write it?
- 17 A. I don't know. It's the same as right
- 18 above that. So that could have been one of Neldon's
- 19 attorneys. I don't know.
- 20 Q. Who else usually helps you write these
- 21 team memos? I know your son sometimes helps you.
- A. He does a little bit, but mostly it's me.
- 23 Q. Okay. So --
- 24 A. Or I put it together from different
- 25 sources.

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- 1 Q. Okay. And --
- A. I can quote a whole bunch of different
- 3 sources.
- 4 Q. I really want to know who would have been
- 5 giving you this language that appears here.
- 6 A. Well, I'm sure you do, but I can't answer 7 that.
- 8 Q. You sent this less than a year ago.
- 9 A. I know. But I can't answer that. You're
- 10 going to -- what you're going to have to do, you are
- 11 going to depose LTB, you are going to depose Neldon and
- 12 these different entities. Put that high on your list
- 13 and ask them, but I don't know where I got it exactly.
- 14 Q. Okay. You mentioned that attorneys may
- 15 have given you the language about RaPower --
- 16 A. May have, yes.
- 17 Q. Which attorneys?
- 18 A. I don't know.
- 19 Q. Would it have been the Kirton McConkie
- 20 memo?
- 21 A. I doubt it. Not that part. Not that.
- 22 Q. Okay. How about Todd Anderson?
- 23 A. I doubt it.
- 24 Q. Okay. What other attorneys --
- 25 A. But I don't know. You'll have to ask

1 those guys.

- 2 Q. Are you aware of any attorneys other than
- 3 the two I've just mentioned that advised Neldon Johnson
- 4 in this matter?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Who?
- 7 A. Paul Jones.
- 8 Q. Okay. Do you think Paul Jones wrote this?
- 9 A. Could have. I don't know.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. Do you know Paul Jones?
- 12 Q. I met him.
- 13 A. Okay.
- 14 Q. What makes you think it may have come from
- 15 an attorney?
- 16 A. I don't know.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. It sounds like it.
- 19 Q. It sounds like an attorney would have
- 20 written RaPower3 would have put into service --
- 21 A. I don't know. I don't know. Can't answer
- 22 more than that. You're going to have to ask those guys
- 23 because I got it and put it in there. This is our
- 24 procedure.
- 25 Q. If we put this in front of LTB or RaPower

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- 1 they're going to say, "This is from Greg Shepard. Ask
- 2 Greg Shepard." Do you see my conundrum here?
- 3 A. No, I don't think so. I think they would
- 4 answer that.
- 5 Q. What if they don't? Are you going to come
- 6 back and sit for another deposition?
- 7 MR. REAY: No, because he already answered
- 8 the question. It's verging on harassment. He has
- 9 answered you a bunch of times.
- 10 Q. Is it still your testimony it may have
- 11 come from an attorney? Because if it is, I have a
- 12 couple follow-up questions from that.
- 13 A. May have.
- 14 Q. Would that have been Justin Heideman or
- 15 Christian Austin?
- 16 A. I don't know.
- 17 Q. All right. No further questions on that
- 18 document.
- 19 I understand that you believe lenses can
- 20 be placed in service when they are used for research
- 21 and development; is that correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And the research and development that you
- 24 are referring to, that's the R&D site that we visited
- 25 on April 4, 2017?

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1	 A. I don't know all the research and 	1	MS. HEALY-GALLAGHER: If we need to take
2	development areas that Neldon has, but I don't do the	2	one, we'll take one.
3	research and development. I know that's one area where	3	Q. Let's take five.
4	research and development is done. I don't think it's	4	A. Okay.
5	the only one.	5	(Break taken from 5:14 to 5:22 p.m.)
6	Q. Okay. Where do you think there are	6	Q. (By Mr. Moran) Mr. Shepard, I'm handing
7	others?	7	you a copy of what's been marked for identification as
8	A. In Neldon's homes.	8	Plaintiff's Exhibit 28. Do you recognize this
9	Q. Neldon's homes? Were these in and around	9	document?
10	Delta, Utah?	10	A. Yes.
11	A. One is in Delta, one is in Payson.	11	Q. What is it?
12	Q. Is Payson how far is Payson from Delta?	12	A. It says "Tax Benefits for Jim."
13	A. An hour and a half.	13	Q. Did you prepare this document?
14	Q. Okay. You think he does research and	14	A. I did.
15	development there?	15	Q. Okay. And what did you do with it?
16	A. Could, yeah. Because he's got a garage	16	A. What did I do with it?
17	and	17	Q. Yeah. Did you send it to RaPower3
18	Q. Anywhere else?	18	customers?
19	A. Yeah. In Delta he has a home there.	19	A. I can't remember. Oh, it says, "Assume
20	Q. Besides what you just told me about, is	20	Jim." I thought maybe Jim was a RaPower3 client. So
21	there anything else?	21	it appears this is general stuff, to cite an example.
22	A. Yeah. He could do it in the manufacturing	22	Q. Would you have sent Exhibit 28 out to
23	plant.	23	RaPower3 customers?
24	Q. Okay. Anywhere else?	24	A. I could have, yeah.
25	A. Yes.	25	Q. I need a yes or no on that.
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2	A. I think he's got other people working on	2	Q. You don't recall?
3	stuff. I don't know where. I think there's people up	3	A. I don't recall.
4	here in Salt Lake City that work on stuff, but I don't	4	Q. No more questions on that document.
5	know.	5	Mr. Shepard, I'm handing you what's been marked for
6	Q. Has any RaPower3 customer ever been paid	6	identification as Plaintiff's Exhibit 20. I believe
7	for having their lenses used in a research and	7	you have already stipulated to it, but in case you
8	development?	8	haven't, let me ask, do you recognize Plaintiff's
9	MR. REAY: Objection. Speculation.	9	Exhibit 20?
10	A. I don't know.	10	A. Yes.
11	Q. Have you ever heard of it?	11	Q. What is it?
12	A. No.	12	A. It is a system of calculating how much
13	Q. If a customer were to be paid for their	13	lenses you need.
14	lenses being used in research and development, how	14	Q. And this appeared on the RaPower3 website?
15	would you or anyone at RaPower3 know which lens that	15	A. It did.
16	belongs to which customer was actually used in research	16	Q. Who prepared this calculator?
17	and development?	17	A. The calculator?
18	•	18	Q. Yeah.
19	and calls for speculation.	19	A. My son, Matt.
20		20	
21	of that. I wouldn't again, Chris, I'm an	21	A. Yes.
	independent contractor. All right?	22	Q. Okay.
23	•	23	•
24	if we want to take one.	24	,
		25	

A. I don't want to take one.

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25 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's

1 Exhibit 474. Do you recognize it?

- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. What is it?
- 4 A. Well, let's see. I think this is screen
- 5 shots of number 26 lens calculator.
- 6 Q. My understanding is you produced this
- 7 document to the United States.
- 8 A. I did? Okay.
- 9 Q. The second page of that exhibit appears to
- 10 be quite similar to Plaintiff's Exhibit 20; is that
- 11 right?
- 12 A. Where's 20? This one?
- 13 Q. It is the one we just discussed.
- 14 A. Right.
- 15 Q. Who prepared the first page of Exhibit
- 16 474?
- 17 A. Under my direction, I did. Matt may have
- 18 done it. But those are my calculations.
- 19 Q. Okay. And this is a calculator that
- 20 appears in the RaPower3 website --
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. -- that informs customers how many lenses
- 23 they need to buy?
- 24 A. Yeah. To maximize their ability to help
- 25 the United States of America have clean, affordable,

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1 second page, is that the attachment to that e-mail?

- 2 A. Okay. Yes.
- 3 Q. Is that correct?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Okay. No further questions on that
- 6 document.
- 7 Exhibit 476 WASMARKED.)
- 8 Q. Mr. Shepard, you've been given a copy of
- 9 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 10 Exhibit 476. Do you recognize it?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. What is it?
- 13 A. It is an e-mail, the subject matter is
- 14 Ra3, meaning RaPower3, Wow, exclamation mark. Now
- 15 what, question mark.
- 16 Q. Did you write this e-mail?
- 17 A. I did.
- 18 Q. Okay. No further questions on that
- 19 document.
- 20 Exhibit 477 WASMARKED.)
- 21 Q. Mr. Shepard, you've been given a copy of
- 22 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 23 Exhibit 477, which is Bates stamped Bolander-Bryan-676
- 24 through 677. Do you recognize Exhibit 477?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- 1 renewable energy. It's a wonderful thing that they
- 2 can -- I want them to be able to max out on how they
- 3 can help our nation.
- 4 Q. What does someone's tax liability have to
- 5 do -- withdrawn.
- 6 Am I correct that the information that's
- 7 input into the calculator is information about
- 8 someone's tax liabilities?
- 9 A. Yeah. But if they want to know how much
- 10 they can help our country, that's what we do.
- 11 Q. Okay. No further questions on that
- 12 document.
- 13 A. Okay.
- 14 Exhibit 475 WAS MARKED.)
- 15 Q. Mr. Shepard, I have given you a copy of
- 16 what has been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 17 Exhibit 475. Do you recognize it?
- 18 A. I do.
- 19 Q. What is it?
- 20 A. The subject, it's an e-mail, and subject
- 21 is Ra3, which refers to RaPower3, Warranty Info.
- 22 Q. And you wrote the e-mail that's dated
- 23 October 26, 2012.
- 24 A. I did.
- 25 Q. Okay. And the attachment to it -- the

1 Q. What is it?

2 A. It's a -- it appears to be a short e-mail

3 from me to a CPA.

- 4 Q. Okay. And the CPA is --
- 5 A. Quinn Smith, CPA
- 6 Q. Who is Quinn Smith?
- 7 A. I have no idea.
- 8 Q. But your understanding is that Quinn Smith
- 9 is a CPA?
- 10 A. That's what it says, yeah.
- 11 Q. Okay. And fair to characterize this as an
- 12 e-mail string between you and Mr. Smith?
- 13 A. It's an e-mail string?
- 14 Q. Well, in that this exhibit is actually --
- 15 A. Oh, I see what you mean. So yeah, there's
- 16 a series of e-mails.
- 17 Q. Exactly. Is that a fair characterization
- 18 of Exhibit 477?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. So he, again, the CPA apparently from
- 22 Jackson, Mississippi was asking Bryan Bolander a bunch
- 23 of stuff and I responded and said, "He doesn't answer
- 24 unless you're a client."
- 25 Q. Okay. Mr. Smith --

- A. Because we had a lot of people want free 1
- 2 information. So he can't sit around and give free
- information all day. He needs to make a living.
- Q. Bryan Bolander? 4
- Yeah. 5 Α.
- 6 Q. Mr. Smith asked a series of questions
- about whether the type of alternative energy that
- 8 RaPower3 sells actually meets the IRS requirements for
- 9 the tax credit. And I'm looking at paragraph 1 on the
- 10 second page. Do you see the question in paragraph 1 of 10 everything. But I don't think this guy was -- I'm not
- 11 Mr. Smith's e-mail?
- 12 A. I do.
- 13 Q. He also says in paragraph 2, "There is
- 14 concern of the 'placed in service' date that is also
- 15 discussed a lot on blogs and whether the equipment has 15
- 16 truly been placed in service as one website shows
- 17 pictures taken from the construction sites as late as
- 18 March 2012 and there doesn't appear to be much
- 19 construction activity?"
- 20 A. Right.
- 21 Q. And was that his question?
- 22 A. I'm not sure he really -- he put a
- 23 question mark, but I'm not sure really it's a question.
- Q. All right. My question is did I read 24
- 25 Mr. Smith's question correctly?

