JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE ON JEA MATTER

TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW OF

PAUL MCELROY

DATE TAKEN: Thursday, March 26, 2020

TIME:

2:13 p.m. to 3:55 p.m.

Examination of the witness taken before: Terrie L. Cook, RPR, CRR, FPR, and a Notary Public

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1 2	APPEARANCES OF COUNSEL On behalf of Special Investigatory Committee	1 STIPULATION
∠ 3	E. Lanny Russell, Esquire, via telephone	2 It was stipulated and agreed by and between
	Smith, Hulsey & Busey	3 counsel for the respective parties, and the witness,
4	One Independent Drive	4 that the reading and signing of the deposition by the
5	Suite 3300 Jacksonville, Florida 32202	5 witness was not waived.
6	On behalf of Paul McElroy	6
7	Michael Abel, Esquire, via telephone	7 MR. RUSSELL: This is Lanny Russell. I am
_	Abel Bean Law	8 special counsel to the investigative committee
8	50 North Laura Street Suite 2500	⁹ appointed by the City Council concerning the
9	Jacksonville, Florida 32202	10 potential JEA sale.
10	On behalf of the General Counsel's Office	11 And I believe if the other persons would
11	Stephen J. Powell, Esquire, via telephone	12 make their appearances, please.
12	General Counsel's Office 117 West Duval Street	13 MR. POWELL: This is Steve Powell. I'm with
	Suite 480	14 the Office of General Counsel and I'm here on behalf
13	Jacksonville, Florida 32202	15 of JEA.
14 15		16 MR. ABEL: This is Michael Abel, A-b-e-l, from
15		17Abel Bean Law. And I'm counsel to Paul McElroy.
17		18 THE WITNESS: This is
		19MR. RUSSELL: Go ahead, Mr. McElroy.
18 19		20 THE WITNESS: Yes. I'm sorry. I'm Paul
20		21 McElroy, M-c-E-l-r-o-y, and retired CEO for JEA.
21		22 MR. RUSSELL: Thank you, Mr. McElroy. We
22		23 appreciate you voluntarily participating in today's
23 24		24 proceedings. A transcript of the interview is being
25		25 made and you will be provided that transcript with
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2	approved and and put through in the prior four to	2	45 percent from its peak in 2014.
3	five years.	3	During the time, I would also say the
4	So so revenue was was brought up to at	4	environment, our our river was healthier and there
5	that time to to match out their expenses and to match	5	were plans in place to to make it even even
6	essentially the large debt load the utility was	6	healthier.
7	carrying. That debt load was the result of putting on	7	An assessment of all of the systems, they were
8	approximately \$2 billion in debt over the prior seven or	8	more reliable, including JEA.com and mobile
9	eight years on the electric system and a billion dollars	9	applications. And the team, during that two years,
10	in debt on the water/sewer system.	10	proved its how successful it was in terms of it
11	So, in essence, the operating cash flows were	11	covering two major hurricanes back to back.
12	sufficient to cover operating expenses and and	12	So I think all in all, the financial strikes
13	provide a large improvement for the bondholders, but we	13	that the utility was under, allowing it to accomplish
14	really needed to work to move our debt down and get that	14	all those business goals and objectives was was
15	under control and move those metrics in terms of debt to	15	stronger at the end of when I retired than, you know,
16	equity back in line, essentially, with industry	16	when I first started out.
17	standards, you know what I'm saying, and our and our	17	Q And prior to becoming, in September of 2012,
18	credit ratings.	18	the CEO and managing director, you had been the chief
19	Q Thank you.	19	financial officer of JEA?
20	And I understand, Mr. McElroy, that you	20	A And that that is correct.
21	resigned as CEO and managing director of JEA in April of	21	Q And you put what year did you become chief
22	2018?	22	financial officer?
23	A That that is correct.	23	A The the title chief financial officer was
24	Q As as of that date, April of 2018, had the	24 25	supplied, I believe, in 2006.
25	financial condition at JEA changed from that which you	25	Q In let me just back up because that's a
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2	forward, based upon the need to recover the cost of the	2	And as CEO and managing director of JEA, did
3	major investments made in the system in the in the	3	you approve this report before its release?
4	years, really, 2002 to 2008 or '9.	4	A Yes.
