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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
       FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION
UNITED STATES OF
                        ) Deposition of:
AMERICA,
    Plaintiff,
                        ) KENNETH WAYNE OVESON
vs.
                       ) Time on record: 1 Hour,
                       ) 35 Minutes
RAPOWER3, LLC,
                        ) Case No. 2:15-cv-00828 DN
INTERNATIONAL
AUTOMATED SYSTEMS,
INC., LTB1, LLC, R. ) Judge David Nuffer
GREGORY SHEPARD,
                       )
NELDON JOHNSON and
ROGER FREEBORN,
    Defendants.
          February 16, 2017 * 9:06 a.m.
    Location: United States Attorney's Office
         111 South Main Street, Suite 1800
               Salt Lake City, Utah
          Reporter: Dawn M. Perry, CSR
    Notary Public in and for the State of Utah
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21 (801) 532-7543 (fax) ebenson@rqn.com 22 23 24 25 1 N D E X 2 KENNETH WAYNE OLSON PAGE 3 Examination by Mr. Moran 4 5 *** 6 EXHIBITS	Q. Mr. Oveson, have you ever had your deposition taken before? A. I have. Q. You have. About how many times? A. Twice, that I recall. Q. Okay. So you probably know some of these rules, but I'm going to go over them again just to refresh your recollection.
Exhibit 136 E-mail chain from August 21, 53 2009, through October 29, 2009 Exhibit 372 E-mails dated August 24, 2009, 24 between Ken Oveson and Greg Shepard Exhibit 373 E-mails dated August 25, 2009, 48 between Ken Oveson and Whitney Wright and Ken Oveson and Greg Shepard Exhibit 374 E-mails dated August 25, 2009, 51	A. Okay. Q. The biggest thing to remember here is that the court reporter here to my left is probably the most important person in the room, because she is recording everything that is said today. And all of our goal here is to get an accurate account of your recollection of the facts of this case. So with that in mind, again, I'm just going to run through some of the ground rules.
between Ken Oveson and Whitney Wright and Ken Oveson and Greg Shepard Exhibit 375 E-mails dated November 20 and 23, 2009, between Ken Oveson and Preston Olsen Exhibit 376 Invoices Exhibit 377 Invoices ***	This deposition will be taken according to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the local rules of the District of Utah. We will likely mark some exhibits today. At the end of the deposition the court reporter will take the exhibits. So if I give you a piece of paper that's an exhibit, I'd just ask you to keep it at the table. A. Okay. Q. I'll be asking you a series of questions today. Like I said earlier, I need you to speak

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loudly enough so that the court reporter can get down your answer to my questions. To that end, please let me finish a question before you start answering. Just allow for a short pause in between and then give me the answer to the question. It's important that you give verbal responses.

A. Yes.

Q. No uh-huhs or head shaking. I see you're shaking your head, so I'm going to ask you, do you understand?

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Q. We also have a tendency in casual conversation to speak over one another. So, again, if I ask you a question, just let me finish the question before you answer. Do you understand?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. Your obligation today is to give full and complete answers. Do you understand that obligation?

A. Yes.

Q. My obligation to you is to ask understandable questions. That means that if you don't understand a question or you would like some further elaboration on the question, just tell me and I will do my best to ask the question in a way that

that means if you want to take a break and there is a

question pending, answer the question, tell me you

would like to take a break or -- the same thing goes

if you would like to consult with Mr. Benson, again,

just not while a question is pending. Do you understand?

A. Yes.

Q. Mr. Oveson, we're here today to get as accurate of a record as we can as to your recollection of the facts of this case, therefore, I have to ask you a few questions.

Is there anything that would prevent you from understanding and answering my questions today?

A No

Q. Are you taking any medications or drugs that would interfere with your memory?

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Q. Have you had anything alcoholic to drink in the last eight hours?

A. No.

Q. Are you feeling sick or unwell today?

A. No.

Q. Is there any reason you can think of why you will not be able to answer my questions fully and accurately?

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you can understand and provide your response. Do you understand?

A. Yes.

Q. There may be some objections to my questions today. The objections are being made for purposes of the record. I'd ask you to answer the question unless your attorney sitting to your left, Mr. Benson, directs you not to answer the question. Do you understand?

A. Yes.

Q. Sometimes in depositions you will give an answer to a question and then later on during the day you'll realize that you didn't give as complete an answer as you would have liked or there's -- you realize that you testified incorrectly previously. If that happens, you just let me know, tell me what part of the record you would like to clarify and we'll give you an opportunity to do that. Do you understand?

A. Yes.

Q. We'll have the opportunity to take breaks during the deposition. If you feel the need that you'd like to take a stretch break, use the restroom, that's not a problem. The only thing I ask is that you not take a break while a question is pending. So

1 A. No.

Q. We're going to start out with a few questions about your background and how you came to have some knowledge of the facts of this case.

Can you please state your name and address for the record?

A. It's Kenneth Wayne Oveson. 2197 East 1160 South, Sandy, Utah 84092.

Q. And can you spell your name, please?

A. O-v-e-s-o-n.

Q. Are you married?

A. Yes.

Q. How long have you been married?

A. Close to 44 years.

Q. Okay. Any children?

A. Six.

Q. Okay. Are they all over the age of 18?

A. Yes.

Q. Can you walk me through your education, starting with the end of high school?

A. I went to the University of Utah. I graduated in December of 1973 with a bachelor of arts degree in accounting. That's it.

Q. Okay. That was the end of your formal education?

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Q. Okay. And you said you have a bachelor of accounting?

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A. It was just a general accounting degree.

Q. Okay. And no other formal education after that?

A. Just the continuing education that you have to take each year to maintain a license.

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A. I did pass the CPA exam, and I am a certified public accountant.

Q. When did you become a CPA?

A. In July of 1976.

Q. So it was a few years after you graduated from college?

A. Yeah. You had to have two years' experience, and so it took me the time to -- to pass the exam and get the experience I needed for a license.

Q. Okay. What was your first employment

time to another period of time. So it will say from January 1st of this year to December 31st of this year you had sales of this much, you had expenses of this much, you had net income of this much. Those were the basic ones. There are others, but those were the ones that I was preparing at that time.

Q. Okay. All right. So you said you worked for your father. Was there a time that you stopped working for your father?

A. Yes. I -- I left his employ because he was not a certified public accountant and I needed to get experience with a CPA firm. So I think it was -- it will be 1974, I guess -- I think around June of 1974 I started work with a local accounting firm called Johnson Erickson. And I worked with Johnson Erickson for about two and a half years, and that's where I got the experience to -- and then I passed the CPA exam, got the experience. And it was one of the partners at Johnson Erickson that signed off for me to get my CPA license.

Q. Where did you go after Johnson and Erickson?

A. After Johnson and Erickson, my father talked me into coming back. And so I actually established my own firm as a sole proprietor. My dad

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after graduating from undergrad?

A. First -- first job I had was actually with my father. My father had a bookkeeping and accounting practice. He was not a CPA. But I worked for him doing bookkeeping and tax return preparation.