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- A. I don't think it's a question. I think 1
- 2 it's a statement.
- Q. Fair enough. He makes a statement. 3
- 4 A. Yeah.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 Yes.
- 7 Q. In paragraph 3 he says, "Another concern
- 8 of mine is whether there will really ever be any income
- 9 generated due to the lack of construction mentioned
- 10 above and thus, this would be considered a 'hobby'
- 11 under IRS rules and any preliminary tax savings due to
- 12 a Schedule C loss would be thrown out. (Not to mention 12
- 13 the investors' risk of an almost certain high audit
- 14 percentage due to the loss for the initial years.)
- Did I read that correctly? 15
- A. Yes. 16
- Q. So a CPA, Mr. Smith, makes a series of 17
- 18 statements and asks some questions. Is that a fair
- 19 characterization of Mr. Smith's e-mail?
- 20 A. Again, I think they are statements. I
- 21 don't think they are questions.
- Q. Okay. And you respond and said, "At this
- 23 point, I'm not interested in doing business with your
- 24 client." Did I read that correctly? And I'm back on
- 25 the first page of Exhibit 477.

1 Α. Yes.

- 2 Q. Why didn't you want to do business with
- 3 his clients?
- A. I think he was combative, and it wouldn't
- 5 go any place. It was probably going to be a waste of
- my time.
- 7 Q. Why wouldn't his clients want to share in 8 bringing renewable energy to this country?
 - A. Well, they would if they understood
- 11 sure how legit this guy was. I don't know who he was.
- 12 We have people all the time that are competitors or
- 13 they are trying to bring us down. So I don't have time
- 14 for guys like that.
 - Q. No further questions on that exhibit.
- 16 Handing you a copy of what's already been
- 17 marked for identification as Plaintiff's 40. Do you
- 18 recognize Plaintiff's Exhibit 40?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. What is it?
- A. 2011 tax benefits. A synopsis of federal 21
- 22 tax credits and depreciation.
- Q. Did you prepare this document? 23
- 24 A. I did.
- Okay. And there are several pages that 25

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- 1 follow the first page. Did you attach these documents 2 to the first page?
- A. Yes. 3
- Q. I'll direct your attention to a page 4
- 5 that's labeled Lunn_F&L-00038. It's the last page.
 - A. There we go.
- 7 Q. This appears to be two pages of a form
- 8 1040 tax return, and there's some handwriting on the
- 9 page labeled Lunn F&L-00038. Whose handwriting is
- 10 that?

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- 11 A. I think that's mine.
 - Q. Okay. No further questions on Plaintiff's
- 13 40.
- 14 Handing you a copy of what's been marked
- 15 as Plaintiff's Exhibit 50. At the top there's a
- 16 statement, "Greg Shepard's comment in bold."
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. Am I correct in understanding that all the 18
- 19 text that appears in bold in Plaintiff's 50 is your
- 20 comments?
- 21 Α. Yes.
- 22 Q. Okay. No further questions on that
- 23 document.
- 24 Α. Do you know what that was? It's really
- 25 funny.

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Q. Directing your attention to Plaintiffs'

- 2 Exhibit 112. Do you recognize Plaintiff's Exhibit 112?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Is that an e-mail from you to RaPower3
- 5 customers dated March 2, 2011?
- 6 A. Yes. I don't know how many. I had
- 7 different lists.
- 8 Q. Well, as of 2011, would it have gone to
- 9 all RaPower3 customers, or just some?
- 10 A. I can't recall.
- 11 Q. But at least one?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Several?
- 14 A. Several.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. Is that it for this one?
- 17 Q. That's it.
- 18 Mr. Shepard, I'll direct your attention to
- 19 Plaintiff's Exhibit 158. This is 158 from the
- 20 deposition of Preston Olsen. I'll direct your
- 21 attention to the page labeled Olsen_P&E-03222.
- 22 I can find it for you if you want.
- 23 A. Okay. Thank you.
- 24 Q. Plaintiff's Exhibit 158 is a series of
- 25 documents that are usually associated with a tax

1 Q. Okay.

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- 2 A. You do, because you asked.
- 3 Q. And then I'll direct your attention to
- 4 Olsen_P&E-3227, and I can help you get there if you'd 5 like.

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- 6 A. There we go.
 - Q. The handwriting that appears on 3227 --
- 8 A. That's mine.
- 9 Q. That's you? Okay. No further questions
- 10 on that document.
- 11 Mr. Shepard, I'm handing you what's been
- 12 marked for identification as Plaintiff's Exhibit 43.
- 13 Do you recognize Plaintiff's Exhibit 43?
- 14 A. Yes. It's an e-mail from me.
- 15 Q. To RaPower3 customers?
- 16 A. It's undisclosed recipients, so I don't
- 17 recall. But it sounds like it would be.
- 18 Q. Do you know who Frank Lunn is?
- 19 A. I do.
- 20 Q. Frank Lunn is a RaPower3 customer?
- 21 A. He is.
- 22 Q. Frank Lunn produced this document to the
- 23 United States.
- 24 A. Okay.
- 25 Q. So with that information, should I

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- 1 return, an individual tax return. But on page Olsen_
- 2 P&E03222, this is a Profit or Loss From Business, and
- 3 it refers to the name of a proprietor, Andrea --
- 4 actually, let me withdraw that question.
- Do you recognize Exhibit 158?A. Yes. I mean, I don't recognize Preston
- 7 Olsen's stuff.
- 8 Q. Well, Preston Olsen produced this to the
- 9 United States, and he testified that he got it from 10 you.
- 11 A. Okay. This isn't Preston Olsen's tax
- 12 return.
- 13 Q. It is not. I see someone, and this gets
- 14 me back to the original question, I see someone named
- 15 Andrea and it says business address 858 --
- 16 A. That's my address. She is my daughter.
- 17 Q. Okay. Now, is Andrea Shepard a RaPower3
- 18 customer?

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- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. Is there a reason you would have
- 21 given your daughter's tax return to Preston Olsen?
- A. As an example.
 - Q. Okay. Let me direct your attention to --
- 24 A. And of course everything was blocked out
- 25 so he didn't know it was my daughter.

- 1 understand the Plaintiff's Exhibit 43 was sent to
- 2 RaPower3 customers?
 - A. Yes.

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- 4 Q. There's a paragraph labeled Depreciation.
- 5 A. Where are you?
- 6 Q. Here.
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Q. "This year in 2011 you may depreciate 100
- 9 percent of the purchase price of your solar energy
- 10 systems placed in service. Depreciation is a key
- 11 component to being able to take all the tax benefits
- 12 that you are entitled to receive." Did I read that
- 13 correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. Did there come a time in 2016 where
- 16 RaPower3 no longer offered depreciation credits?
 - A. Yes. Well, no. Okay, there's no
- 18 depreciation credit, so be careful about that.
- 19 Q. Okay.
 - A. "Depreciation benefits" would be a better
- 21 term.

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- 22 Q. Okay. Did there come a point in 2016
- 23 where RaPower3 no longer offered depreciation on their
- 24 solar lenses?
- 25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. What led to that change?

2 A. Simplicity. Depreciation was hard for

- 3 people to understand. Hard for CPAs to understand.
- 4 And so I'm assuming that because -- and then also,
- 5 Neldon can make more money, I think.
- 6 Anyway, so the lenses are now, instead of
- 7 \$1050, they're \$650 as far as the down payment goes.
- 8 So the down payment is now \$650. The purchase price is
- 9 the same, \$3500. And so 30 percent of \$3500 is \$1050.
- 10 They get a \$1050 tax credit, based on \$650. So they
- 11 make \$400 pretty quickly, but they don't get the
- 12 depreciation. It's kind of a trade off.
- 13 Q. Who made the decision to no longer offer
- 14 depreciation?
- 15 A. Neldon.
- 16 Q. Okay. Do you know why he made that
- 17 decision?
- 18 A. I don't. You'd have to ask him.
- 19 Q. Okay. Did the law, the tax code, the tax
- 20 law applicable to depreciation change in 2016?
- 21 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for legal
- 22 conclusions.
- 23 Q. That you're aware of?
- 24 A. They change -- they pretty much change
- $\,$ 25 $\,$ every year. So 2011, the one that you had me read, was

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- 1 like incredibly good. But in 2012, it changed so it
- 2 wasn't quite so good. So it changes every -- it has
- 3 changed every year. It's not the same as it was in
- 4 2006. 2011 was different. So sometimes there was --
- 5 this case was the only year they did that was a hundred
- 6 percent depreciation, one year.
- 7 Q. That's in 2011.
- 8 A. Yes. There was times when it was 50
- 9 percent bonus depreciation.
- 10 Q. But did anything change in 2016 in the
- 11 law? In other words, if depreciation was permitted in
- 12 2015, why would it no longer be permitted in 2016?
- 13 A. It was. Basically you had your choice.
- 14 So you could either go on the old program or the new
- 15 program.
- 16 Q. When?
- 17 A. 2016.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. We gave RaPower3 team members their 20 choice.
- 21 Q. And what about after the change was made
- 22 in 2016? Could you still get depreciation?
- 23 A. Yeah.
- 24 Q. What about now; if someone bought a lens,
- 25 can they claim depreciation?

A. Yeah, they can. But I discourage it.

- Q. Why do you discourage it?
- 3 A. Well, it's just more money up -- I think
- 4 it's a better deal, in my opinion.
- 5 Q. But you're not aware of anything in the
- 6 Internal Revenue code that changed in 2016?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. So you could do either one. You could
- 10 take the depreciation or do the new program. It's up
- 11 to the RaPower3 client.
- 12 Q. Okay. I have given you a copy of what's
- 13 been marked for identification as Plaintiff's Exhibit
- 14 49. Do you recognize Plaintiff's Exhibit 49?
- 15 A. I do.
- 16 Q. What is it?
- 17 A. It is a memo that I sent out or -- I don't
- 18 know if it's a memo, but an e-mail. An e-mail I sent
- 19 out. I see Frank Lunn's name on it. So it either went
- 20 to Frank Lunn personally or to -- the subject is vital
- 21 tax info, 2013, in November.
- 22 Q. So there's a series of responses. Are
- 23 those your words?
- 24 A. Yes. But some of it is just cut and paste
- 25 from IRS.gov.

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- 1 Q. Okay. Mr. Shepard, I have given you a
- 2 copy of what's been marked for identification as
- 3 Plaintiff's Exhibit 421 from the deposition of Matt
- 4 Shepard. Do you recognize Exhibit 421?
- 5 A. I do.

- 6 Q. What is it?
- 7 A. Team memo number 73 from RaPower3.
- 8 Q. Okay. Let's go off the record.
 - (Discussion off the record.)
- 10 Q. Mr. Shepard, the third page of Exhibit 421
- 11 there's a paragraph titled New Contracts and
- 12 Agreements. Are you with me?
- 13 A. Oh, yeah. Right here.
- 14 Q. Yes.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. "Neldon Johnson and Greg Shepard have
- 17 studied the old contracts and agreements. The
- 18 appropriate changes were made for the new Equipment
- 19 Purchase Agreement, the Operations and Maintenance
- 20 Agreement, etc. These changes were then taken to an
- 21 attorney for approval. The new contracts and
- 22 agreements will reflect the new sales program figures
- 23 and will be made available ASAP through the
- 24 RaPower3.com website and the new order page."
- 25 A. Yeah.

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- Q. Earlier you testified that Neldon Johnson 1
- 2 made the decision to shift or to remove depreciation as
- 3 an option. Here it sounds like you had something to do
- 4 with that decision.
- A. No, it doesn't say that at all. It says I 5
- 6 studied it.
- 7 Q. You studied it. And based on your studies
- 8 what happened?
- A. Well, the appropriate changes were made.
- 10 And I didn't have anything to do with the changes. I
- 11 studied them and said, "Hey, this looks good."
- Q. And the change was to no longer offer 12
- 13 depreciation?
- 14 A. Yeah. As an option. They had the option
- 15 to do the old program, like I said.
- Q. Okay. And it says, "These changes were 16
- 17 then taken to an attorney for approval."
- A. That was my understanding, yeah. 18
- Q. Okay. Do you know who that attorney was? 19
- 20
- Q. Who told you that the changes were 21
- 22 approved by an attorney?
- A. Neldon. 23
- Q. Okay. Is there anything physically 24
- 25 different in the lenses that were -- withdrawn.