5	From a systems perspective, there were a lot of	5	Q Okay. And what I wanted to ask you about was
6	improvements made during those years or investments made	6	actually on the cover page. It was the under the
7	during those years, an expansion of generation	7	title of the document, the JEA 2017 Annual Report, in
8	capability. So the system was was improved and then	8	bold, is the word Resiliency. Can you tell me why that
9	really in the in the period of '08 through '12,	9	word was used on the cover of this report?
10	operational excellence became a became a theme within	10	A It it related directly to the resiliency of
11	the utility and I believe we funded a lot of plans at	11	the entire JEA. Its its terrific, fantastic world
12	that point in time through through the pricing	12	class work force, its operating systems, it meaning
13	adjustments to be able to move our operating metrics up	13	its its hard assets, its plants, being electric,
14	to top decile performance.	14	water and sewer, its distribution systems, whether water
15	Q Thank you.	15	or electric, its collections systems, wastewater, all of
16	I'd like to ask you some questions about the	16	those performed, admirably, certainly at at that
17	2017 annual report. I had sent you a few pages of that	17	class level during the hurricanes that that just hit
18	report, excerpt from that report.	18	us in the in the prior 12 months.
19	A Okay.	19	So it was a it was a testament for the
20	(Exhibit 1 was marked for identification.)	20	fortitude of the human element, which is the
21	Q Do you have that before you, Mr. McElroy?	21	distinguishing element of JEA, its people and how they
22	A I'm going to pull that up right now. I have	22	were able to to employ the outstanding infrastructure
23	another one. Annual report. Yes, I have it up now.	23	that we had and to repair and maintain it during
24	Q Thank you.	24	during horrendous conditions, two back-to-back
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3	service coverage or you look at net revenues on a cash	3 paid to us by FPL and for the early decommissioning	
4	flow state, that the utility had an extraordinary strong	4 and the savings that would accrue from from running	
5	operating net cash flow.	5 the plant or having to do it on our own.	
6	Q In the report, you also described the JEA	6 I think a final point on this, which which	
7	described the decommissioning of the St. Johns River	 7 it really helped finalize the decision, is that is 	
8	Power Park, what did that provide benefit to JEA?		
9	A Yes, it did. It provides it provides and it	51 5	
10	will continue to provide benefits to JEA and and	9 economic in the market. It cost more to produce or	
11	ultimately JEA's customers. I would like to think	10 the giving of electricity being coal today than it does	
12	that that any benefit that we had really approved to	11 to be a natural gas builder and other technology. So it	
13	our customers, not to not to run JEA or the employees	12 wasn't being used as much as it once was.	
14	of JEA, but to our customers.	13 So it was a confluence of of issues that led	
15	So the decommissioning was a was a difficult	14 up to that decision. In that decision, we worked very	
16	decision, but an important one, for the utility. SJRPP,	15 hard with the affected employees. A number of them were	e
17	or St. Johns River Power Park, was a a jointly-owned	able to retire in place, a number of them joined JEA. I	
18	project, coal plant on the north side of Jacksonville	believe anyone that wanted a job, we work would with the	e
19		18 State, in Tallahassee, anyone who wanted a job, we were	
20	that operated very effectively during its life span. The operating agreement was scheduled to to	able to find them equivalent work before the transition	
20	end and I believe it's April 2021. I might be off a	20 was over.	
21		21 Q Further down in your report, your statement	
22	year, it might be 2022. But if we can just pick a date,	22 made, The disclosure proves JEA's ability to adapt to	
23 24	2021. And FPL had signaled to us that that they	23 changing market condition.	
	wanted out at that point in time. Contractually, they	24 Can you explain what were the changing market	
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2	250 to 300 megawatts of solar generating capacity over	2	of energy and capital and work done to bring that system