Q. What do you mean by the term "bookkeeping"?

A. Bookkeeping is mostly just taking the information that a client gives you and entering it into books. Back then it was not computerized, so it was general ledgers, sales ledgers, disbursement ledgers and just entering data into the ledgers. And then I did prepare financial statements for clients. They were mostly small business clients.

Q. What's a financial statement?

A. A financial statement -- there's basically two that most people use, a balance sheet and an income statement.

A balance sheet is basically just a photograph of a client's business at a particular time. So it will list assets, liabilities, equity at a moment in time, usually year-end, like

An income statement is a statement that says what the business has done from one period of and I shared an office. We did keep our books separately. He had his practice, I had my practice. And so I -- I worked for about 13 years as a sole proprietor, trying to build up clientele. So for 13 years I did that.

Q. About when did you -- withdrawn.
When you were a sole proprietor, what types of services did you provide?

A. Basically, the same thing. I did tax preparation. I did also tax consulting for clients. I did accounting. Because I was a certified public accountant, I could issue reports on financial statements. So I did issue what in accounting terms are called compilations. And I did a couple of reviews. I never did any audits as a sole proprietor.

Q. Okay. We're going to unpack that a little bit. When you say "tax preparation," what does that mean?

A. Basically, just taking the information from clients and preparing a tax return to be filed with the federal government. A lot of our clients we did both the bookkeeping, where we took their information and summarized it in ledgers, and then transferred that information to the tax returns and

prepared the tax returns for submission to the federal and state governments.

- Q. And you said tax consulting?
- A. Yes. I -- with my clients I would sometimes work with them on different things that they were doing. I did several buy, selling businesses. I consulted with clients as far as what would happen if they sold their business, what the tax consequences would be. If they did it this way, if they did it that way, which would be the best way for them to -- to do that. So I guess maybe tax planning, tax consulting. Just advising clients on the tax consequences of whatever it was they were -- they were doing. Depending on the clients -- different clients had different needs. So I was involved with business sale and acquisition. I was involved with like-kind exchanges, capital gains, just -- sale of assets, those types of things.
- Q. Okay. And then you mentioned a portion of your services was accounting?

A. Yes. Accounting involves bookkeeping, but it also involved taking it a little further. Some clients needed to have financial statements.

In the accounting world we have three types of statements we do. We do compilations,

letter to whoever it was that owed money and we would say, "Does this company really owe you this much money?"

Okay. I never did audits while I was a sole proprietor. I did reviews and I did compilations. And so I did issue opinions.

Sometimes those opinions would go to third parties, such as banks, for loans and things like that.

So that -- that would be where accounting would differ from bookkeeping.

- Q. Why is it necessary to verify a company's financial statements?
- A. It depended on the user. Sometimes the users would ask for specific things. If they were planning to make a loan to the client, they'd want to they are going to be relying on the financial statements to see what condition the company is in, and so they are going to want to know somebody besides the company looked at this and that they can rely on those financial statements, because they are going to be making decisions based on what those financial statements say.
- Q. Is it necessary for a company's financial statements to reflect the positions that are taken on a tax return?

reviews and audits.

Compilation is basically where we just take the taxpayer -- or the client's information, put it together in a balance sheet and income statement. Sometimes it included a general ledger. Sometimes it included a statement of changes in financial position. And then we would issue an opinion, which would say, basically, "We've compiled these financial statements and, based on our compilation, they're correct."

A review takes it a little further. In a review you have to verify some of the information. For example, reconcile the bank account and review the bank statement. Possibly review the accounts receivable, the accounts payable. A little more assurance that the financial statements are correct and state what the condition of the business is.

An audit goes further. An audit is where you contact third-party people and verify the information that's on the financial statements being correct. Such as we would have to contact the bank. Rather than just taking the actual bank statement, we would contact the bank and say, "Is this really how much money he's got in the bank?"

Accounts receivable, we would send a

A. It – I guess the answer to that is yes and no, because financial statements, according to generally-accepted account principles, can differ from tax returns, just because some of the things that are allowed under the generally-accepted accounting principles are different from those that are allowed under tax, and vice versa. Some of the things that are allowed under tax are not allowed under financial statements. So they can differ, yes.

Q. Do you have experience in determining when they can differ?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. We are going to come back to that.

All right. After you were a sole
proprietor, what did you do next?

A. Okay. Then I was invited to join a firm. It was called Stayner, Fitzgerald, Vance and Call. I was actually a friend of Fitzgerald, Ken Fitzgerald. He and I grew up in the same neighborhood and -- and Kent invited me to come and join their firm. And so it was 1990, I believe, I left the office that my father and I shared and joined Stayner -- it eventually became Stayner Fitzgerald, but at the time it was Stayner, Fitzgerald, Vance and Call.

Q. Okay.

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A. And I worked there for seven years.

Again, I did accounting work and tax work. I was primarily a tax accountant.

Q. When you say "tax accountant," what does that mean?

A. Well, CPA firms now -- firms generally divide the work that they do into audit work or assurance work and tax work. And it's just that the -- the world has become so complicated, it's kind of hard for one person to keep up on all of the issues in the audit world and all of the issues in the tax world. So we primarily kind of worked -- we either worked in the tax department of a firm or worked in the audit department of the firm.

Now, Stayner Fitzgerald, they were another firm that really did not do audits. They did reviews and compilations and tax work. And so, again, at Stayner Fitzgerald I was primarily involved in the same thing, doing accounting work, preparing financial statements and preparing tax returns. My work there was primarily as a -- as a tax preparer, and that's -- that was -- I was there for about seven years.

Q. Okay. Can you give me a rough idea of the percentage of your practice that was tax versus

involved in the audit side. I was in the tax side. So I was -- I was a tax partner with Mantyla

McReynolds.

Q. So you started out as a partner?

A. I -- no. The first year I was there I was just a manager. After I had been there a year, I guess after they decided I was okay, then they offered me a partnership and I was a partner after the first year.

Q. Okay. Were you an equity partner?

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Q. So around 1998 you became a partner in Mantyla McReynolds?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. And it sounds like your practice was exclusively on tax?

A. Tax, and I still did a fair amount of accounting also. I would review the staff work, the accounting -- the financial statements the staff prepared, and then review the tax returns. But it was primarily tax work that I did.

Q. When you say "accounting," what do you mean by that?

A. Again, preparation of financial statements, balance sheets and income statements. A

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A. Tax versus audit? Yeah, it was a hundred percent tax, zero percent audit.

Q. When you say "tax," you mean preparing tax returns?

A. Yes.

Q. So now we are through 1997. Where did you go after that?

A. That was when I was invited to join Mantyla McReynolds. My brother was a partner at Mantyla McReynolds. He first mentioned it to me, that that might be a good place to work. I met with Don Mantyla and Ken McReynolds, and they made an offer for me to leave Stayner Fitzgerald and join them. And so I joined them in 1997. And I retired from Mantyla McReynolds October 15th of 2014.