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- 1 Are there any lenses -- withdrawn again.
- 2 Is there any physical difference in the
- 3 lenses that depreciation is allowed for and the lenses
- 4 for which depreciation is not allowed?
- 5 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 6 speculation.
- 7 A. Any difference between --
- Q. Any physical difference. 8
- A. Of the lenses? 9
- 10 Q. Yeah.
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. No further questions on that document.
- Mr. Shepard, I'm handing you what's marked 13
- 14 for identification as Plaintiff's Exhibit 72. This is
- 15 from the deposition of Bryan Zeleznik.
- A. Uh-huh (affirmative). 16
- 17 Q. Do you recognize Plaintiff's Exhibit 72?
- A. Yes. 18
- 19 Q. What is it?
- A. It's an e-mail from me to all being 20
- 21 audited. So that doesn't go to -- that didn't go to
- 22 all RaPower3 team members. It went to the ones who
- 23 were being audited that I knew about.
- Q. About how many people was that? An 24
- 25 estimate is fine.

A. Well, it grew because the IRS wouldn't

- 2 give up, so they kept at it. So this was 2013, pretty
- 3 early. I don't know. Thirty or forty.
- Q. Okay. And the second paragraph says, "The 4
- 5 latest RaPower3 Team Members being audited have the
- 6 questions written down in their first audit letter."
- A. Wait a minute. We are down here on the
- 8 third line, right? "The latest." Okay.
 - Q. "Twenty-two questions in all. Don't
- 10 answer these." When you say, "Don't answer these," are
- 11 you referring to don't answer the IRS's questions?
- A. Yeah. I think, as I remember, just put 12
- 13 down, "Don't apply."
- Q. Okay. All right. So just respond -- you 14
- 15 told the RaPower3 customers to just respond to the IRS
- 16 and say, "Do not apply"?
- MR. REAY: Objection. Misrepresenting 17
- 18 testimony.
- A. Yeah, I --19
- 20 Q. Well, it says, "Don't answer these," and
- 21 before that you were talking about questions --
- 22 MR. REAY: Where are you at? Oh, sorry.
- 23 I found it. I was looking below.
- Q. It says, "Twenty-two questions in all. 24
- 25 Don't answer these."

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1 A. Yeah.

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- 2 Q. Are you saying don't answer the IRS's
- 3 questions?
- A. No. I say you put down, "Don't apply." 4
- 5 So if they have a question and in your mind they don't
- 6 apply, just put down, "Don't apply."
- Q. In whose mind? A. The ones being audited. 8
- Q. Okay. And then further down on that
- 10 paragraph, the third line from the bottom it says, "You
- 11 can also plead the 5th."
- 12 A. Where does it say that?
- Oh. Okay. 13
- 14 Q. Are you referring to the Fifth Amendment?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Why would a RaPower3 team member plead --
- A. I don't know. I don't even know why I put 17
- 18 that in there.
- 19 Q. You just put it in there?
 - A. I don't know. It's back almost four years
- 21 ago.

- 22 Q. All right. No further questions on that
- 23 document.
- 24 I'm handing you what's been marked for
- 25 identification as Plaintiff's Exhibit 71. Do you

Page 253 1 recognize it?

- 2 A. Okay. This is an e-mail that I sent out
- 3 from RaPower3.com e-mail. It says Greg Shepard to Greg
- 4 Shepard. I wrote it to myself?
- 5 Q. Do you have a habit of writing e-mails to
- 6 yourself, Mr. Shepard?
- 7 A. I don't know what that is.
- Q. Well, let me ask you this: This document 8
- 9 was produced in the United States by Bryan Zeleznik.
- 10 A. Okav.
- 11 Q. Do you know who Bryan Zeleznik is?
- 12 A. Yeah.
- 13 Q. Who is he?
- 14 A. He is a RaPower3 team member.
- 15 Q. If Ryan Zeleznik produced this document to
- 16 the United States, is there any reason to believe that
- 17 you didn't send this document to at least Bryan
- 18 Zeleznik?
- A. No. 19
- 20 Q. And you are also talking about the audits,
- the IRS audits in this e-mail.
- A. Uh-huh (affirmative). 22
- Q. And earlier you testified about e-mailing 23
- 24 about thirty to forty people who were being audited by
- 25 the IRS.

- A. At that time yeah, probably. 1
- 2 Q. And this is a similar time frame, August
- 3 of 2013.
- 4 A. Right.
- 5 Q. Is there any reason to believe Plaintiff's
- 6 Exhibit 71 wasn't sent to the same group of people who
- were being audited by the IRS?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. So in fact, you didn't just send this to
- yourself. You probably sent it to --
- A. Yeah. I was just questioning why it said 11
- 12 "to."
- 13 Q. Okay. And my only question on this
- 14 document is the following three pages, are those an
- attachment that would have been sent with the document?
- 16 A. Yes. Yes, I believe so.
- 17 Q. Did you prepare that attachment?
- A. I did. 18
- 19 Q. Okay. No further questions on Plaintiff's
- 20 71.
- 21 Mr. Shepard, do you recognize Plaintiff's
- 22 298?
- 23 A. I do.
- 24 Q. I have given you a copy of what's been
- 25 marked for identification as Plaintiff's Exhibit 298.

1 Do you recognize it?

- 2 Α. I do.
- 3 Q. What is it?
- 4 A. It is an e-mail sent by me to, again, this
- 5 small group of people who are being audited, RaPower3

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- 6 team members being audited.
 - Q. Okay. And in the first paragraph you say,
- "Some of you may have been asked to fill out this
- 9 questionnaire with 11 questions." Are those eleven
- 10 guestions from the IRS?
- 11 Α. Yes.
- 12 Q. You say, "The counsel I have received on
- 13 this matter is not to answer these questions." Did I
- 14 read that correctly?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. Who did you receive that counsel from? 16
- 17 A. Is that attorney/client privilege?
- 18 MR. REAY: If it was an attorney, yeah.
- 19 We will object on attorney/client privilege and
- 20 instruct you not to answer if it was from an attorney.
- 21 MR. MORAN: Mr. Reay, I'm looking at this
- 22 document and it was produced to the United States by
- 23 Peter Gregg. I'm not even asking what -- I'm not even
- 24 asking what the attorney told him. I'm asking him who
- 25 the attorney is. And the identification of the

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1 attorney is not --

- 2 MR. REAY: Objection withdrawn, yeah.
- 3 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Okay. I'll ask the
- 4 question again, Mr. Shepard. Who did you get this
- counsel from?
- 6 A. I can't remember.
- 7 Q. Do you think it was an attorney?
- 8 Α.
- 9 Q. Okay. Do you think it was Kim Birrell?
- 10 Α.
- 11 Q. Do you think it was Todd Anderson?
- 12 Α. No.
- 13 Q. Do you think it was Paul Jones?
- 14 Α. More likely.
- 15 Q. Can you think of any other attorney that
- 16 you would have gotten that advice from?
- 17 Α. In 2013?
- Yes. 18 Q.
- 19 Α. I'm not even -- I'm not even sure if we
- 20 had Paul Jones on board at that time.
- 21 Q. All right. Well, the question I'm asking
- 22 you is I want to know what attorney is out there
- 23 telling individuals they don't have to answer the IRS's
- 24 questions. And that's a pretty serious question and I
- 25 want an answer to it.

- 1 MR. REAY: Objection. Asked and answered.
- 2 A. Yeah. It would be, "Answer does not 3 apply."
- 4 Q. That's -- you're not answering my
- 5 question. I want to know what attorney -- "The counsel
- 6 I have received on this matter is not to answer these
- 7 questions," and you are saying an attorney told you
- 8 that. And I want to know who the attorney is that is
- 9 telling the public --

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- 10 A. If Paul Jones was an active -- was part of
- 11 -- was the attorney at that time, it was probably Paul
- 12 Jones. But I can't say that for sure.
- 13 Q. If I notice up Paul Jones's deposition, is
- 14 that what he is going to tell me?
 - A. I don't know. I don't know what Paul
- 16 Jones is going to tell you. How would I know that?
- 17 Q. You are attributing something to
- 18 Mr. Jones, and I know Mr. Jones --
- 19 A. Not for sure, because I don't know in
- 20 November 4, 2013 if he was part of this. I think he
- 21 was, but I don't know for sure.
- 22 Q. And you think he told you that you should
- 23 tell customers not to answer the IRS's questions?
- 24 MR. REAY: Objection. Asked and answered.
- 25 He already said he didn't know.

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- 1 A. It was never not to answer. It was how to 2 answer.
- 3 Q. All right. No further questions on the 4 document.
- 5 Mr. Shepard, I'm giving you a copy of
- 6 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 7 Exhibit 225. Do you recognize Exhibit 225?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. What is it?
- 10 A. It's an e-mail to -- it appears to be
- 11 people who are being audited.
- 12 Q. Okay. And you sent this e-mail?
- 13 A. I did.
- 14 Q. Okay. And then --
- 15 A. And I made a mistake.
- 16 Q. What is that?
- 17 A. I didn't blind copy it, apparently.
- 18 Q. There's a series of -- there appears to be
- 19 an attachment to this e-mail. It's about five pages
- 20 long. This exhibit is front and back copied, so you
- 21 only see two pages. Do you see the attachment?
- 22 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
- 23 Q. Okay. Were those five pages attached to
- 24 the e-mail marked as 225?
- A. I think it's four, isn't it?

- Q. Four. I stand corrected. You're right,
- 2 there's four. So there's four pages, starting with,
- 3 "Addendum: April 7, 2014," on RaPower3 letterhead.
- 4 A. Right.
- 5 Q. Who wrote the attachment?
- 6 A. I did.
- 7 Q. Okay. I'll direct your attention to the
- 8 third page marked Gregg_P&R-001750.
- 9 A. Okay.
- 10 Q. Third paragraph from the bottom, it says,
- 11 "The rental income will be retroactive going back to
- 12 2010." Did I read that correctly?
- 13 A. You did.
- 14 Q. Okay. How can rental income be
- 15 retroactive?
- 16 A. And I'm not sure that it is. I don't know
- 17 where -- I'm not sure -- I hope it is, but I'm not sure
- 18 if it is anymore.
- 19 Q. Well, in 2014 when you wrote this addendum,
- 20 did you believe that rent income could be retroactive?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And what did you base that understanding
- 23 on?
- 24 A. It could have been -- probably something
- 25 Neldon said. But I may have misinterpreted what he

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- 1 said because that's a lot of rental income. Hope it's
- 2 true, because I've got a lot of rental income coming to
- 3 me.
- 4 Q. And when you say it's retroactive, what
- 5 does that mean? Are we going to go back in time?
 - A. Yeah. For example, I think what I meant
- 7 is if you bought in 2010 you might have \$150 per lens
- 8 coming to you for four years.
- 9 Q. Okay. There's been no rental income paid,
- 10 right?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. And you used the term "retroactive," and
- 13 I'm trying to understand what you meant when you used
- 14 that term.
- 15 A. Okay. Well, when rental income is to be
- 16 paid, if there were revenue generated and rental income
- 17 started --

- Q. At some future point.
- 19 A. At some future point.
- 20 Q. Say 2020.
- 21 A. 2020. It could be retroactive. But I
- 22 don't know that's the case now. And I may have
- 23 misinterpreted what Neldon said. So I don't know if
- 24 that's -- I don't know if that will happen. I hope it
- 25 does. It would be great for our RaPower3 team members.

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- Q. And your understanding that income can be 1
- 2 retroactive, you got that from Neldon Johnson?
- 3 A. I might have, yeah.
- 4 Q. Who else?
- 5 A. I don't know who else it would have been.
- 6 Q. But you think --
- 7 A. If Neldon said it -- if it's not true, I
- may have misinterpreted what he said.
- Q. Okay. 9
- 10 A. And -- well, okay.
- Q. If you want to finish your response, feel 11 12 free.
- 13 A. Yeah. There's nothing in writing. It
- 14 would be probably -- if it is true, it would be Neldon
- 15 Johnson's kind heart, I guess, saying that he would
- 16 take care of his RaPower3 team members.
- 17 Q. Mr. Shepard, I'm handing you a copy of
- 18 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 19 Exhibit 340 from the Peter Gregg deposition.
- A. Okay. 20
- 21 Q. Do you recognize this document?
- 22 Yes. Α.
- Q. What is it? 23
- 24 It's an e-mail from me to -- again, I
- 25 think people are being audited. Yeah. "Audit

- Ammunition." 1
- 2 Q. Okay. There was a series of pages that
- 3 follow that e-mail. Were those all attached to the
- e-mail of February 20, 2015?
- 5 A. Okay.
- 6 Q. Is that correct?
- A. Yes. 7

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- Q. Okay. Nothing further on that document. 8
 - Mr. Shepard, I'm handing you a copy of
- 10 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 11 Exhibit 372. Do you recognize Plaintiff's Exhibit 372?
- 12 A. Wow, back to 2009. Yes.
- 13 Q. What is it?
- A. It's an e-mail from me to Ken Oveson. 14
- 15 Q. Who is Ken Oveson?
- A. I think he is a CPA for Mantyla, which is 16
- a CPA firm in Salt Lake City here. 17
- Q. Okay. And when you say he's for them, you 18
- 19 mean he works at Mantyla McReynolds?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Was he your CPA?
- 22
- You never had a client relationship with 23
- 24 him?
- 25 No. Α.