3	five or six sites that we had accumulated throughout the	3	up to above federal standards and operating
4	county. It would have put Jacksonville and and JEA	4	exceptionally.
5	in the in the top ten, at least, utilities in the	5	The new one didn't appear to be any challenge
6	country in terms of having solar generating capability	6	on the horizon that that part two couldn't meet. And
7	within its boarders.	7	I think one of the exciting things for us during coolant
8	So, clearly, the the transition away from	8	was that it appeared that the industry was going to be
9	coal, to move to natural gas, on our way to large scale	9	less capital intensive as well.
10	utility solar was a transition that was sort of '16, '17	10	So at one time, the enormous capital was a
11	and and '18. And JEA was well positioned to do that.	11	requirement. It appears going forward in terms of
12	I think the the interesting aspect of the the	12	expansion of solar and other technologies that because
13	solar expansion was that it did not require significant	13	of the deals being offered and the structure of the
14	capital and that they they were those projects	14	industry, the amount of capital it's attracting in
15	were done on on contract. And it was energy that	15	unique ways would not cost the JEA as much as it had in
16	would be paid for as it was delivered, so constructive	16	the past.
17	and owned by others, they would produce the power and a	17	So I I think they were very, very well
18	set price. And that price would be paid if delivered on	18	positioned. We had enormous capability in terms of
19	a go-forward basis.	19	intellectual capability on the team. We had outstanding
20	So I that that was those were the	20	operating performance. We had a plan that was emerging
21	two two or three big moving parts in the, sort of,	21	at the time called Future Smart. We had employees to
22	transition; the environmental, both CO2 regulations, the	22	work to look at our cost structure and we thought by
23	reduction in coal, the expansion of gas and the	23	being smart and by making some investments in IT and
24	immergence, certainly in our area, of solar, and to a	24	systems, we could gradually work out 30 or \$40 million
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2	in terms of increasing electric demands for cooling.	2 that they're thinking and planning right now of loading
3	Transportation was another great opportunity	3 some nuclear fuel later this year. And and that
4	for us and the electrification of that. Its time	4 would be 200 megawatts of CO2 free electric generation
5	clearly has not come. But it's I believe it's going	5 that we can import from Georgia.
6	to be there if, in fact, we're serious about CO2 and	6 Overall history is important. Millions and
7	climate change in our region and nationally.	7 millions and millions of megawatt houses from Georgia.
8	Natural gas prices are at an almost all-time	8 In fact, if you go over 30 years, 22 percent of our
9	low. It's amazing to me at this point in time that	9 powers come from Georgia.
10	natural gas is below \$2 and and the opportunity that	10 Early in the '80s, 60 percent of our power came
11	that presents for cost savings initially in locking in	11 from Georgia. It's not new. The global the
12	forward pricing.	12 transaction has has problems and challenges, but
13	The opportunity to bond from and refund	13 the the fact that we will have base load of almost 13
14	refund what funds are available in today's credit market	14 percent of our power, zero CO2, maybe not right now, but
15	is just astounding in terms of how much money could be	15 in several years when we do get legislation and and
16	saved if we were to really dig into the market now and	16 we are restricted in terms of our CO2 emissions, I think
17	restructure some of our debt.	
18	I think that when we look at local control, any	1 2
19	type of negative or challenge on the future, having the	18 So I'm I'm so I rambled on a little bit
20	local control to expand our water/sewer system, to own	19 there, but I'm I'm pretty excited about the
21	our environmental footprint to ensure we're resilient	20 opportunities for JEA in the future.
22	not only from hurricanes, but from climate change and	21 Q I sense that.
23	sea level rise, as well as, and very importantly, energy	22 You used the term, Mr. McElroy, rate C
24	efficiency. The rest of the State of Florida doesn't	23 coupling, could you explain what that is, please?