Q. When you joined Mantyla McReynolds in '97, what was your position?

A. Again, I was a tax person. Mantyla McReynolds did do audits, however, I was never involved with any audits at Mantyla McReynolds. I better restate that. I did -- there is a part of the audit where you have a tax provision in the audit, and I did review the tax provisions for some audits. But as far as actually doing an audit, I wasn't

lot of the clients at Mantyla McReynolds, we did both the accounting work and the tax work.

Now, sometimes when it came to accounting work, we actually took the source documents and prepared financial statements. A lot of the time that clients had in-house accountants, they would send us their financial statements, we would review those, make adjusting entries and finalize the financial statements. And then those financial statements were used to prepare the income tax returns.

Q. Understood.

A. But mostly it was businesses where we would prepare the business re -- business financial statements and then the business tax return.

Q. Thank you.

Would it be fair to characterize your time at Mantyla McReynolds as a hundred percent related to preparing financial statements and -- that were used to prepare tax returns?

A. Yes. Yes, I never performed an audit --

Q. Okay.

A. -- at Mantyla.

Q. Mr. Oveson, during your time as a partner at Mantyla McReynolds, did you ever have occasion to

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22 24 represent a client before the IRS? I retired I had a contract where they paid me -- they A. Yes. are paying for a ten-year period, which, in effect, is buying my practice. And so when BDO Seidman came Q. About how many times? A. Oh, I really don't remember. Probably one in in June of last year, BDO took over those to two times a year, so maybe 25 or 30 times. payments. So I do receive a monthly payment from Q. Okay. You are an enrolled agent? BDO. A. No. Q. Okay. Q. Oh, you're not? A. But it's as deferred compensation. It's A. No. not for current services. 10 10 Q. Mr. Oveson, do you recall what Mantyla Q. Were you an enrolled agent? 11 11 A. No. McReynolds' business address was? 12 A. One -- Gateway Number 5. We were Q. Okay. Mr. Oveson, besides the employment 13 that you've just told me about, have you ever had any 13 Suite 200, but I'm not sure of the exact address of 14 14 other employment? Gateway Number 5. I don't recall. 15 15 A. Yes. For about 16 years I was an adjunct (EXHIBIT 372 WAS MARKED.) 16 16 professor at Westminster College. Q. Mr. Oveson, you've been given a copy of 17 Q. And what did you teach? 17 what's been marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 372. And 18 A. Tax. 18 you'll note at the bottom right corner there is a 19 19 Q. Where is Westminster College located? marking MM004317. And then on the second page it's 20 A. Right up there on the hill. It's, like, MM004318. I'll represent to you that Mantyla 21 21 13th East and 17th South. McReynolds produced this document to the United 22 22 Q. So it's here in Salt Lake City? States pursuant to our subpoena. And both Mantyla 23 23 A. It's in here in Salt Lake, yes. McReynolds and the United States have affixed a Bates 24 MR. BENSON: The witness is pointing to number to these documents to assist in 25 the very nice view to the east that we have in this identification. 23 25 But I'd like right now to direct your conference room. attention to the second page. At the top there is a MR. MORAN: In Salt Lake will work. Q. Any other employment? signature block. Do you recognize that signature A. No. Well, I -- I did speak at a couple of block? tax conferences, and I was paid for that. A. Yes. Q. Okay. Q. What is it? A. That's all. A. That's my signature block. Q. That's it? Q. Okay. And would that appear on e-mails A. Yeah. that you sent? Q. Okay. Mr. Oveson, when you were employed 11 11 and a partner at Mantyla McReynolds, did you have an Q. Okay. We're going to come back to 12 e-mail address? 12 Exhibit 372 in a little while. 13 13 A. I did. A. Okav. 14 Q. Mr. Oveson, in your tax practice at Q. Do you recall what that was? 15 15 A. Yes. It's ken@mmacpa.com. Mantyla McReynolds, did you have occasion to become 16 Q. Okay. Do you still have access to that 16 familiar with a gentleman by the name of R. Gregory 17 17 e-mail address? Shepard? 18 A. No. When it became a BDO office, all of A. Yes. 19 19 those e-mail addresses went way. So I lost access MR. BENSON: I'd object to any questioning 20 20 last June. that relates to former clients that were represented 21 21 Q. And are you employed by BDO Seidman now? by Mantyla McReynolds and Mr. Oveson. Yesterday 22 there was discussion on the record about the 23 23 Q. So when you retired, you retired from applicability of a privilege. My understanding is 24 24 Mantyla McReynolds? that has been confined to 26 United States Code 25 A. I did. Now, I do receive a payment. When Section 7525. That is a disputed issue among the

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26 28 parties. It's our understanding that former clients, subpoena from the United States? including Mr. Shepard, International Automated A. Yes. Systems and any of the other defendants in this Q. Are you familiar with a gentleman by the action which are former clients of Mantyla name of Neldon Johnson? McReynolds, have not waived the privilege, therefore, MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same without a waiver and until a determination as to the instruction. applicability of the privilege in that specific Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, your attorney has instructed you not to answer this question. Are federal statute is determined, I would object to the line of questioning and advise my client not -- or you going to follow his advice? 10 10 instruct my client not to answer any questions A. Yes. I am. 11 11 relating to the representation of former clients of MR. MORAN: Can we go off the record? 12 12 Mantvla. (Discussion off the record.) 13 13 MR. MORAN: And I will clean up one other MR. MORAN: We'll go back on the record. 14 14 thing for the record as far as appearances. Counsel Q. Are you familiar with an entity known as 15 15 for R. Gregory Shepard and Roger Freeborn, Mr. Donald International Automated Systems, Inc.? Reay, is not in attendance at this deposition. MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same 17 17 And I would also note, Mr. Benson is instruction to the witness 18 18 referring to an objection that was made yesterday by THE WITNESS: Based on advice from 19 19 Mr. Austin, who is counsel for several defendants but counsel, I will not answer that question. 20 not including R. Gregory Shepard, who this question Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Are you familiar with an 21 21 entity known as Bigger Faster Stronger? 22 22 MR. AUSTIN: And I'll just clarify for the MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same 23 23 record, we don't -- I don't represent Mr. Shepard in instruction 24 THE WITNESS: Based on advice from his personal capacity, however, I do represent the --RaPower3 and IAUS, upon whose behalf everyone in this counsel, I will not answer that question. 27 29 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Are you familiar with a case is aware Mr. Shepard, from time to time, may gentleman by the name of Robert Rowbotham? MR. BENSON: If I could also add something MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same to the record. We have gotten no waiver from any of instruction THE WITNESS: Based on advice from these former clients, so we would treat them all in the same fashion. counsel, I will not answer that question. Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, your attorney Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Did there come a time when has instructed you not to answer the question. I'm Bigger Faster Stronger or any of its principals going to ask you, are you going to follow his advice? became involved with a solar energy company or solar 10 A. Yes. lenses, to your knowledge? 11 11 Q. Okay. Mr. Oveson, are you familiar with MR. BENSON: Objection. Foundation. And 12 12 an entity known as RaPower3? the same objection -- longer objection from earlier. 13 13 MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same Same instruction not to answer. 14 THE WITNESS: And based on advice from instruction, to the extent that it relates to the 15 15 representation of Mantyla's former clients. counsel, I will not answer that question. 16 If you are familiar with RaPower3, not a 16 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Do you have any knowledge 17 17 former client, based on something other than your of a purported solar energy site in or around Delta, 18 18 employment at Mantyla, you can answer the question. Utah? 19 19 Otherwise, I would instruct you not to answer the MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same 20 20 question. instruction, to the extent it involves your 21 21 THE WITNESS: Okay. RaPower3 I did not representation of any of these former clients we've 22 22 know of until this case came up. That was the first 23 23 time I had heard of RaPower3, when I received the THE WITNESS: Based on advice of counsel, 24 24 subpoena and the information on this case. I will not answer that question. 25