- How about Mantyla McReynolds?
- 2 Α. Yes.
- 3 Q. When did you have a client relationship
- 4 sometime with Mantyla McReynolds?
- A. Bigger, Faster, Stronger did. 5
 - Q. Okay. In this e-mail with Ken Oveson from

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- 7 August 24, 2009, the second paragraph says, "IAUS has
- 8 sent every client a letter stating that the units have
- 9 been placed in service. The IRS guidelines on that are
- 10 easy to meet. The IAUS units have done that." And it
- 11 says, "However, for audit purpose IAUS has a liability
- 12 until the units are working full time and producing
- 13 revenue. Therefore, until that happens, IAUS for audit
- 14 purposes says the units are not yet placed in service."
- 15 Did I read that correctly?
- 16 A. I think you read it correctly. I'm trying
- 17 to figure out what I meant by it.
- Q. And that's my next question. Where did
- 19 you get this information from?
- 20 A. Okay. "IAUS has sent every client a
- 21 letter," placed in service. True. The guidelines,
- 22 IAUS units have done that. "For audit purposes IAUS
- 23 has a liability," and I suppose I meant on that
- 24 liability until they are working is that they have a
- 25 contract they have to fulfill, producing revenue, and
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- 1 then they can pay their -- their rental fees can be
- 2 paid. "Therefore, until that happens," meaning working
- 3 and producing revenue, "IAUS for audit purposes says
- 4 the units are not yet placed in service." I don't know
- 5 where that came from. I know -- I suppose the
- 6 difference is looking at it from meeting the IRS --
- 7 placed in service guidelines.
- Yeah. That's me. I don't know -- that's
- 9 probably me being pretty naive. And I don't know where
- 10 I got that "not placed in service." I don't know why I
- 11 would have said that. Apparently I did.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. And I might have -- I might be -- I might
- 14 have made some typos, because I don't understand why I
- 15 wrote that.
- 16 Q. Well, in the e-mail below, from Ken Oveson
- 17 on August 24, 2009, in the bottom paragraph, it says,
- 18 "I am told by the audit department that the units being
- 19 sold are not yet placed in service."
- 20 A. Right.
- 21 Q. Okay. And he says, "From a tax
- 22 standpoint, 'placed in service' is a key factor in
- 23 taking deductions for depreciation and credits. Again
- 24 we need to research how this will impact those who have
- 25 already purchased units. Our first impression is that

Page 265 1 until the units are placed in service, there is no

- 2 deduction to be taken." Did I read that correctly?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. "In fact, the amounts already paid
- 5 for units are recorded as deferred income since they
- 6 are not yet placed in service. There must be
- 7 consistency between the books of International
- 8 Automated Systems and the tax payer." Did I read that
- correctly?
- 10 A. You did.
- Q. And Mr. Oveson sent you that e-mail? 11
- 12
- 13 Q. Okay. Handing you what's been marked as
- 14 Plaintiff's Exhibit 373. On August 25 -- do you
- 15 recognize Plaintiff's Exhibit 373?
- 16 A. I do.
- 17 Q. What is it?
- 18 A. It's from Ken Oveson.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. The subject is "Solar Placed in Service."
- Q. Okay. And I'm going to direct your 21
- 22 attention to the e-mails down at the bottom of the
- 23 first page and the second page of Exhibit 373. It
- 24 appears to be an e-mail from you to Ken Oveson on
- 25 August 25, 2009; is that right?

A. Yes.

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- 2 Q. You said, "Ken, this is what I sent my
- 3 sales team and clients. Having our solar property
- 4 'placed in service' with absolutely no grey areas is
- 5 fundamental to our selling units for our solar project
- 6 west of Delta. If you cannot accept this basic
- 7 premise, then I would quickly need to go in a different
- 8 direction." Did I read that correctly?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Why would you need to go in a different
- 11 direction?
- 12 A. To find another opinion. That's his
- 13 opinion.

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- Q. That's Ken Oveson's opinion? 14
- A. Yeah. So he is not the only CPA or tax --15
- 16 he is not a tax attorney. He is a CPA. So going in a
- different direction meant to find some other opinions. 17
- Q. Another opinion that would agree with you 18
- 19 that the units are placed in service?
- 20 A. Yeah. Like a tax attorney opinion letter.
- 21 Q. You knew that --
- A. Yeah, I knew that he disagreed with that. 22
 - Q. Okay. You knew that in 2009?
- A. I knew that Ken Oveson, a CPA, disagreed 24
- 25 with that. That doesn't mean I have to accept it. And

1 I didn't.

- 2 Q. No further questions on Exhibit 373.
- 3 Handing you what's been marked for
- 4 identification as Plaintiff's Exhibit 375. You're not
- 5 on this e-mail so I don't expect that you'd recognize
- 6 it. But testimony we received from Preston Olsen is
- 7 that Ken Oveson, in November 2, 2009, stated he was no
- 8 longer working with Greg Shepard on this program. Do
- 9 you know why Ken Oveson wasn't working with you on what
- 10 I understand to be the RaPower3 program?
- 11 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 12 speculation.
- 13 A. I don't know.
- 14 Q. You were exchanging a series of e-mails
- 15 from Mr. Oveson in August of 2009? Did you have any
- 16 continued correspondence with Mr. Oveson?
- A. I don't think so. I didn't like him. 17
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 Exhibit 478 WAS MARKED.)
- 20 Q. Mr. Shepard, I've given you a copy of
- 21 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 22 Exhibit 478. Do you recognize this document?
- 23 A. I do.
- 24 Q. What is it?
- 25 It's an e-mail sent to me -- or sent to

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- 1 Peter Gregg, and the subject is RaPower3 tax material.
- Q. Okay. And you attach several documents,
- 3 there's a memorandum from Kirton McConkie, and we have
- 4 talked about Kirton McConkie through this deposition;
- 5 there is a letter or memorandum, a letter from Hansen
- 6 Barnett & Maxwell; and a tax letter original on the
- 7 last four pages signed by Law Center, PC, Delta, Utah.
- 8 Is that correct?
- 9 A. I don't know yet.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- A. I'm past the Hansen Barnett. So where are 11
- 12 you? What page? 662?
- 13 Q. The last four pages, I think. Five pages.
- 14 671.
- A. 671? 15
- 16 Q. Yes.
- 17 Okay.
- 18 Q. The last attachment I understand is the
- 19 tax letter original and it's endorsed by Law Center, PC
- 20 in Delta, Utah?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Do you know who wrote the tax letter
- 23 original?
- 24 I found out later. I didn't know at the
- 25 time.

Page 269 Page 271 Q. Who? 1 Q. Who else did you get -- other than reading 2 Todd Anderson. 2 the Kirton McConkie memorandum, where else did you get 3 Q. Is that the same Todd Anderson whose 3 the information that appears in Exhibit 479? 4 memorandum appears on the RaPower3 website? A. It's all mine. 5 It's not a memorandum. 5 Q. It's all yours? 6 Q. A letter? 6 Uh-huh (affirmative). 7 7 Yes. Q. Okay. Mr. Shepard, I have handed you a Q. Okay. So my understanding is that you 8 8 copy of what's been marked for identification as sent out the Kirton McConkie memorandum? 9 Plaintiff's Exhibit 370 from the deposition of Ken 10 A. Memorandum. Birrell. Do you recognize Plaintiff's Exhibit 370? 11 Q. The Hansen Barnett memorandum. 11 A. No. A. I don't know. Is it called a memorandum? 12 12 Q. You have never seen it before? 13 I thought it was just a letter. I don't think a CPA A. No. It was sent to Deseret, Utah. It 13 14 firm does memorandums. 14 never would have got to me. Q. Well, my understanding is that the Hansen Q. Do you recognize the address that appears 15 16 Barnett document --16 underneath your name? A. The document. Yes. 17 17 A. 18 Q. -- that was authored by them appears from 18 Okay. On KM00274? 19 Gregg_P&R-000660 through Gregg_P&R-000670; is that 19 I do. correct? 20 Q. Whose address is that? 21 A. Right. 21 At the time it was a home that was used as 22 Q. And then after that, from Greg P&R-000671 22 an office -- well, let's see. I'm not sure. I think 23 is what you later learned was the Todd Anderson letter. 23 at that -- well, January 2014? I can't quite remember A. Yes. 24 24 when Neldon made a switch. But it was either his home 25 Okay. And then from Greg_P&R-000646 25 or a previous home that I think he still owns. It's in Page 272 1 through Greg_P&R-000657 is the Kirton McConkie letter, 1 Deseret, Utah. 2 or the memorandum? Q. Was that the house we saw when we visited? 3 A. The memorandum, yes. 3 A. But I think what he did is he received 4 Q. Okay. No further questions on that 4 mail at that address for quite a while. 5 document. 5 Q. Neldon Johnson received mail at that 6 Exhibit 479 WASMARKED.) 6 address? 7 Q. Mr. Shepard, I've given you a copy of 7 A. Uh-huh (affirmative). what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's 8 Q. Okay. Exhibit 479. Do you recognize 479? 9 MS. HEALY-GALLAGHER: Yes? A. I do. THE WITNESS: Yes. Thank you. 10 10 Q. What is it? 11 And my name is spelled wrong. But I never 11 12 Kirton McConkie's memorandum comments that 12 saw this. Q. (By Mr. Moran) You have never seen this? 13 I made. 13 14 14 Q. You wrote this document? Α. 15 A. Yes, I did. 15 Q. The address here, is that the house that Q. What did you do with it? What did you do 16 we saw during the site visit? 16 with this document after you prepared it? 17 A. No. It was a different one. 18 Q. Okay.

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- A. I think it was -- well, I don't recall. 18
- 19 But it probably went on the website and may have gone
- 20 on to the RaPower3 team members.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- A. Or those being audited. I can't remember. 22
- Q. Okay. And you wrote this based on your 23
- understanding of the Kirton McConkie memorandum. 24
- 25 A. Yes.

21 Q. Have you ever heard about this letter?

A. It was a different one in Abraham, the

22 A. I haven't.

20 house that you saw.

- 23 Q. Have you ever heard -- withdrawn.
- A. Well, I heard that Ken Birrell was 24
- 25 deposed. But I think that was after this.

Page 273 Q. Deposed in this case?