25	think that's important. As a local community, we can	24 A Yeah. Simply simply stated today, in
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Page 26 Page 28 1 much energy you use. It's common practice in -- in many 1 The CFO and CEO of JEA from -- what years, 2006 2 states at this point in time that have wrestled with 2 through 2018, 12 years, were you familiar -- did you 3 3 these same problems -- or problems, challenges to -- to become familiar with compensation plans that were used 4 move forward. It offers the customer an opportunity 4 at other public utilities throughout the United States 5 to -- to save as well. 5 on the face of the employees of the utilities? 6 Q Okay. Just to be sure I understand, in terms 6 A Yes, I did. Yes, I -- I did become familiar 7 of rate B coupling, is that admissible now for JEA or 7 with compensation plans across the municipal sector, the 8 would that require some sort of legislative or charter 8 investor, that's the public stock traded utilities, as 9 change? 9 well as some regional companies with the similar size of 10 A I -- I believe -- the coupling we hadn't -- we 10 revenue employees. 11 had not approached the board with. We were watching 11 Q Okay. Are you aware, Mr. McElroy, of any 12 that closely, but certainly that would be a -- a future 12 public utility that has ever had a compensation plan 13 opportunity. I believe that the -- that -- well, I know 13 that paid the participant employees based upon the 14 14 that the board of JEA has rate setting authority for -increase in value of that public utility? 15 15 for JEA. The -- the public service commission has the A No, I am not aware of it. I was -- I was 16 authority to ensure that we're recovering costs 16 shocked, disappointed and disgusted at reading about 17 17 adequately. So you've got to get your structure that issue in -- in the -- in the local media. 18 approved by them. 18 Q And why did you have those feelings, if you 19 19 I'm not sure where the State is with respect to could explain them to us, please, Mr. McElroy, about 20 B coupling at this point in time in terms of its 20 that plan? 21 approval process, but the board would have the -- the 21 A I felt the time that I worked at -- at JEA. 22 authority to -- to approve it, we'd have to get a 22 I -- I was there in -- in part because of the -- because 23 secondary with the State. They have always been 23 of the work, but in part because of the public service 24 receptive to -- to at least testing as well, so I think 24 and serving our community. I understood that we worked 25 25 we could probably move -- move forward with that. in the public arena. I worked with Craig Peoples and Page 27 Page 29 Q Good. 1 their mission was public service. And the thought 1 2 And the chart that I had attached to this 2 that -- that a -- a structure would be put in place to 3 3 excerpt from the annual report, that chart, particularly exploit and take advantage and enrich anyone from the --4 4 from the finances of -- for JEA under any consis- -the financial highlight for the years 2017, 2016 and 5 5 change, that demonstrates the financial occurrences that condition and under any structure, given the fact that 6 6 JEA had in that year that you had described just we've got 50,000 people in this community that live at 7 7 and below poverty that have as much, if not more, need previously? 8 8 A Yes, it does. It covers -- there's 2013 and right to those funds than anyone else just -- just 9 9 through 2017. disgusted me. 10 10 O Good. So it's more of a personal answer, but I -- I 11 In turning back one page, just in conclusion of 11 worked in the private sector. I worked in financial 12 12 services in the private sector. I understand the the report, it's the last phrase in the report, right 13 13 above your signature, report says, As we know all too mentality in the private sector. And if you want to 14 14 well, our lives wouldn't be the same without the world work in this private sector, then -- then one should go 15 15 class electric water and sewer service our customers seek employment in the private sector. 16 have come to expect from us. 16 Q Thank you. And changing subjects just a bit. 17 Do you believe that statement was true in 17 Are there particular advantages to being a 18 18 public utility as there would be in a private investor September of 2008 -- 2017 when that was stated, 19 19 owned utility?