Q. (BY MR. MORAN) You are referring to the

Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Have you ever been in

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30 Delta, Utah? the State Tax Commission, and they approve that based on the information we provide and they issue it. A. Yes. Q. When were you in Delta, Utah? It's not really a certificate, but it's a form that MR. BENSON: Same objection if it relates they send you that allows you to take the credit. to your representation. If you vacationed at Delta, Q. So when you put a solar energy tax credit Utah, or you go there otherwise, I would instruct you on a client's return, you expect to receive something to answer Mr. Moran's questions. from -- some sort of verification? THE WITNESS: I only passed through it a MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Vague with regard couple of times, and it would have been 15, 20 years to state or federal. 10 10 MR. BENSON: Answer the question. 11 11 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) So none -- none in the THE WITNESS: Yes, there is some 12 12 verification. There is -- there is information last ten years? 13 A. No. 13 that's required from the contractor and there is 14 14 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with -- withdrawn. information that's required from the State 15 In your tax return preparation business at Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Would you claim a solar 16 16 Mantyla McReynolds, are you familiar with any solar energy tax credit without receiving that information? 17 energy credits or depreciation associated with solar 17 MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Vague with regard 18 energy units that were taken on any of the to the specific credit you are speaking of. 19 individuals' or entities' tax returns that I've MR. BENSON: You can answer. 20 20 already mentioned? THE WITNESS: No, I would not. 21 MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same 21 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Why not? 22 instruction. To the extent the question seeks to 22 A. There's no verification that he's 23 23 elicit information as to his general familiarity with entitled. And the tax rules from the federal require 24 solar tax credits, I would instruct you to answer. you to receive certain information and to put that 25 I'm not sure as to if it was a two-part question or information on the tax return. And in the state of 31 33 Utah it's actually more strict, because you do have not, but --MR. MORAN: It was a compound question, to submit that information to the State Tax Commission and you do have to receive the approval yes. THE WITNESS: Okay. I am familiar with back before you can actually take the credit. You have to have their approval. the solar energy credit. I have -- I have deducted Q. (BY MR. MORAN) When you say you submit that on clients' tax returns. As to the clients involved in this action, I -the information to the State Tax Commission, is that MR. BENSON: And I would instruct you not information submitted with the return? A. No. It's submitted separately. You -to answer 10 THE WITNESS: I will not answer based on it's generally the contractor's receipt and the 11 11

instruction from counsel.

Q. (BY MR. MORAN) When a client claims solar

Q. (BY MR. MORAN) When a client claims solar energy tax credits, where do you get the information from?

A. It comes from the client. It can come from several sources. The ones that I've been involved in, a contractor would have installed the solar energy and so they would have brought me the contract. And there's some specific forms that the contractor has to complete, stating that the system was installed and -- and the amount that it cost, and certifying that it was installed correctly and that it is operational.

So -- in the state of Utah -- the State of Utah has a specific entity, I guess it would be, with

- A. No. It's submitted separately. You -it's generally the contractor's receipt and the
 contractor -- there are a number of questions that
 the contractor has to answer. There is a form that
 he fills out. And so it's that information. You
 can't actually file the return and claim the credit
 until you receive that approval back from the State.
- Q. Okay. So you need to get the approval before you actually file the tax return?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Have you ever had a client who claimed -withdrawn.

Are you familiar with a Schedule C?

- A. Yes.
- Q. What's a Schedule C?

A. Schedule C is a business return for a sole proprietor, and it's like an income statement that

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be asking for any information pertaining to the transaction, just what it is they were planning to do and how they want to do it.

And then we would take that information and review it, research whatever tax laws were applicable, and then we would contact them and tell them what our findings were.

Q. To what extent would you verify the information the client gave you?

A. I guess it depended on the information.

And it would depend on the client. Some clients we knew very well and felt we could trust the information they were giving to us.

Others that might be new, we would do a review.

Also, in our firm we had a client acceptance committee which reviewed any new clients. So if this were a new client coming in, the client acceptance committee would have to review the client. Sometimes we would do a background check. We would do Internet searches such as that. And so the client acceptance committee would have to approve us working on a new client if it were a new client.

Q. Why would -- withdrawn.To the extent you did verify the

just shows a sole proprietor's income and expenses and the net income from the business. It's part of the individual income tax return.

Q. Have you ever had a client have a Schedule C with respect to a solar energy business?

MR. BENSON: Objection to the extent that it calls for -- or seeks to elicit an answer relating to these former clients.

Generally, if it does not, I would instruct you to answer the question.

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THE WITNESS: The answer is no, I haven't -- haven't had solar energy with a Schedule C.

Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Have you ever had occasion to prepare a tax return for R. Gregory Shepard?

MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same nstruction.

THE WITNESS: On advice of my counsel, I will not answer that question.

Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Have you ever had occasion to prepare a tax return for Bigger Faster Stronger?

MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same instruction.

THE WITNESS: On advice from counsel, I will not answer that question.

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Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, have you ever had occasion to give advice on the purported purchase of solar lenses that were used in alternative energy systems?

MR. BENSON: Same objection to the extent it relates to the representation of the former clients we've discussed.

THE WITNESS: On advice from counsel, I will not answer the question.

Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, if a client -- withdrawn.

You testified earlier about sometimes you would do tax consulting where you would give advice to a client based on a prospective transaction. Do you recall that testimony?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. Okay. When a client -- generally speaking, when a client comes to you and wants your advice on a prospective transaction, what types of information do you ask for?

A. Well, we'll ask for, really, what the transaction involves. We'll ask for any documents they may have. A lot of the work that we did where it was on like-kind exchanges, so we would be asking for real estate, earnest money agreements. We would

information that a client gave you, why would you be verifying it?

- A. Just to make sure that it was correct and complete, that there wasn't something that wasn't -- that was missing. That would be the reason.
- Q. What would happen if you didn't do that verification?

MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Calls for speculation.

MR. BENSON: You can answer.

THE WITNESS: If we didn't do that, we would run the possibility of missing something. We could -- and give an incorrect answer in not knowing all the facts, and we would -- could give the counsel that is not correct. And we needed to know really what it was they were planning to do.

Tax law is fairly complicated, and one person would look at one thing one way and another way, and we -- we wanted to make sure that we had the correct answer. And tax law is such that everything depends on definitions. And, unfortunately, the definitions in the tax code are not always the same from one code section to another. And so when it came to -- that we wanted to make sure that what we were -- what we were giving advice on was really the

correct issue and that we were giving a correct answer to that.