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- 2 A. I think Ken Birrell was deposed. I think
- 3 I got some information on that.
- 4 Q. By who?
- 5 A. I think by Mr. Reay here.
- 6 MR. REAY: He heard it from me. I didn't
- 7 depose him.
- A. Yeah, I heard that he was deposed, because 8
- 9 that was in documents.
- 10 Q. Have you ever spoken to Ken Birrell?
- 11 A. Yes.
- Q. Let me back up a bit. Who is Ken Birrell? 12
- 13 Ken Birrell, I believe, is a CPA or works
- 14 for Kirton McConkie. I'm not sure of the exact
- 15 capacity he is.
- 16 Q. Do you think he is a CPA or a lawyer?
- A. I guess he is an attorney. An attorney. 17
- Q. And is he the author of the Kirton 18
- 19 McConkie memorandum?
- 20 A. I don't know.
- 21 Q. Why don't you look back at Exhibit 478.
- A. Well, he's got his name on it, but I don't 22
- 23 know if he is the complete author of it.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- A. He works for a -- Kirton McConkie is a 25

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- 1 you can exert attorney/client privilege on that and you
- 2 don't have to answer.
- 3 A. I do.
- 4 Q. Was Mr. Birrell your attorney?
- A. No. 5

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- 6 MR. MORAN: Do you persist in your --
 - MR. REAY: He said no. No, I don't.
- 8 MR. MORAN: So Mr. Reay, you withdraw your 9 objection?
- 10 MR. REAY: Withdraw my objection.
- 11 Q. (By Mr. Moran) So Mr. Shepard, what did
- 12 you discuss with Mr. Birrell?
- 13 A. In my recollection, that he was saying
- 14 that for this memorandum to work, a person needed to
- 15 have an LLC.
- 16 Q. Okay. That's what Mr. Birrell told you?
- A. Yes. So if he had a sole proprietorship, 17
- 18 that that could present a problem.
- Q. And when you say in this arrangement, are 19
- 20 you talking about the RaPower3 sales contracts?
- 21 A. If a RaPower3 team member was -- bought
- 22 the lenses as a sole proprietor, that he wasn't going
- 23 to stand by this letter.
- 24 Q. Okay. And do you recall why that was?
- A. I think he was trying to cover his rear 25

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- Q. You have never spoken with Ken Birrell? 3 A. I have.

1 huge law firm.

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- Q. You have spoken to Ken Birrell? 4
- A. I have. 5
- 6 Q. When did you speak with Ken Birrell?
- 7 A. Soon after the Kirton McConkie memorandum
- 8 came out.
- 9 Q. Okay. And that would have been in October 10 of 2012?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. What did you talk to him about?
- A. Well, I went because I wanted to find out 13
- 14 information about it so that I felt more comfortable
- 15 with it. Or if they -- I can't remember the
- 16 chronological events. But they came out and said that
- 17 we couldn't use it, or it wasn't -- and so I went to
- 18 Ken. I went to the office and said, "I want to speak
- 19 to somebody about this memorandum." So I waited about
- 20 half an hour and finally he came out and we spoke for
- 21 about five minutes.
- 22 Q. Ken Birrell came out?
- 23 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
- 24 Q. And what did you talk about?
- MR. REAY: Objection. Privilege, if he --25

1 end.

- 2 Q. Why would he be trying to cover his rear
- 3 end?
- A. Well, this has been a big thorn in their 4
- 5 side for a long time. As I understand it, this law
- 6 firm is not in a very good position, but I don't know
- 7 that for sure.
- Q. Now, you heard or you testified that you
- 9 heard Ken Birrell was saying that the Kirton McConkie
- 10 memorandum couldn't be used, and then you went down and
- 11 you talked to him; is that right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Okay. How did you hear that Mr. Birrell
- 14 was saying that the memorandum couldn't be used?
- 15 A. From the IRS.
- 16 Q. Okay. And when was that?
- 17 A. It had to be really soon afterwards
- 18 because it was quite a while ago. Soon after the
- 19 memorandum came out.
- 20 Q. Okay. And the memorandum came out in
- 21 October 2012, right?
- 22 A. I think so. That sounds right.
- 23 Q. Is it fair to say that late 2012, early
- 24 2013, that's when, one, you heard Birrell saying the
- 25 memo couldn't be used. And then you went down there

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1 and talked to him?

- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. That's the right time frame?
- 4 A. Yes. Approximately, yeah. I think I also
- 5 asked, "Do you stand by all of your statements in
- 6 there?"
- 7 Q. You asked who that?
- 8 A. Ken Birrell. I think. I think that's one
- 9 of the things I wanted to know. And if they were
- 10 valid, then why can't we use them. Why can't I use
- 11 them? Why can't I look up the tax law and the codes
- 12 that they cited?
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. Why can't I look at them and study them
- 15 and say, "Okay, this is pretty good"? Or why can't I
- 16 give it to a CPA and have them look at it and use that
- 17 as a reference?
- 18 Q. All right. Let me read from the Kirton
- 19 McConkie memorandum. I believe it appears on the third
- 20 page of Exhibit 370.
- 21 A. Okay. It's to SOLCO 1 from Ken Birrell?
- 22 Q. Yes. Dated October 31, 2012.
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Is it your understanding this is a copy of
- 25 the Kirton McConkie memorandum that we have been

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 1 questions. Are you a corporation?
 - 2 A. Yes.
 - 3 Q. You, Greg Shepard, are a corporation?
 - A. I have an S-corp called Shepard Global.

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- 5 Q. I know that. But my question is --
 - A. Greg Shepard is not a corporation.
- 7 Q. You're an individual.
- 8 A. Yeah. And this was written to SOLCO I and
- 9 I don't even know who they are.
- 10 Q. I will direct your attention back to
- 11 Exhibit 479. This is your comments on the Kirton
- 12 McConkie memorandum.
- 13 A. Okay. Where are you?
- 14 Q. I draw your attention to the third page
- 15 labeled 3801.
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. The last paragraph on that page says,
- 18 "Shepard's note: The Kirton McConkie memorandum was
- 19 written specifically for corporations or limited
- 20 liability companies. While some RaPower3 Team Members
- 21 have purchased their Solar Lenses as an LLC, most have
- 22 purchased as a sole proprietor. However, Shepard
- 23 believes that the vast majority, if not all, of the
- 24 references and information contained therein also
- 25 applies to sole proprietor." Did I read that

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- 1 talking about?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And the Kirton McConkie memorandum that
- 4 appears on RaPower3's website?
- 5 A. I'm not sure. I'm not sure if SOLCO I is
- 6 on there. I'd have to go back and look at it.
- 7 Q. You are free to --
- 8 A. It appears so.
- 9 Q. And like I said before, if you need to
- 10 correct any of this deposition testimony there will be
- 11 an opportunity for that.
- 12 A. Right. Because I made extensive comments
- 13 on the memorandum, so yeah.
- 14 Q. Okay. On the first page there's a heading
- 15 Factual Background. Do you see that?
- 16 A. I do.
- 17 Q. Okay. The first sentence in that
- 18 paragraph says, "The Solar Lenses will be purchased by 18
- 19 Buyers that are (i), corporations or limited liability
- 20 companies organized in the United States, (ii) neither
- 21 tax-exempt nor governmental entities and (iii) taxed as
- 22 subchapter C corporations for federal income tax
- 23 purposes." Did I read that correctly?
- 24 A. What's your point?
- 25 Q. I'm not making a point. I'm asking

1 correctly?

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- 2 A. Yeah.
 - Q. What did you base that belief on?
- 4 A. The tax code and tax laws that were cited 5 in there.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. I didn't see why an individual couldn't
- 8 use those.
- 9 Q. Okay. Now, you also testified that your
- 10 understanding was Ken Birrell was saying it only
- 11 applied to LLCs and corporations.
- 12 A. Yes. But it was written for SOLCO 1 when
- 13 he did that. He didn't write it with a sole proprietor
- 14 in mind. He wrote it for a corporation. And that
- 15 corporation was, at the time, considering buying a huge
- 16 number of lenses.
 - Q. Okay. And you believe --
 - 8 A. So it was written for that entity. That's
- 19 my understanding. So the idea was to have that entity
- 20 feel comfortable in buying tons of lenses. It had
- 21 nothing to do with RaPower3.
- 22 Q. All right.
- 23 A. Okay?
- 24 Q. Where did you get your copy of the Kirton
- 25 McConkie memorandum?

1 A. I don't recall.

- 2 Q. Well, it was written to SOLCO 1, LLC,
- 3 right?
- 4 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
- 5 Q. Do you know who runs SOLCO 1, LLC?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. You have no idea?
- 8 A. Well, it's just all -- it would be
- 9 speculation. I don't know the entities involved in
- 10 that and -- but I will tell you this: That I was --
- 11 when I was looking at the possibility of doing a big
- 12 project, that I was given this I think by Neldon, that
- 13 I could use that if I was going to try to sign up a big
- 14 hitter, a million dollars or more or something like
- 15 that in lenses.
- 16 Q. And when you say "that," you are referring
- 17 to the Kirton McConkie memorandum?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 Exhibit 480 WAS MARKED.)
- 21 Q. Mr. Shepard you have been given a copy of
- 22 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 23 Exhibit 480. Do you recognize it?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. This appears to be a cease and desist

2 A. It no longer really applies because we are

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- 3 selling lenses now with a straight tax credit.
- 4 Q. So because you no longer offer
- 5 depreciation, you believe that the Todd Anderson
- 6 letter --

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- 7 A. I don't think we need it, because it's
- 8 pretty straightforward.
 - Q. Who made the decision to take it down?
- A. I did.
- 11 Q. Did you talk to anyone about that
- 12 decision?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. You just did it?
- 15 A. I did.
- 16 Q. Okay. Mr. Shepard, I have given you a
- 17 copy what's been marked for identification as Exhibit
- 18 230. I'll direct your attention to the last sentence
- 19 on the first page says, "The memorandum was on our
- 20 RaPower3 website for members benefit."
- 21 A. Where are you reading? Okay. Gotcha.
- 22 Q. "Since the memorandum was on our RaPower3
- 23 website for our members benefit, they used what Birrell
- 24 said to them to discredit his stance in defense of
- 25 RaPower3." And then there's text in bold. Did you

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- 1 letter from Tate Bennett on behalf of Todd Anderson.
- 2 A. Okay.
- 3 Q. You have already testified on Todd
- 4 Anderson and I understand that he also wrote a letter
- 5 about the RaPower3 solar lenses?
- 6 A. He wrote a tax attorney opinion letter.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. That's all I know about it. I didn't even
- 9 know this existed.
- 10 Q. You have never ever heard of a cease and
- 11 desist letter -- withdrawn.
- 12 Have you ever heard that Todd Anderson
- 13 didn't stand behind that letter that you referred to as
- 14 the Anderson letter?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. You have never heard that?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. When was this written? There's no date on
- 20 it. But the Todd Anderson tax attorney letter no
- 21 longer appears on the RaPower3 website.
- 22 Q. When did that come down?
- 23 A. Last week.
- 24 Q. You took it down last week?
- 25 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

- 1 write the text in bold?
- 2 A. I did.

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- Q. Okay.
- 4 A. Oh, yeah. That was the word the IRS used,
- 5 "rescind." That Birrell rescinded the memorandum.
- 6 Q. But in Exhibit 230, the text in bold,
- 7 that's your writing, right?
- 8 A. In bold, yeah.
 - Q. Okay. No further questions on that
- 10 document. I'd say we are on the home stretch.
- 11 Probably got -- we'll probably use whatever the rest of
- 12 our time is. Take a five-minute break?
- 13 (Break taken from 6:40 to 6:52 p.m.)
- 14 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Mr. Shepard, what did you
- 15 discuss with respect to the tax benefits associated the
- 16 with solar lenses with Neldon Johnson? What was the
- 17 extent of conversations, if any?
- 18 A. On what now?
- 19 Q. On the tax benefits associated with the
- 20 lenses.
- 21 MR. REAY: Objection. Compound. A little
- 22 vague question.
- 23 Q. I'll rephrase. Mr. Shepard, have you ever
- 24 discussed the federal tax benefits that are associated
- 25 with the solar lenses with Mr. Neldon Johnson?

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1 A. Very limited.

- 2 Q. Very limited? Okay. To the extent you've
- 3 had limited conversations, what did you discuss?
- 4 A. I don't think we ever discussed tax
- 5 credits, but discussed some depreciation; that because
- 6 the lenses were being used for R&D, that the RaPower3
- 7 team members had a monetary interest. They were being
- 8 used for a specific purpose, and that is advertising.
- 9 And so because they were used for advertising and
- 10 RaPower3 members were going to receive a monetary
- 11 benefit through the bonus contracts, that depreciation
- 12 was -- should be allowed.
- 13 Q. Okay. Who first came up with that
- 14 position, you or Mr. Johnson?
- 15 A. Oh, not me. I don't know if it was
- 16 Mr. Johnson, either.
- 17 Q. But you know you discussed that with
- 18 Mr. Johnson?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. Do you know where Mr. Johnson got
- 21 that understanding from?
- 22 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 23 speculation.
- 24 A. I don't know. I would assume he got it
- 25 from his tax attorneys. Other than that, I don't know.