Mr. McElroy?19A Yes, I do.20Q And do you believe that statement is true21today?22A Yes. Yes, I do. Yes.23

A Yes. Yes, I do. Yes. Q Okay. In connection with your -- how many

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A Absolutely, yes.

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Q Can you give me the material ones, please?

there are sort of two in my mind. One is local control.

And -- and that is that the local community owns and --

and drives policy and -- and controls its destiny with

A Well, I think the largest one is -- I mean,

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1	respect to life-sustaining economically critical,	1	of others that are income challenged and without wealth,
2	environmentally purposeful services to their community.	2	they're paycheck to paycheck, certainly in these times,
3	And so JEA's fortunate enough to be essentially	3	I mean, it's absolutely critical, but on a day-to-day
4	in a sweet spot in terms of its ability to scale up and	4	basis it's critical, too, and you have the flexibility
5	do all of those things economically. So you could	5	to work through that and be part of the community.
6	control your destiny and and you can and you can	6	Economic development, we're here to be part of
7	do it in an economical way.	7	community and to assure that the community grows. You
8	I I think the the other critical point	8	know, I can say that on the other side, we've got to
9	here is and and this may get back to my previous	9	serve the profit holder in order to get the gravy in
10	point of disgust in terms of, you know, that incentive	10	terms of that.
11	plan, is that the business municipal businesses are	11	So I'm just saying it really is two
12	not for profit.	12	different very different economic and financial
13	Now, it's easy to say that a public company	13	structures, but it is very, very different from a
14	that is share-holder driven is for profit and a utility	14	cultural standpoint in how you approach the business,
15	municipal or state-owned utility is a nonprofit and	15	how you invest in the business and and how you
16	it it gives the impression that that's just an	16	support your customers. And I I happen to be a
17	account.	17	little partial to the to the public power.
18	And I can tell you from having lived through	18	Q Okay. Prior to I hadn't asked this earlier,
19	it, on both sides, in in financial services,	19	but prior to coming to JEA, I believe you had two
20	aggressive, cut-throat, for profit and then the reality	20	significant long-term jobs, what were they, Mr. McElroy,
21	of public service and good and nonprofit and, quite	21	in the private sector?
22	frankly, within the municipal group, it was sort of a	22	A I was a a vice president and general manager
23	it was sort of viewed as the dark side and the light	23	for several divisions of North American divisions for
24	side. Admissions public college admissions and	24	Bombardier Capital. Bombardier is the french name of
25	passing grades are a couple of examples that they do	25	the firm. And I had a variety of management positions.
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4	conversations were held during the operating committee	4	internal finance division for Pitney Bowes Credit
5	when that plant was running. And and I think we	5	Corporation, again, a North American corporation.
6	demonstrated this point.	6	And I I would also say, too, I mean, in
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9	cost for our customers. And FPL would look at that and	9	really the topic today.
10	say, no, that's operating expense, it's not a capital	10	But more the topic today in terms of industry
11	expense and my shareholder has to pay for that and we	11	experience, during my time at at JEA, I I sat on
12	can't do that. And so because it affects profit.	12	the board of directors of the Florida Reliability
13	If it's capital, they can put in the capital pool, get	13	Coordinating Council. I also sat on the board and
14	approval and then make a profit.	14	shared for a brief time the Florida Coordinating Group.
15	And you don't have those arguments in terms	15	The Reliability Coordinating Council, it
16	of and certainly during my tenure you didn't have	16	appeared, was a regulatory and compliance organization
17	those arguments because our focus was it didn't matter	17	chartered by FERC and NERC federal to ensure liability
18	about rates, it didn't matter about money, it matters	18	in in the state of Florida.
19	what ended up on the customer's bill, that was the	19	I was a member of the Associated Edison
20	important thing. That's what we all worked for during	20	Illuminating Companies on its board of directors and
21	our daily activities.	21	that those are investor-owned companies. I was one
22	And so providing that service and making sure	22	of two municipal board members on on that board.
23	we had the sensitivity and efficacy in the way we	23	I was a long-term member of the American Public
24	addressed, again, the 50,000 customers that live in	24	Power Association and I know the committee had the
25	poverty within our community, that the tens of thousands	25	opportunity or one of the committees had the opportunity