- Q. (BY MR. MORAN) And if you didn't receive -- if the client didn't give you correct information, is it possible that the information you give would be erroneous?
- A. If we didn't have complete information, we generally wouldn't even have issued a counsel. But, yeah, if the information that they gave us was incorrect, then the counsel we gave could be incorrect also.
- Q. Mr. Oveson, would you -- if you were going to give advice on a prospective transaction, would the firm do an engagement letter?
 - A. Generally, yes. Not always.
- Q. When would you give an engagement letter, and the second part of the question is, when wouldn't you give an engagement letter?
- MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Calls for speculation.

MR. BENSON: You can answer.

THE WITNESS: Okay. We would issue an engagement letter if it was a new client that was coming in and that we were doing. Generally, we would not do an engagement letter if it were a

clients each year, we would send out a letter telling
them it was time to do their tax return. We would
send an organizer that had their information from
last year, asking them for their information for this
year, and included with that would be an engagement
letter that we would ask them to sign and return to

- Q. Do you recall why the AICPA recommended that you start issuing engagement letters?
- A. I don't want to be flippant, but I think it's probably because the attorneys advised them to do that, so...
- Q. Okay. And just so the record is clear, what is the AICPA?
- A. Oh, excuse me. The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
- Q. What is the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants?
- A. It's just -- it's an industry group, I guess. Most certified public accountants in public practice are members. It's not a requirement. You do not have to be a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. But it is a group that we rely on for counsel, for guidance. It is a national.

continuing client that would -- someone that we had worked with on a long-term basis, so we were fairly knowledgeable about them and felt -- felt a trust in them.

Engagement letters, in the accounting world, have become more and more prevalent over the last few years. And so in -- now we're issuing engagement letters -- really, on tax returns, we issue an engagement letter every year to clients. In previous years we may not have done that.

Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Do you recall when you started issuing engagement letters for tax returns? Withdrawn

Do you recall when you started giving engagement letters for tax return preparation?

- A. Probably 2006, 2007, possibly. It may have been later than that. I don't recall. We -- it -- around that period.
- Q. Why did the firm start issuing engagement letters more often?
- A. Mostly on advice from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and other professional groups advised us that it was good for us to do that. So we did start to do that.

So when we would send out a letter to

There is also a Utah Association of Certified Public Accountants, the UACPA. We were also members of that. And, again, it's a group that is there to kind of advise us of things that are going on that we should be aware of and give of us counsel as to how these things should be done. That's what it is.

- Q. Okay. Earlier you testified that in some situations, I think with established clients was your testimony, the firm wouldn't issue an engagement letter. Do you recall that testimony?
 - A. I do.
- Q. Okay. Can you expound upon why no engagement letter would be required with those types of clients?
- A. Okay. Engagement letters, technically, in the accounting world, are not required for anything other than an audit client. However, we're advised to get those for accounting and for tax clients. And, again, since the AICPA began recommending that, our firm had established a practice of getting engagement letters, and we would do those annually for both accounting clients and tax clients. We actually started doing that on a pretty regular basis, but there were times when if a if a client

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42 did not return an engagement letter, and we knew the R. Gregory Shepard before the IRS? client well enough, that we'd -- we didn't require MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same that. But we did seek to get engagement letters on instruction. every engagement. THE WITNESS: Based on advice from When I left the firm in 2014, it was part counsel, I won't answer that question. of the tax checklist, I guess, to have an engagement Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Have you ever represented letter, and if we didn't have it, we would send out a International Automated Systems before the IRS? new one to the client and ask them to -- to do that. MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same But that was -- more emphasis was placed on it at the instruction. 10 10 end of my career than at the beginning of my career. THE WITNESS: Based on advice from 11 11 Q. What do you mean by the term -- by the counsel, I will not answer that question. 12 12 phrase "knew the client well enough"? Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Have you ever represented 13 A. Mainly, just that we had worked with them 13 RaPower3 before the IRS? 14 14 for a long time. We had clients -- I had clients MR. BENSON: If you haven't represented 15 15 that were with me actually for 35 years, and I had them at all, you can answer. 16 been working with them for a long time. And a number THE WITNESS: No. 17 17 of clients we -- we did not have a lot of client Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Have you ever represented 18 turnover. The clients that we had, we maintained. 18 Neldon Johnson before the IRS? 19 19 And so a lot of the clients, we worked with them for MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same 20 20 10, 15, 20, even 30, 35 years. And so we had worked instruction. 21 21 with them long enough to have developed a THE WITNESS: Based on advice from 22 22 relationship of trust with them. counsel, I will not answer that question. 23 23 Q. You just used the term "trust." Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, has Mantyla A. Okay. 24 McReynolds ever represented R. Gregory Shepard before 25 Q. Is it fair to say that you -- if you 25 the IRS? 43 45 trusted a client, you were -- the engagement letter MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same wasn't necessary? instruction. A. No, I wouldn't say that. It wasn't -- we THE WITNESS: Based on advice from did give engagement letters to all the clients. counsel, I will not answer. Again, that was -- the emphasis was mainly towards Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, has Mantyla McReynolds ever represented RaPower3 before the IRS? the end of my career than in the beginning. But it would happen -- if we did not get an engagement MR. BENSON: You can go ahead and answer letter back from a client, for example, and it was -that. the filing deadline was there and we did not have the THE WITNESS: Not that I'm aware of. 10 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Has Mantyla McReynolds engagement letter, we would go ahead and file the 11 11 return. But then we would still seek to get the ever represented Neldon Johnson before the IRS? 12 12 engagement letter even after that. MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same 13 13 MR. MORAN: Okay. All right. Mr. Oveson, instruction. 14 we've been going for an hour. How does everybody THE WITNESS: Based on advice from 15 15 feel about a break? counsel. I will not answer that question. 16 MR. BENSON: I feel great about a break. 16 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Has Mantyla McReynolds 17 17 (A break was taken from 10:03 a.m. to ever represented Neldon Johnson before the IRS? 18 18 10:13 a.m.) MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same

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MR. MORAN: Back on the record.

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A. No, I did not.

Q. Mr. Oveson, we are back on the record

Q. Mr. Oveson, have you ever represented

During the break did you discuss the facts

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Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Okay. Mr. Oveson, I

direct your attention to what we previously marked as

counsel, I will not answer that question.

Plaintiff's Exhibit 372. Do you recognize

Plaintiff's Exhibit 372?