1 A. Over the message board.

2 Q. You assisted with the United States in

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- 3 obtaining access to the message board. Are you
- 4 familiar with that?
- 5 A. I assisted who?
- 6 Q. The United States with getting access to
- 7 this message board.
- 8 A. I don't know what you're talking about.
 - Q. Let's go off the record.
- 10 (Discussion off the record.)
- 11 Q. Back on the record.
- 12 Mr. Shepard, we were talking about Exhibit
- 13 481 and I represented to you that Exhibit 481 is a
- 14 sampling of the IAS message board, as you referred to
- 15 it, and that you had assisted the United States in
- 16 getting access to the message board.
- 17 A. Yes. Correct.
- 18 Q. Okay. And I didn't print off the entire
- 19 thing to bring today, but my question for you is the
- 20 format that appears in Exhibit 481, it says IAUS &
- 21 RaPower3 Forum at the top, and then there's a series
- 22 of, like you said, a message board. If a document has
- 23 this header at the top, IAUS & RaPower3 Forum, are we
- 24 to understand that that is a message board that you
- 24 to understand that that is a message board that y
- 25 operate?

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- 1 Q. Did you ever ask him where he got that
- 2 understanding from?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Exhibit 481 WAS MARKED.)
- 5 Q. Mr. Shepard, I have given you a copy of
- 6 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 7 Exhibit 481. Do you recognize this exhibit?
- 8 A. I do.
- 9 Q. What is it?
- 10 A. This comes from a forum that is for
- 11 RaPower3 and IAUS shareholders.
- 12 Q. And I have heard this referred to as the
- 13 IAUS pro boards?
- 14 A. Yes. But I never call it that.
- 15 Q. What do you call it?
- 16 A. Message board.
- 17 Q. The message board. All right. Who
- 18 operates this message board?
- 19 A. My son, Matt.
- 20 Q. Okay. Do you oversee him?
- 21 A. I do.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. So I have responsibility over everything
- 24 concerning this.
- 25 Q. Over the message board?

- 1 A. Yes.
 - 2 Q. Okay. On Exhibit 481 there's a beginning
 - 3 post dated December 8, 2015 from Chief, senior member.
 - 4 A. Yeah. That's me.
 - 5 Q. And this is your picture?
 - A. It is.
 - 7 Q. Okay.
 - 8 A. Which one are we looking at?
 - 9 Q. You already answered my question.
 - 10 A. Okay.
 - 11 Q. That's your picture.
 - 12 A. Yes.
 - 13 Q. And is "chief" your handle?
 - 14 A. Yes
- 15 Q. And that's how you refer to yourself on
- 16 the message board?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. I'm the chief. Okay. Just kidding.
- 20 Q. Do you use any other --
- 21 A. No. That's it.
- 22 Q. Let me finish the question. Do you use
- 23 any other names on the message board?
- 24 A. No. Well, sometimes I say Greg, or Greg
- 25 Shepard. But not as a handle.

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Q. Okay. Well, would that also say "chief"

2 then?

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- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. Who else is an administrator on
- 5 this message board?
- 6 A. No one.
- 7 Q. You're the only administrator?
- 8 A. What do you mean by "administrator"?
- 9 Q. Who administers it? Who runs it?
- 10 A. Matt, my son, under my direction.
- 11 Q. Okay. Do you know Matt Shepard's handle?
- 12 A. What is his handle? It has a -- has the
- 13 Cheshire cat on it.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. I can't remember right now. Sorry.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 Exhibit 482 WAS MARKED.)
- 18 Q. Mr. Shepard, I've given you a copy of
- 19 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 20 Exhibit 482. Do you recognize this document?
- 21 A. I do.
- 22 Q. What is it?
- 23 A. It's a summary of the fifty systems of
- 24 Patty Lambrecht/Ilios, LLC, which is a Greek name, to
- 25 my understanding.

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- 1 Q. Patty Lambrecht and Ilios, LLC purchased
- 2 fifty systems?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Is that on December 15, 2008?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. So is that under the old system or the new
- 7 system? It seems like we have gone through several
- 8 iterations of the system, so forgive me if I'm
- 9 confused.
- 10 A. This is when they were \$9000 a system.
- 11 Hence, \$9000 times 50 would be \$450,000, is what she
- 12 paid.
- 13 Q. Patty Lambert paid International Automated
- 14 Systems \$450,000?
- 15 A. Yes. Because I think that was before
- 16 RaPower3.
- 17 Q. Okay. And then earlier you testified that
- 18 you were entitled to a 10 percent commission.
- 19 A. I was. But this was a split client, so
- 20 there was another person that was involved in this.
- 21 Q. Who is that person?
- 22 A. Ryan Davies.
- 23 Q. Who is Ryan Davies?
- 24 A. A son-in-law of Mitt Romney.
- 25 Q. Okay.

A. But other than -- oh, there is Ryan

- 2 Davies. So yeah. So it says "split." And Ryan Davies
- 3 was once involved with -- he was going to build a five
- 4 megawatt solar plant, five or ten, I think it was five
- 5 megawatts in Needles, California. And he wanted to use
- 6 Neldon's technology.
- 7 Q. When is the first time you met Ryan
- 8 Davies?
- 9 A. I think in 2008.
- 10 Q. What were the circumstances that you met
- 11 him?
- 12 A. I can't remember.
- 13 Q. Was it through Neldon Johnson?
- 14 A. I can't remember.
- 15 Q. You just -- okay. Why was this a split
- 16 commission with Patty Lambrecht?
- 17 A. Because Ryan Davies wanted some of my
- 18 expertise and he said, "Well, if I'm going to work on
- 19 it, we should split it." And I said okay.
- 20 Q. So Ryan Davies sought you to offer your
- 21 expertise?

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- 22 A. Yes.
 - Q. How did he come to hear about you?
- 24 A. I don't know. I can't remember.
- 25 Q. Did he just call you up one day?

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- 1 A. I can't remember.
 - 2 Q. And how did you come to learn about Patty
 - 3 Lambrecht?
 - 4 A. Through Ryan Davies.
 - 5 Q. Okay. So Ryan Davies came to you and
 - 6 said, "Patty Lambert wants to buy some lenses"?
 - 7 A. Yes.
 - 8 Q. And do you know how he got your contact
 - 9 information?
 - 10 A. How he got my contact information?
 - 11 Q. Yes.
 - 12 A. I can't recall.
 - 13 Q. Okay. So that was a split commission
 - 14 where the commission would have been \$45,000, because
 - 15 that's 10 percent of \$450,000, right?
 - 16 A. Yes.
 - 17 Q. And then you split the commission with
 - 18 Ryan Davies?
 - 19 A. Yes.
 - 20 Q. So you were owed \$22,500 for the Patty
 - 21 Lambrecht sale.
 - 22 A. Yes
 - 23 Q. And then there's a reference to bonus
 - 24 units.
 - 25 A. Yes. Correct.

- 1 Q. What are the bonus units?
- 2 A. Has to do with the bonus contract; again,
- 3 percentage of the gross sales of IAS.
- 4 Q. Okay. So your potential bonus recovery
- 5 increased by 24 bonus units?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. And then it says, "One bonus unit
- 8 to the following," and there's a series of names. Who
- 9 are the people whose names appear here?
- 10 A. I think Rod Davies is a brother or father
- 11 of Ryan. Jack Edwards, I think, was an acquaintance of
- 12 Ryan. I'm not sure why Lou Madsen was in this.
- 13 Q. Who is Lou Madsen?
- 14 A. I don't know. I know Monty Hamilton.
 - Q. Why would Monty Hamilton be getting bonus
- 16 units?

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- 17 A. I think I was feeling generous. That's a
- 18 lot. So Janie Smith is my mother-in-law. We had a
- 19 foundation and so some was going to go to the Richard
- 20 K. Black Foundation, who is a relative of mine who
- 21 died. And then Bigger, Faster, Stronger. You know Bob
- 22 Rowbotham. Mark is my son. Shauna is my daughter.
- 23 Scott is my son-in-law. Heather is my daughter-in-law.
- 24 Matt is my son. Andrea is my daughter.
- 25 Q. So it sounds like you gave bonus units to

- 1 not you?
 - 2 A. Why would I give my daughter money? Is
 - 3 that your question? And my sons and my son-in-laws?

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- Q. Well, are you gifting the money to them?
- 5 A. Yeah.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. And Bob Rowbotham was my partner in
- 8 Bigger, Faster, Stronger. He could use the money. And
- 9 then my mother-in-law could use it. And then the two
- 10 foundations, or a foundation and a youth string
- 11 ensemble group.
- 12 Q. So it's your testimony that you gifted
- 13 these bonus units to these individuals?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 MR. REAY: Objection. Mischaracterizes
- 17 testimony.

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- 18 These bonuses have never come in, correct.
- 19 THE WITNESS: No.
- 20 MR. REAY: So nothing has been gifted.
- 21 That's a mischaracterization.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Yes. Good point.
 - Q. (By Mr. Moran) Are you saying that those
- 24 bonus units have no value?
- 25 A. Yeah. I'm really looking forward to it.

- 1 these individuals, many of whom are your family?
- 2 A. Yes. In a sense. So if the bonus money
- 3 were going to come in, then I would share that with
- 4 them.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. It would come to me and then I would say,
- 7 "Okay, here is what I'm going to give you." And Salt
- 8 Lake -- oh, that's a music organization, Salt Lake
- 9 Youth -- I don't know. It's a string quartet thing.
- 10 Q. My question originally was, and I don't
- 11 think you answered it, why would these individuals be
- 12 getting bonus units?
- 13 A. Well, each one has its -- Rod Davis, Jack
- 14 Edwards, Lou Madsen would be Ryan Davies' thing. Monty
- 15 Hamilton, since we worked together on certain things, I
- 16 thought he deserved one. And then the rest is my
- 17 family or foundation.
- 18 Q. Did any of those people do anything to
- 19 advance the sale of lenses to Patty Lambrecht?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. So why would income from the bonus be
- 22 attributable to them and not you?
- 23 A. It's not all. Some of it.
- 24 Q. All right. Well, why would some of the
- 25 income be attributable to these several individuals and

- 1 It's a lot of money.
- Q. Well, I want to understand the testimony.
- 3 Your attorney here has accused me of mischaracterizing
- 4 testimony --
- 5 MR. REAY: Saying that --
- 6 Q. -- because no money has ever been paid on
- 7 a bonus. Now, is it your --
- 8 A. When it does, yeah.
- 9 Q. So do those bonus units have any value?
- 10 A. Absolutely.
- 11 Q. Okay. If they have value, if these bonus
- 12 units each have value, where did you get these units
- 13 from?
- 14 A. Oh, that's easy. It's part of the
- 15 commission deal.
- 16 Q. Okay. And you received these units from
- 17 International Automated Systems?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. Did you report the value of those
- 20 units on your 2008 tax return?
- 21 A. No. Because I haven't received any
- 22 bonuses yet. Any money yet.
- 23 Q. Do those bonus units have any value?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Okay.

1 A. Eventually.

- 2 Q. Eventually. Did they have any value in
- 3 2008?
- 4 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for a legal
- 5 conclusion.
- 6 A. Yeah, I'm not -- that would be nice,
- 7 wouldn't it, to have me pay \$150,000 in taxes on money
- 8 I haven't received. That would be pretty cool. So, I
- 9 don't know.
- 10 Q. So is it your testimony the bonus units
- 11 don't have any value?
- 12 A. I hope they do at one time, but I don't
- 13 know if they -- I don't know.
- 14 Q. All right. In 2008 did you think -- right
- 15 now do you think that in 2008 the bonus units had any
- 16 value?
- 17 THE WITNESS: Okay. What am I supposed to
- 18 do here?
- 19 MR. REAY: You can answer what you
- 20 thought.
- 21 But I object, it's calling for a legal
- 22 conclusion.
- 23 A. I don't recall what I thought in 2008.
- 24 Q. Okay. No further questions on Exhibit
- 25 482.