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1	to have a presentation from Sue Kelly, who's past	1	process, five to six to seven years, while executive CEO
2	president of APPA. I was on the board of directors,	2	and it was approximately that time.
3	executive committee and treasurer.	3	Q And the different new set of skills that you
4	I sat on a large public powered council, that	4	thought was necessary for JEA, what did you believe
5	is the Council of CEOs of the 25 largest municipal	5	those skills would be?
6	utilities municipal and state-owned utilities in the	6	A You know, I I felt they would be far more
7	country. I was CEO responsible for the for the tax	7	political. And that that the past and the the
8	and finance group.	8	the level of discourse on the privatization and
9	I made numerous visits to The Hill. I	9	non-privatization was was something that was not
10	testified before Congress on on their behalf and our	10	my you know, high on my list of of things to be
11	industry's behalf.	11	involved in, you know, running an operation and working
12	I was on the board of directors of the Energy	12	with people and delivering outstanding service was
13	Authority, which is a a marketing and risk	13	and leading and developing a strategic plan was
14	management, energy marketing and advanced marketing	14	something that had been very successful and had
15	mismanagement company partially owned by JEA and other	15	accomplished. It appears that there was somewhat of a
16	municipals.	16	change and and time to, you know, give the reigns to
17	I was on the Chamber of Commerce, board of	17	somebody else.
18	directors in Florida, Northeast Florida Safety Council,	18	Q Okay. The next two documents were two Moody's
19	Pacific Council and also on the on the board of	19	Investors Service documents relating to bonds. And
20	trustees at the University of North Florida.	20	having listened to your testimony already, Mr. McElroy,
21	So I I have extensive background and and	21	I think you've answered all my questions about the bond
22	understanding of what was going on in not only the	22	rating document.
23	municipal space, but the electric industry space	23	I do want to go
24	nationwide, as well as within our region and our state.	24	A If I if I if I may.
25	Q Good. Thank you.	25	Q Go ahead, please. Yeah.
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2	assessment of how they evaluate and their algorithms,	2	planning being a key to the aspect of a system and you
3	et cetera.	3	believe that's also accurate?
4	So I I'm certainly not concerned by the	4	A I'm just looking at the at the date, that
5	by the one that indicated that there was a there was	5	was extremely accurate.
6	a downgrade, given putting it all in context.	6	Q Okay. Thank you. And then both of these are
7	Q All right. Okay. Let's go ahead and mark	7	as of the date of the documents.
8	these two Moody's Investors Service documents and we'll	8	And the document, which will be Number 4, is
9	attach them as exhibits. The first one will be Number 3	9	the Moody's Investor Service I put in the package
10	and that was for the JEA's Florida Water and Sewer	10	relating to actually this the JEA bond for the
11	Enterprise Bond Issues.	11	electric system. And those bonds are rated A Aa2 and
12	And as you pointed out, Mr. McElroy, the JEA	12	Aa3.
13	electric and water and sewers have separate bonds?	13	And, again, those would be high ratings for
14	A Say that one more time, Mr. Russell.	14	utility bonds, Mr. McElroy?
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16	Q The first the documents that I have applies,	16	grade.
17	if I'm understanding it correctly, to water and sewer	17	(Exhibit 4 was marked for identification.)
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21	the water/sewer enterprise has its own debt and its	21	seems to focus on the global plan as the reason for that
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23	Q Right.	23	What thoughts do you have about that,
24	A bond resolutions.	24	Mr. McElroy, the revision to negative and what does it
25	Q Right.	25	mean?
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4		4	
4 5	Are you aware of that, Mr. McElroy, the last 90	5	certainly related to the financial crisis in 2008, '9 and '10 and then some of it contributed to the demand of
6	days?	6	
о 7	A I would have to say I recall something, but I I can't be specific. I just vaguely remember	7	customers thereafter.
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8 9	hearing something.	8	show higher levels of I think it's the the color
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10 11	guess, was consistent with something I heard earlier,	1	then covered by a blue.
12	Mr. McElroy, is your resignation from JEA, as the CEO	11 12	Q Right.
13	and managing director, has something to do with this potential privatization or sale of JEA to an	13	A Those those are projections based upon a historical view. So the the black line is just a
14	investor-owned utility?	14	continuing out the same projected 3 percent roughly
15	A It was it was in the middle of the the	15	3 percent annual compound growth rate for the prior
16	City Council's investigation not investigation, but	16	20 20, 30 years.
10	workshops on the future JEA. And it was a certainly	17	-
18	not a very productive time. And it was a certainly	18	And then '16 was what was projected in the IRP, integrated resource plan, which is an electric system
18	a lot of discussions in terms of privatization or not.	19	document to project future demand used by the utility
20	So I you know, it was at a time when the City Council	20	and the public service commission where sales would be
20	was continuing to review and request documents relative	21	given given a history.
22	to the issue of privatization. It's it's central to	22	And then it was updated for 2017 in in the
23	the time that I resigned.	23	red line and the projection based upon the annual growth
24	Q Thank you.	24	based upon the 10-year period 2006 through 2017.
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1	Page 47 It's it's an in my mind, a really good thing. You	1	Page 49 associated to an action taken on behalf of the utilities
2	know, you've got to be really smart about your cost	2	at the rate of price because of cost increase.
3	and and manage those very effectively.	3	The way we did that was we held cost down. We
4	I'd say the same thing on the electric side.	4	reduced cost and tied our cost to the megawatt hours
5	You know, there's been some public discourse that the	5	produced. And so my charge to the to the
6	drop-off here from from the previous forecast,	6	organization from the people that reported to me, to the
7	et cetera, is a bad thing. Well, it's it's it's	7	people that worked in the plants, the people who worked
8	only a bad thing when you look at sort of the inside	8	on the line, it's everyone's job to keep the customer's
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Q And I hope I'm not going to misuse them. With what you've just said about these charts, if I fully understand, skipping the next page, which is 20, the next several slides, 21 through 26, they relate to