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46 48 MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same counsel, I will not answer. instruction. MR. BENSON: Also note for the record that THE WITNESS: Based on advice from we would object to the admissibility of the document counsel, I will not answer that question. itself pending the determination of the privilege Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, in Plaintiff's Exhibit 372 -- I'm directing your attention towards MR. AUSTIN: And I'll just renew my the middle of the page -- there is an e-mail from objection to the same. what appears to be you, ken@mmacpa.com. Do you see (EXHIBIT 373 WAS MARKED.) that e-mail? MR. AUSTIN: I would just note for the 10 10 A. Yes, I do. record that there's a specific statement of 11 11 confidentiality in the e-mails themselves. And Q. In the first sentence -- withdrawn. 12 12 privilege. Was the e-mail that appears in the middle 13 13 of what's been Bates-labeled MM004317 -- is that an MR. BENSON: Go ahead. 14 14 e-mail that you sent? Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, I'm handing 15 15 MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same you a copy of what's been marked as Plaintiff's instruction. Exhibit 373. Do you recognize it? 17 17 THE WITNESS: Based on advice from A. Yes. 18 counsel, I will not answer that. 18 Q. What is it? 19 19 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, there is a MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same 20 reference to a meeting on Friday in that first instruction. 21 21 sentence of the e-mail I just referred to. Do you THE WITNESS: Based on advice from 22 22 recall a meeting? counsel, I will not answer. 23 23 MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, who is Whitney 24 instruction. Wright? 25 THE WITNESS: Based on advice from MR. BENSON: Same objection. Also, an 47 49 objection to the admissibility of the document itself counsel, I will not answer. Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, who did you and an instruction not to give substantive testimony as to any of the persons involved in this e-mail or send the e-mail to? MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same the advice given to a former client. THE WITNESS: Based on advice from instruction. THE WITNESS: Based on advice from counsel. I will not answer. counsel, I will not answer. Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, I'm going to Q. (BY MR. MORAN) In the third paragraph of direct your attention to the bottom of the first page the e-mail I just mentioned -- in the second sentence of Plaintiff's Exhibit 373, which has been Bates-10 of the third paragraph you refer to an audit labeled MM004325. 11 11 department and discussing International Automated Also, for the record, Plaintiff's 12 Systems. What audit department are you referring to? 12 Exhibit 373 is a two-page document which is Bates-13 13 MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same labeled MM004325 through MM004326. instruction Mr. Oveson, directing your attention to 15 15 THE WITNESS: Based on advice from the e-mail at the bottom of the first page of 16 counsel. I will not answer. 16 Plaintiff's Exhibit 373, is that an e-mail that you 17 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) In the fourth sentence of 17 received? 18 18 that paragraph I just referred to you, it says, "I am MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same 19 19 told by the audit department that the units being instruction. 20 20 sold are not yet placed in service." THE WITNESS: Based on advice from 21 21 What were you referring to as not being counsel. I will not answer. 22 22 placed in service? Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, this document 23 23 MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same appears to be sent by R. Gregory Shepard to you on 24 24 instruction. August 25th, 2009, at 10:41 a.m. My question to you 25 THE WITNESS: Based on advice from is, why would Greg Shepard be sending you an e-mail?

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50 MR. AUSTIN: I'm going to object to the testimony describing the purported exhibit. And the extent that -- I don't know how this particular same instruction not to answer. THE WITNESS: Based on advice from document was obtained, but to the extent it was marked confidential and/or given any other counsel, I will not answer. Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, there is an designation pursuant to protective order, it ought e-mail at the bottom of the first page of exhibit -not to be disclosed. But go ahead. of Plaintiff's Exhibit 374. That e-mail is dated MR. BENSON: My objection is the same that I've made earlier. August 25th, 2009, at 11:10 a.m. It appears to be an MR. MORAN: I'll clear up the record. e-mail from Greg Shepard to you. Again, there is a 10 10 This document was produced by Mantyla McReynolds reference to a conference call. My question to you 11 11 is, are you familiar with the conference call that's pursuant to the United States subpoena. 12 referred to here? MR. AUSTIN: Oh, okay. Good. 13 13 MR. MORAN: It was marked confidential by MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same 14 14 Mantyla McReynolds pursuant to the terms of the instruction. 15 15 protective order entered in this case. The United THE WITNESS: Based on advice from States is permitted to show it to a party who the counsel, I will not answer. 17 17 United States believes in good faith a person had a Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Did you participate in the 18 18 role in drafting or being a recipient of the conference call that's referred to here? 19 19 document MR. BENSON: Foundation. Objection as to 20 20 MR. AUSTIN: Yeah, that's -- I understand the foundation, and my earlier objection restated and 21 21 the instruction not to answer. that. I just want to make sure -- or at least 22 22 clarify on the record that, as I understand it, THE WITNESS: Based on advice from 23 23 Counsel has raised an objection to actually using counsel, I will not answer. 24 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Who else participated in this document, pending the resolution of the 25 this conference call, if it occurred? privilege issue. 51 53 THE WITNESS: Based on advice from MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same counsel, I will not answer. instruction. Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Was R. Gregory Shepard a THE WITNESS: Based on advice from client of yours in August of 2009? counsel. I will not answer. MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same Q. (BY MR. MORAN) If this conference call instruction occurred, what was the purpose of the call? THE WITNESS: Based on instruction from MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same counsel, I will not answer. Q. (BY MR. MORAN) In August of 2009 were you THE WITNESS: Based on advice from 10 retained to provide any type of tax consulting to counsel, I will not answer. 11 11 R. Gregory Shepard? Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Did the conference call 12 12 MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same referred to herein ever occur? 13 13 MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same instruction. THE WITNESS: Based on advice from instruction. 15 15 THE WITNESS: Based on advice from counsel. I will not answer. 16 (EXHIBIT 374 WAS MARKED.) 16 counsel. I will not answer. 17 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, you've been 17 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, I'm handing 18 18 handed a copy of what's been marked as Plaintiff's you a copy of an exhibit that's already been marked 19 19 Exhibit 374. Plaintiff's Exhibit 374 was labeled previously with another deponent in this case. That 20 20 with Bates numbers MM004327 through MM004328. is Plaintiff's Exhibit 136. Plaintiff's Exhibit 136 21 21 Do you recognize Plaintiff's Exhibit 374? is labeled Olsen_P&E-1338, and it's a three page 22 22 A. Yes. document that goes through Olsen_P&E-1430. 23 23 Mr. Oveson, I direct your attention to the 24 MR. BENSON: Same objection as to both the 24 second page. There is an e-mail from Greg Shepard

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Q. Mr. Shepard says that he met with a CPA today by the name of Ken Oveson.

Do you see that text?

MR. BENSON: I would object to any testimony relating to communications or potentially confidential communications between the former client, in this case, Mr. Shepard, and anyone with my client at Mantyla McReynolds. This document purports to be an e-mail which looks to me like does have communications not pertinent to my client's representation. This objection doesn't necessarily concern that. But as to the -- I guess the start of the string e-mail, I would object to the admissibility of the document and I would instruct the witness not to offer testimony describing the nature of those potentially confidential communications.

MR. AUSTIN: I'll also object to the extent you're attempting to elicit testimony by reading a statement and asking the witness to confirm that it appears on the document that he has declined to answer questions about.

former client, Mr. Shepard, and others.

THE WITNESS: Based on advice from counsel I will not answer

Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Shepard says, "I have retained him" -- referring to you -- "and his firm, Mantyla McReynolds," on page Olsen P&E-01339. Were you and your firm retained by Mr. Shepard during this time frame?

MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same instruction.