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- Mr. Shepard, I'm handing you a copy of
- 2 what's been marked for identification as Plaintiff's
- 3 Exhibit 336. Do you recognize this?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Is this an e-mail you sent on April 12,
- 6 2016?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Who did you send it to?
- 9 A. Those being audited by the IRS.
- 10 Q. Okay. You reference an intimidating
- 11 letter/subpoena from the IRS/Attorney General.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Are you referring to the subpoenas that
- 14 the government issued in this case?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. You offer people the opportunity to
- 17 call you to discuss those?
- 18 A. Yes. Because it scared the crap out of
- 19 them.
- 20 Q. Did anyone call you?
- 21 A. Yes. But I can't remember who.
- 22 Q. All right. Do you recall what you told
- 23 them?
- 24 A. Yes. "It's not as bad as you think. We
- 25 will get through it."

- Q. All right. Do you recall what they asked
- 2 you?

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- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Okay. And did you -- you said, "We will
- 5 get through it. It's not as bad as you think." Did
- 6 you tell them anything else, like what to do?
 - A. No. I don't recall that.
- 8 Q. Did you ever talk to Paul Jones about the
- 9 IRS subpoenas -- excuse me, the Department of Justice
- 10 subpoenas?
- 11 MR. REAY: Objection. Attorney/client
- 12 privilege.
- 13 MR. MORAN: I'm not asking what they
- 14 discussed. I'm asking if they had any conversations.
 - MR. REAY: I still think it's a privilege.
- MR. MORAN: Are you instructing him not to
- 17 answer?
- 18 MR. REAY: I am.
- 19 I'm instructing you not to answer. I
- 20 think you have an attorney/client privilege there.
- 21 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Did you ever -- the people
- 22 you did talk to about the IRS, excuse me, the
- 23 government subpoena in this cause, did you tell them to
- 24 call Paul Jones?
- 25 A. No.

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- 1 Q. No? Did you tell anyone else to call?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Okay. Did you connect them with Paul
- 4 Jones in any way?
- 5 A. Well, no. No.
- 6 Q. No?
- 7 A. But Paul Jones is handling all of the
- 8 IRS -- so when the IRS turns down the audit, then it's
- 9 appealed. When the appeal is turned down, then there's
- 10 a petition. You have 90 days to petition the court.
- 11 And Paul Jones does that.
- 12 Q. Okay. Does Paul Jones have any other
- 13 involvement in --
- 14 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 15 speculation.
- 16 Sorry. I should have let you finish.
 - A. I know he does that, files petitions on
- 18 behalf of those RaPower3 clients where their appeal has
- 19 been turned down. But I actually tell the RaPower3
- 20 clients that are being audited they can't call Paul
- 21 Jones.

- 22 Q. They can or they can't?
- 23 A. They cannot. I don't want them to.
- 24 Q. Why not?
- 25 A. Because every time they call, he

- 1 charges -- I don't know what he charges, hundreds of
- 2 dollars an hour. And if we had a hundred people
- 3 calling him all the time to find out what's going on,
- 4 Neldon's bill would be a million dollars. And so I'm
- 5 not going to have that.
- 6 Q. Just to be clear --
- 7 A. If they have a question, call me. And if
- 8 I can't answer it, then I can ask Paul Jones and I will
- 9 relay it. I don't want to give them carte blanch to go
- 10 talk to RaPower3 clients.
- 11 Q. And that's because Neldon Johnson is
- 12 paying Paul Jones's legal bills for the RaPower3
- 13 customers who are being audited --
- 14 MR. REAY: Objection. I'm sorry. I
- 15 didn't let you finish.
- A. Go ahead. 16
- Q. You testified that Neldon Johnson's legal 17
- 18 bill would be very high if people called him. And is
- 19 that because Neldon Johnson is paying Mr. Jones's legal 19 looked like Exhibit 483?
- 20 bills?
- 21 I don't know if Neldon Johnson is. Α.
- 22 Q. Are you paying them?
- 23 A. Oh, no.
- 24 Q. Are the RaPower3 customers paying anyone's
- 25 bill?

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- MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for 1
- 2 speculation.
- 3 A. No.
- Q. Let me rephrase that question. Are 4
- 5 RaPower3 customers paying Paul Jones's bill?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 Exhibit 483 WAS MARKED.)
- Q. Mr. Shepard, you have been given a copy of 9
- 10 Plaintiff's Exhibit 483. Do you recognize this
- 11 document? This document was produced by RaPower3 to
- 12 the government. It appears to be a copy of a document
- 13 that was spiral bound at some point.
- 14 A. What is "Dr. Sterling Rigby" on here?
- 15 Q. I have no idea.
- 16 A. I don't either.
- 17 Q. Have you ever seen a spiral bound document
- 18 that looks like Exhibit 483?
- A. No. I didn't put this together. 19
- Q. Drawing your attention to the page labeled 20
- Ra3 006383. I'll help you find it if you want.
- 22 A. I'm pretty close to being there. Here it
- 23 is.
- 24 Q. This appears to be a -- what appears at
- 25 page 6383?

- That's an outline of a convention that we 1
- 2 had in 2012.
- 3 Q. And who ran this convention?
- 4 Α. I did.
- 5 Q. Okay. Where did it happen?
- Α. Salt Lake County Library or Salt Lake City
- 7 Library.
- Q. All right. And how many of these types of 8
- 9 conventions have you had?
- 10 Of this type?
- 11 Q. Yeah.
- 12 One. Α.
- 13 O Just one?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Now, at that convention did you hand out
- 16 any materials?
- 17 A. I think I did, yeah.
- 18 Okay. Were they -- would any of them have
- 20 A. Not to this extent, no. I think this was
- 21 cut and pasted or taken off the website by Sterling
- 22 Rigby. And then he was trying to sell lenses, and so
- 23 this is his attempt to sell lenses.
- 24 Q. Sterling Rigby is a RaPower3 customer?
- 25 I think he is, yeah.

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- 1 Q. Okay.
 - 2 A. I also think he died. I don't think he is
 - 3 around anymore.
 - Q. Okay. Mr. Shepard, I'm handing you a copy 4
 - 5 of what's been marked for identification as
 - 6 Government's Exhibit 282. Do you recognize Exhibit
 - 7 282?
 - 8 A. I do.
 - 9 Q. What is it?
 - 10 It's an e-mail that I sent to people being
 - 11 audited on January 8, 2015.
 - 12 Q. All right. I'm going to direct your
 - 13 attention to the paragraph 1 that says, "We know this
 - 14 whole IRS thing has been stressful. We are sorry for
 - 15 this. We believe our technology will soon be ready and
 - 16 be in full production. We also believe we will prevail
 - 17 against the IRS in court."
 - 18 "However, if you would like to part
 - 19 company, we will refund your money and you can pay the
 - 20 IRS and move in a different direction. You can most
 - 21 likely get the IRS to drop the penalties. But, if you
 - 22 decide on the refund, then you would give up all the
 - 23 bonuses and rental fees associated with those solar
 - 24 lenses. This offer is good until February 15, 2015."
 - 25 Did I read that correctly?

A. Yes. Very fair. Good. 1

- 2 Q. Sounds like that's an opportunity for
- RaPower3 members to get out? 3
- 4 A. Sure.
- Okay. Who authorized you to send out this 5 Q.
- 6 offer?
- 7 Α. Neldon.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- A. Well, he has always had that. If you want 9
- your money back, you can have it.
- 11 Q. All right. By January 2015, how many
- 12 people, about how many people were on your distribution 12 International Automated Systems customers been claiming
- 13 list?
- 14 A. About a thousand.
- 15 Q. About a thousand. Okay.
- 16 A. Oh, on this? No. Probably a hundred.
- Q. About a hundred? These are the people who 17
- are being audited? 18
- A. Yeah. 19
- 20 Q. Okay. This has been marked for
- 21 identification as Plaintiff's Exhibit 10. I'll direct
- 22 your attention to the third page.
- Strike that. Go to the last page. 23
- 24 A. Go to the last page?
- 25 Q. Yes.

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- A. I thought you said 674. 1
- 2 Q. Sorry. I'll withdraw that. Before I ask
- 3 any questions about it, do you recognize this
- Plaintiff's Exhibit 10?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. What is it?
- 7 A. This is written on March 20, 2015
- regarding audits. "Dear IRS Agents and Appeals 8
- Officers." 9
- 10 Q. Did you send this letter to anyone?
- A. I think I put it -- I can't remember if I 11
- 12 sent that out to -- it's written to agents and appeals
- officers. I don't know how big my list was on that. 13
- Q. Did you ever have communications with IRS 14
- 15 agents and appeals officers?
- A. I had some communication, yeah. 16
- 17 Q. Did you send this letter to them?
- A. I can't recall. 18
- 19 Q. Okay. But you did write this letter?
- A. I did. Yeah. Absolutely. 20
- 21 Q. Okay. And would you have put it on the
- 22 website, the RaPower3 website?
- A. I could have. I think it was on the 23
- website. I don't think it still is, but maybe. 24
 - Q. Okay. Direct your attention to the last

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- 1 page. The first paragraph, begin reading in the middle
- 2 of the paragraph, it says, "Our solar lenses are
- 3 capable of producing searing heat the moment they come
- 4 off the production line at the Lucite plant in
- 5 Tennessee. Another limitation is there must be a
- 6 reasonable chance of success so the process of taking
- 7 the tax benefits doesn't go on for years without
- 8 results. Our year is this year." Did I read that
- 9 correctly?
- A. Yes. 10
- 11 Q. How many years have RaPower3 or
- 13 tax benefits?
- 14 MR. REAY: Objection. Calls for
- 15 speculation.
- A. Well, I started taking them in 2006. 16
- Q. Okay. And how many years have you been 17
- 18 sending out placed-in-service letters, telling people
- 19 their lenses are placed in service?
- A. Five or six. 20
- 21 Q. Okay. And you say, "Our year is this
- 22 year." What do you mean by that statement?
- A. Yeah. I thought that this -- when is this
- 24 dated? Yeah. I thought in 2015 that we would be --
- 25 our towers would be up and running and we would have
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- 1 some good results.
 - 2 Q. And what do you mean by "up and running"?
 - A. That the towers would be up and they could
- 4 be producing electricity.
- 5 Q. And doing what with the electricity?
- A. Either producing electricity or heat 6
- 7 producing water.
- Q. Okay. Did that happen? 8
- 9 A. And I don't know -- it doesn't necessarily
- 10 have to mean on the grid. But -- see, a lot of our
- 11 RaPower3 members are also shareholders.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- A. And so if the towers are up and producing 13
- 14 heat, that's probably going to make the stock go up.
- 15 If it is producing electricity, it would go up quite a 16 bit.
- 17 Q. All right. And when you say "producing
- 18 electricity" does that include selling electricity?
- 19 A. Not necessarily. If people came out and
- 20 saw those lenses producing electricity, it's going to
- 21 be a major, major event.
- 22 Q. Okav.
- 23 A. And the stock would go up considerably.
- 24 If they go a step further and the power or the
- 25 electricity is put on the grid, even if it's like 500

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- 1 kilowatts, it would go up even higher. There's people
- 2 waiting in the wings to put down money and do projects.
- 3 So yeah, that would be a big event.
- 4 Q. And that's --
- 5 A. And if Neldon gets all 200 towers up, that
- 6 will be, I think, the tenth largest concentrated solar
- 7 power in the nation.
- 8 Q. But when you say, "Our year is this year,"
- 9 are --
- 10 A. Yeah. We thought it was going to be.
- 11 Q. And that was 2015.
- 12 A. Yeah.
- 13 Q. And this was written over two years ago?
- 14 A. Yeah.
- 15 Q. Are there any more towers up?
- 16 A. Yeah. There's 200 plus towers that are
- 17 started.
- 18 Q. They are started. I said are they
- 19 installed? Are they up?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Okay. And when you say, "Our year is this
- 22 year," what --
- A. I thought it was going to be.
- 24 Q. Okay. Let me ask you this: Did you
- 25 correct this statement?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. You sent a letter?
- 3 A. I mean, obviously they are not up, so I
- 4 said, you know -- yeah. So I'm sure that was done.
- 5 Q. How many years do you think it's going to
- 6 take?
- 7 A. Obviously it calls for speculation, but
- 8 things are happening very rapidly now, so I would say
- 9 in my best guess that this year could be our year.
- 10 Q. This year, 2017, could be your year?
- 11 A. 2017 could be the year.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. And the reason I say that is because the
- 14 manufacturing is all completed, and it wasn't in 2015.
- 15 And we didn't know all the pitfalls that would come.
- 16 And we have already explored that to death, I think.
- 17 And now the construction process has all been
- 18 completed, and so now we are ready just to go put up
- 19 the towers.
- 20 Q. All right.
- A. And once that happens, then we are -- you
- 22 know, eventually that thing will be 700 megawatts and
- 23 will be the largest solar concentrated project in the
- 24 world.
- 25 Q. Okay.

A. So that's the deal.

- Q. You've answered the question. Did you, at
- 3 any point, ever learn of a criminal investigation into
- 4 RaPower3 conduct?
 - A. Criminal investigation against?
- 6 Q. Into the solar lenses that we have been
- 7 talking about all day.
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. You have never heard --
- 10 A. I heard there was a criminal investigation
- 11 against Neldon, but I don't know about RaPower3.
- 12 Q. Do you know what that criminal
- 13 investigation involved?
- 14 A. Against Neldon?
- 15 Q. Whatever criminal investigation you're
- 16 talking about.
- 17 A. Yeah. I think -- no, I don't know
- 18 specifically. I just know there was an investigation,
- 19 and to my knowledge that's been dropped.
- 20 Q. Okay. Do you know if that criminal
- 21 investigation involved the solar lenses in any way?
- 22 A. I don't know.
- 23 Q. Were you aware of a search warrant that
- 24 was executed on Neldon Johnson's property?
- 25 A. Yes. There was one against me.

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- 1 Q. There was a search warrant against you?2 A. Yeah.
 - 3 Q. When was that?
 - 4 A. 2012, June 29th.
 - 5 Q. Okay. What, if anything, did you do in
 - 6 response?
 - 7 A. To that?
 - 8 Q. Yeah.
 - 9 A. Complied.
 - 10 Q. Okay. Did it change your view of the
 - 11 solar lenses in any way?
 - 12 A. Oh, no. In fact, it was orchestrated
 - 13 on -- you know, you brought that up when the convention
 - 14 was. It was done on purpose on that day. So all the
 - 15 people that came from all over the country came out and
 - 16 they thought that they were going to --
 - 17 Q. You can continue.
 - 18 A. Okay. I like to have eye contact when I'm
 - 19 talking. That's just the coach in me.
 - 20 So they thought they would discourage, and
 - 21 the exact opposite happened. Our RaPower3 members were
 - 23 Q. Did you ever ask Neldon Johnson what the
 - 24 criminal investigation was about?
 - A. Against him? No. It was not my business.

Page 313 Page 315 Q. Okay. 1 1 **EXAMINATION** A. Because I know he is innocent. 2 2 BY MR. REAY: 3 MR. REAY: I think we are out of time, but 3 Q. A couple questions --THE WITNESS: You don't believe that, 4 I have a couple of questions I have to follow up on. 4 5 MR. MORAN: Don, I'll indulge you, but can 5 Chris, but you will. 6 I have about two minutes? 6 Q. Exhibit 782, are you aware of any of those 7 MR. REAY: Okay. 7 individuals that received bonuses that claimed the 8 Q. (By Mr. Moran) Mr. Shepard, obviously you bonuses on their income tax? are aware that there was a complaint filed in this case 9 A. No. 10 and that's why you are here for a deposition. MR. MORAN: Hold on. Did you say 782? 10 A. Actually, I don't know why I'm here. 11 11 MR. REAY: I believe that's correct. 12 Q. Are you aware that the United States filed 12 MR. MORAN: 482? 13 a complaint in the United States District Court of 13 MR. REAY: 482. 14 Utah? 14 MS. HEALY-GALLAGHER: Even we haven't got 15 A. Yeah. But I don't know why I'm here. 15 that much paper. 16 Q. Okay. 16 MR.REAY: Exhibit 482. A. And I don't know what your beef is. 17 17 MR. MORAN: We're on the same page. Q. (By Mr. Reay) Are you aware of any 18 Q. Okay. 18 A. I have never known. 19 individuals that filed a tax return claiming the bonus 19 20 Q. You are aware that a complaint was filed, credit as income in 2009? 21 A. Are you asking me? 21 right? A. Yeah. But why? 22 I am asking you, yeah. Or 2008, I'm 22 23 sorry. 23 Q. You can talk to your attorney about that. A. Why are you here? I don't know why you 24 I'm not aware of anybody, no. 24 A. 25 are here. 25 At the time that the bonus comes in, will Page 314 Page 316 Q. Did the United States filing that 1 you claim that on your tax return? Will you seek 1 complaint change your conduct in any way? 2 advice from a CPA to understand how to claim that on 2 A. Yeah. 3 your tax return? 3 Q. How? 4 4 A. Of course. 5 A. I bowed my back and I'm fighting harder. 5 Q. Okay. On Exhibit 479, you testified that 6 Q. Okay. And what have you told -- have you 6 you did not remember if this was sent to anyone. had discussions about the United States complaint with 7 There's a section that says "Disclosure," and reads, 7 anyone else, such as RaPower3 customers? 8 "At the end - can't be used for avoiding penalties. 9 'Written to support the promotion or marketing of the A. Oh, yeah. All the time. 9 10 transactions." And then it says, "Each taxpayer 10 Q. And what have you told them? 11 should seek advice elsewhere." Is that something that A. I told them the Department of Justice 11 12 people are wrong, and the IRS is wrong. They don't 12 you tell people when you do give them advice? 13 understand, and we are fighting hard every day to bring A. All the time. All the time on the 13 14 clean, affordable renewable energy. We have seven 14 website. All the time on my e-mails. 15 disruptive technologies which you haven't acknowledged 15 Q. Why did you put that on this, that each 16 taxpayer should seek tax advice elsewhere on this? 16 You haven't got expert witnesses to verify any of that, 17 and you need to do that if you are going to really do 17 A. I think everyone should. This is a 18 the thing right. But you're not. So that's ... 18 reference. It's a tool that can be used to evaluate 19 Q. We have no further questions at this time. 19 their position. A. Every man, woman, and child in Utah and 20 Q. And you don't -- you testified you don't 20

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21 the United States is going to be blessed for

23 really nice thing for you, Chris.

22 generations to come. Even your families. It will be a

21 remember sending this to anyone? That was your

MR. MORAN: I object. I think it misstates

A. Yeah. I can't remember --

22 testimony earlier?

25 testimony.

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Page 317 Page 319 A. Yeah. I don't know if I sent it out. It MR. REAY: We can go back and look at it 2 but I think that's what he said. You asked him, "Do 2 could be on the web -- I think it's on the website. I 3 don't know if I sent it out as an e-mail. I might 3 you know who you sent it to?" And he said, "I don't 4 remember sending it to anyone, but I might have sent it 4 have. I can't recall. 5 to somebody." But he specifically said he didn't 5 Q. I'll direct your attention to the last 6 page of Exhibit 378, which is Shephard Greg --6 remember. 7 MR. REAY: What exhibit? 7 Exhibit 478, Bates number Greg_P&R000-657, 8 MR. MORAN: 478. Sorry, it's 479. 8 the last paragraph. 9 Q. (By Mr. Moran) To be clear, I'm referring 9 MR. MORAN: 478? 10 to Exhibit 479, the Kirton McConkie Memorandum 10 MR. REAY: Correct. Q. (By Mr. Reay) So the last page of the 11 Comments. 11 12 A. Is that this one? Kirton McConkie memorandum --12 MR. MORAN: This is the Cease and Desist 13 MR. REAY: It is. 13 14 Q. Mr. Reay just solicited some testimony letter? No. Sorry. That's 370. 14 15 from you about whether or not you ever sent out these MR. REAY: 478. Last page. The Kirton 15 16 comments. 16 McConkie letter is within there. 17 A. Correct. MR. MORAN: Where he sent out the Kirton 17 18 McConkie letter? 18 Okay. You're testifying right now that 19 you don't recall if you ever sent it out? 19 MR. REAY: Yeah. 20 Α. In an e-mail? 20 MR. MORAN: Okay. I know what you're Yes. 21 Q. talking about. 21 22 A. I don't recall if I did or not. Q. (By Mr. Reay) Are you aware of the last 22 23 paragraph, the Circular 230 Disclosure of the Kirton 23 Q. Okay. 24 McConkie letter? "The analysis set forth in this 24 A. I might have. I'll direct your attention to the last 25 memorandum was not intended or written to be used, and 25 Page 318 Page 320 1 it cannot be used, by any taxpayer -- " 1 page of Exhibit 479. Take a minute and review that 2 A. Yeah, I'm aware of that, and that Todd 2 and see if that refreshes your recollection. Anderson had the same disclosure. 3 3 A. Where are we looking? Oh, this last page? Q. So did you send this with the intent for 4 4 Okay. Oh, there it is. Yeah. 5 people to -- what was the intent of sharing the Kirton 5 So I think that was sent to those being 6 McConkie letter and the Anderson letter? 6 audited, from the looks of the people on there. 7 A. To be used as a reference tool that they 7 Q. And you -can evaluate their purchase. 8 A. I don't think that was sent out in Q. What within the letters could be --9 9 general. That was sent out to people that was being Or potential purchase. 10 10 audited. And at that time it was probably forty Q. What within the letters could be a 11 11 people. 12 reference? 12 Q. Okay. So the record is clear --A. The tax code and the law and their opinion. 13 That I did send it out. 13 Q. And the Anderson letter has one, also? 14 14 You did send out the document entitled 15 A. Oh, yes. As well as mine on the RaPower3 15 Kirton McConkie Memorandum Commence that appears --16 website. 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Okay. No further questions. 17 Q. -- in Shepard_Greg-03799 through 18 Shepard_Greg-03801. 18 19 **FURTHER EXAMINATION** 19 A. Yeah. Right. And it's doubtful that --20 BY MR. MORAN: 20 that wouldn't have been on the website. 21 Directing your attention back to Exhibit 21 Q. Okay. 22 479. Mr. Reay solicited testimony from you that you 22 A. I don't think. Comments?

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No. I can't remember.

Q. All right. At this point we have no

25 further questions. Mr. Shepard, we thank you for your

23 don't recall if you ever sent out the Kirton McConkie

24 Memorandum Comment? That's three pages, from

25 Shepard_Greg-03799 through Shepard_Greg-03801.

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 1 time.
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             You're welcome.
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             You're free to go.
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            MS. HEALY-GALLAGHER: Do you want to read
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   and sign?
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            MR. REAY: No.
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            MR. MORAN: So the record is clear,
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   Mr. Shepard is exercising his rights not to read and
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    sign?
            MR. REAY: Yeah. I don't think we need
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   to, unless you want to read through all of your stuff.
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            THE WITNESS: What did he say?
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            MR. REAY: Read through this deposition
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    once you get the transcript, and sign it to confirm
    everything that was said.
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            THE WITNESS: You want to be here another
17 hour?
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            MR. REAY: Not today.
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            THE WITNESS: I don't think so.
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            MR. MORAN: I want to be clear that you
    are going to accept the deposition however Madam Court
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    Reporter here prepares it?
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            THE WITNESS: Yeah. She looks great.
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            MR. REAY: I think that's fine.
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            (The deposition concluded at 7:43 p.m.)
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 3 STATE OF UTAH
                ) ss.
 4 COUNTY OF SALT LAKE )
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         I, Diana Kent, RPR, CRR, and Notary Public
 6 in and for the State of Utah, do hereby certify:
         That on May 22, 2017, prior to being
   examined, the witness, Greg Shepard, was duly sworn by
 8 me to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but
   the truth;
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         That the testimony of said witness was
10 reported by me in stenotype and thereafter transcribed,
   and that a full, true, and correct transcription of
11 said testimony is set forth in the preceding pages;
         That in accordance with Rule 30(e), the
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   witness being given the opportunity to read and sign
13 the deposition and having waived that opportunity, the
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14 Attorney Christopher Moran for safekeeping
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   otherwise associated with any of the parties to said
16 cause of action and that I am not interested in the
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