THE WITNESS: Based on advice from counsel. I won't answer.

Q. (BY MR. MORAN) The last line on page 1339 says, "Ken is going to research the complex AMT issue, especially for those who want to amend their 2007 taxes."

Does that accurately describe the duties you -- or any services you had agreed to perform for Mr. Shepard?

MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same instruction.

THE WITNESS: Based on advice from counsel, I will not answer.

Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Further down on the page ending 1340 it says, "Also, during the meeting we

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Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, I'm going to ask you to read to yourself the e-mail that starts halfway down on the second page of Plaintiff's Exhibit 136 that appears to be an e-mail from Greg Shepard to you. And let me know when you're done.

MR. BENSON: Are you done?

THE WITNESS: Okay.

Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, I asked you to read an e-mail dated August 21st, 2009. I'll give you the opportunity to read the whole document if you'd like. I'm going to ask you a series of questions about the e-mail from Greg Shepard to you on August 21st, 2009. Would you like an opportunity to review the whole document?

I've reviewed it.

Q. Okay. On the e-mail dated August 21st, 2009, from Greg Shepard to -- cc'ing you, Mr. Shepard makes some statements about you. Could you tell me if any of those statements are inaccurate?

MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same instruction. To the extent that any of these communications were published to third parties, of which I don't know the evidence, I would still instruct the client not to describe anything relating to the entirety of the scope of representation of the talked with Neldon Johnson, IAUS CEO and president, about his new plan to help with the passive/active

issue. Ken is nearly sure this will be fine. Again,

Ken will research this."

Do those -- does that text accurately state your services that you were retained to perform for Mr. Shepard or Mr. Johnson or any other person?

MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same instruction.

THE WITNESS: Based on advice from counsel. I will not answer.

Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Further down on the page ending 1340 it says, "Ken is my personal CPA. I have decided to let" -- "decided to have Ken handle all my tax questions."

Do those statements accurately reflect your services that were performed for either Mr. Shepard or any other entity?

MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same instruction.

THE WITNESS: Based on advice from counsel, I will not answer.

Q. (BY MR. MORAN) This e-mail also refers to a conference call purportedly with you on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. And it says, "This will be a great chance

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58 60 for you to ask questions and to listen to Ken's instruction. explanation of tax issues as it pertains to our IAUS THE WITNESS: Based on advice from tax incentive program." counsel, I will not answer. My question to you is, were you ever Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Did you ever receive retained to explain tax issues on the IAUS tax inquiries from any other persons regarding the incentive program? program that you're discussing in that e-mail? MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same instruction. instruction. THE WITNESS: Based on advice from THE WITNESS: Based on advice from 10 10 counsel. I will not answer. counsel. I will not answer. 11 11 (EXHIBIT 376 WAS MARKED.) Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, has a 12 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, you've been gentleman by the name of Preston Olsen ever been a 13 13 client of yours? given a copy of what's been marked for identification 14 14 MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same as Plaintiff's Exhibit 376. Do you recognize 15 instruction Plaintiff's Exhibit 376? THE WITNESS: Based on advice from A. Yes. 17 Q. What is it? counsel. I will not answer. 18 18 (EXHIBIT 375 WAS MARKED.) MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same 19 19 Q. Mr. Oveson, I've handed you a copy of instruction. 20 20 what's been marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 375. This THE WITNESS: Based on advice from 21 21 is labeled Olsen_P&E-00862. counsel, I will not answer. 22 22 I direct your attention to -- towards the Q. (BY MR. MORAN) For the record, 23 23 Plaintiff's Exhibit 376 is a document which has been top of the page there is some text that says, 24 "Forwarded message from Ken Oveson," and then an Bates-labeled MM004391 through MM004394. This 25 25 e-mail address, ken@mmacpa.com. I would just like to document was produced by Mantyla McReynolds. 59 61 reconfirm, that is your e-mail address? Mr. Oveson, Plaintiff's Exhibit 376 appears to be an invoice from Mantyla McReynolds to A. Yes, it is. Q. Okay. That's an e-mail that was sent Bigger Faster Stronger, and refers to professional November 23rd, 2009, at 9:05. It appears to be that. services, including research, active participation in That e-mail is to Preston Olsen. solar energy company. Do you recall ever speaking to Preston Did I read that correctly? Olsen? MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same Q. What research did Mantyla McReynolds do for Bigger Faster Stronger that was related to a instruction. 10 THE WITNESS: Based on advice from solar energy company? 11 11 counsel. I will not answer. MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same 12 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, in the e-mail 12 instruction. 13 13 dated November 23rd, 2009, your e-mail states, "We THE WITNESS: Based on advice from are no longer working with Greg Shepard on this counsel. I will not answer. 15 program." 15 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, in the summary 16 Do you see that sentence? 16 it refers to a client. Who is the client? 17 17 MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same A. Yes. 18 Q. Which program are you referring to? instruction 19 19 MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same THE WITNESS: Based on advice from 20 20 instruction counsel, I will not answer. 21 21 THE WITNESS: Based on advice from Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, please flip to 22 counsel. I won't answer. the second page of Exhibit 376. 23 23 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Why weren't you working A. Uh-huh (affirmative). 24 24 with Greg Shepard on that program? Q. What's on the second page? 25 MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same

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62 instruction. (EXHIBIT 377 WAS MARKED.) THE WITNESS: Based on advice from Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, you've been counsel I will not answer given a copy of Plaintiff's Exhibit 377, which has Q. (BY MR. MORAN) The second page appears to been marked for identification as Plaintiff's be a billing worksheet for Wednesday, December 31st, Exhibit 377 and Bates-numbered MM004395 through 2008. Withdrawn. A billing worksheet for July 1st, MM004410. This is a document that was produced by 2007, through December 31st, 2008. On the first line Mantyla McReynolds pursuant to the United States of the summary, on the date December 11th, 2008, subpoena. there is a comment, "Research active participation in On the first page of Plaintiff's 10 solar energy company." And it says, "Staff, DDM." Exhibit 377 there is a reference to research 11 Do you see that? regarding solar panel deductions/credits. Do you see A. Yes. that? 13 13 Q. Who is DDM? 14 14 MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same Q. What solar panel deductions/credits is 15 15 instruction, to the extent it relates to this that referring to? invoice. If you know of DDM otherwise, not related MR. BENSON: Same objection and 17 17 to this representation, I'll instruct you to answer 18 his question. 18 THE WITNESS: Based on advice from 19 19 THE WITNESS: Based on advice from counsel. I will not answer. 20 20 counsel, I will not answer. Q. (BY MR. MORAN) And also for the record, 21 21 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, did Mantyla Plaintiff's Exhibit 377 appears to be an invoice from 22 22 McReynolds ever perform services for Greg Shepard Mantyla McReynolds to Bigger Faster Stronger. 23 23 that was billed to Bigger Faster Stronger? Mr. Oveson, directing your attention to 24 MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same the third page of Plaintiff's Exhibit 377. This 25 25 appears to be a billing worksheet for the period instruction. 63 65 THE WITNESS: Based on advice from July 1, 2007, through March 31st, 2009. On the first counsel, I will not answer. line of that billing worksheet there is a line for Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, directing your general, staff, DGM, and the comment is, "Consult attention back to the first page of Plaintiff's 376. with Ken and Dave regarding solar panel On the last line of the summary it says, deductions/credits." "Correspondence with Greg Shepard regarding amending My question to you is, who is Ken? MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same My question to you is, why would you be instruction. having correspondence with Greg Shepard that's billed THE WITNESS: Based on advice from 10 to Bigger Faster Stronger? counsel, I will not answer. 11 11 MR. BENSON: Same objection and Q. (BY MR. MORAN) My next question is, who 12 instruction. 12 is Dave? 13 13 THE WITNESS: Based on counsel's advice, I MR. BENSON: Same objection and 14 will not answer. instruction 15 15 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, I'll direct THE WITNESS: Based on advice from 16 your attention to the last page of Plaintiff's 16 counsel. I will not answer. 17 17 Exhibit 376. Sorry to jump around. This is another Q. (BY MR. MORAN) And my question to you 18 billing worksheet with the name Shepard, Greg and is -- my next question is, what solar panel 19 19 Diana. Before Shepard, Greg and Diana appears in deductions and credits is this invoice referring to? 20 20 bold, there is a notation, BIGGE100G. What does the MR. BENSON: Same objection and 21 21 BIGGE100G notation refer to? instruction 22 22 MR. BENSON: Same objection and THE WITNESS: Based on advice from 23 23 counsel, I will not answer. 24 24 THE WITNESS: Based on advice from Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, I'm going to counsel, I will not answer. direct your attention to the page toward the back of

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68 66 377. The page is labeled MM004408. Let me know when numbered MM004409. Are you with me? you're there. A. Yes. A. I'm there. Q. Okay. This is, again, a billing worksheet for the period July 1, 2007, through March 31st, Q. Okay. On page 4408 is another billing worksheet for the period July 1, 2007, through 2009. I direct your attention to the line item which March 31st, 2009. There is a line item dated says, "Taxindiv, 1040, staff, KWO." March 12th, 2009, for general, staff, DDM, activity Do you see that line item? 3920. Do you see that line? A. Yes. A. Yes. Q. Who is KWO? 10 10 Q. In the comment section it says, "Biller: MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same 11 11 instruction. Includes prep time for meeting to review solar energy 12 credit info which was effective 10-3-08 and extended THE WITNESS: Based on advice from 13 13 through 12-31-15." counsel I will not answer 14 14 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, what are your Do you know which client this refers to? 15 15 initials? MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same 16 A. KWO. instruction. 17 17 Q. Okay. On that same line item there is a THE WITNESS: Based on advice from 18 18 comment, "Review problem with solar investment." counsel, I will not answer. 19 19 Do you see that comment? Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Direct your attention to 20 20 the last line item on page 4408. The comment section A. Yes. 21 21 says, "Biller: Discuss solar energy credit with Don Q. What problem is this referring to with the 22 22 solar investment? and Ken." 23 23 MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same Who is Don? 24 24 instruction. MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same 25 25 THE WITNESS: Based on advice from instruction. 67 69 THE WITNESS: Based on advice from counsel. I will not answer. MR. MORAN: We'll go off the record for a counsel, I will not answer. Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Who is Ken? minute. MR. BENSON: Same objection. Same (A break was taken from 10:50 a.m. to 10:52 a.m.) instruction THE WITNESS: Based on advice from MR. MORAN: Back on the record. counsel, I will not answer. Q. Mr. Oveson, you've answered some Q. (BY MR. MORAN) And I want to be clear, questions today, not others. Are there any answers this line item refers to preparation of 2008 to my questions that you wish to change or amend now? 10 10 individual tax returns. Did I read that correctly? A. No. 11 11 A. Yes. Q. Okav. 12 12 Q. Are you familiar with Mantyla McReynolds' MR. AUSTIN: There are some of your 13 13 billing practices? questions I'd like to amend or change. Can I do 14 A. Yes. that? 15 Q. Is it fair to say that the services MR. MORAN: You are going to get a chance 16 referred to in the last line of Exhibit 4408 refer to 16 to cross-examine. 17 the preparation of an individual's tax returns? 17 MR. AUSTIN: No, your questions. 18 MR. BENSON: To the extent that he's 18 Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Are there any questions 19 19 commenting on an exhibit which pertains to you would like me to rephrase so that you could 20 representation of a former client, same objection and 20 understand them better that would allow you to give a 21 21 I would instruct not to answer more complete answer? 22 THE WITNESS: Based on instruction from 22 A. No. 23 23 counsel, I will not answer. Q. Mr. Oveson, have you ever been arrested? Q. (BY MR. MORAN) Mr. Oveson, I'll direct 24 A. No. 25 your attention to the next page, which is Bates-Q. Have you ever had any type of professional

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discipline? A. No. Q. Have you ever been found liable in a civil suit? A. No. MR. MORAN: All right. Mr. Oveson, we are going to hold this deposition open pending resolution of the privilege claims that have been raised here, but at this time I don't have any more questions for you. We will, in all likelihood, be calling you back. We will do that through Mr. Benson. MR. BENSON: Sure. MR. MORAN: We are for the record, we're going to ask that you read and sign the transcript that the court reporter has been making. She'll send a copy to you and Mr. Benson, and I just ask you to read and sign and verify that it's correct. THE WITNESS: Okay. MR. AUSTIN: And I will object, for the record, to the statement that we're holding the deposition open. I don't agree to that. MR. MORAN: All right. I have no further questions at this time. I pass the witness to Mr. Austin and Mr. Benson.	REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE STATE OF UTAH) Ss. COUNTY OF SALT LAKE I, Dawn M. Perry, Certified Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Utah, do hereby certify: That prior to being examined, the witness, KENNETH WAYNE OVESON, was by me duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; That said deposition was taken down by me in stenotype on February 16, 2017, at the place therein named, and was thereafter transcribed and that a true and correct transcription of said testimony is set forth in the preceding pages. I further certify that, in accordance with Rule 30(e), a request having been made to review the transcript, a reading copy was sent to the witness, for the witness to read and sign under penalty of perjury and then return to me for filing with Christopher R. Moran, Attorney at Law. I further certify that I am not kin or otherwise associated with any of the parties to said cause of action and that I am not interested in the outcome thereof. WITNESS MY HAND this 21st day of February, 2017. Dawn M. Perry, CSR Case: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA vs. RAPOWER3, LLC, INTERNATIONAL AUTOMATED SYSTEMS, INC., LTB1, LLC, R. GREGORY SHEPARD, NELDON JOHNSON and ROGER FREEBORN Case No.: 2:15-cv-00828 DN
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MR. BENSON: No follow-up. MR. MORAN: We're done for today. (Deposition suspended at 10:55 a.m.) * * *	Case: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA vs. RAPOWER3, LLC, INTERNATIONAL AUTOMATED SYSTEMS, INC., LTB1, LLC, R. GREGORY SHEPARD, NELDON JOHNSON and ROGER FREEBORN
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