Being easy to do business with is another.
 Being a -- a -- a component, a part of the community to
 volunteer actions.
 Social consciousness is another part that helps

Social consciousness is another part that helps our customer satisfaction and the relationship with our customers. And -- and there are a few others.

16 So it's a -- it's a well-rounded mix in terms 17 of the -- of the overage. It's not just a -- I mean, 18 it's sort of a misnomer in terms of price. When you 19 look at some of the charts of who steps back, you will 20 see that, you know, there are customers in the bottom 21 quartile, they're priced less than us, but they don't 22 respect their customers. 23 And so I -- I think overall that customer 24 satisfaction is driven by the -- the four or five

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1	billing options, the call center, being able to	1	leadership team and the trending leadership team at
2	communicate, et cetera, as well as overall price and	2	at the annual and quarterly meetings.
3	delivery and optional optional services is part of	3	Q Okay. Today, is there another as 2013 is
4	the customer satisfaction.	4	gone and been met, is there a new group of, say, for
5	And what was done here by focusing on that and	5	example, 2017 goals that have been set at JEA when you
6	focusing very differently than what has transpired or	6	were there?
7	did transpire and and what has transpired prior to	7	A I believe when you look yes, when you look
8	my my time the last time there, five and a half	8	at what we were emerging at the time, so it's a little
9	years, we we engaged everybody.	9	rough, I think it's page 36, so 30 page 37, it's
10	While our strategic plan was developed by the	10	2018 CTAs and Initiatives would have been launched in
11	scenic commissioning and the board, we had six public	11	the in the last calendar quarter of 2017 while I was
12	workshops with them, we exercised it throughout the	12	there.
13	entire JEA community, we had input from everyone. We	13	And so we were moving towards what we had
14	met on a quarterly basis with everyone in the utility to	14	coined a Future Smart. You know, Future Smart was
15	go over how we were doing against goals. We asked for	15	really going to to tend to continue along, you know,
16	personal commitment to achieve these goals. And we were	16	all the strategic focus areas and create everything we
17	able to move the customer satisfaction up at a faster	17	could do to earn customer loyalty, to deliver business
18	rate than J. D. Powers had ever seen done in its 15	18	excellence and create and develop the un unbeatable
19	years of running the surveys for the electrical	19	team.
20	industry.	20	And so these were the areas we were going to
21	Q Thank you.	21	focus. Clearly, itself that working with Deloitte and
22	Let's, if we could, just back up to chart 20,	22	extensively in terms of the work that they did with data
23	on page 20, the CEO update, five-year journey. I have a	23	architecture and digitizing a lot of the information
24	few questions to ask about that, if I might.	24	flows that we had, we could increase productivity and
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3	(Exhibit 6 was marked for identification.)	3	million and or, actually, the we set a goal of
4	MR. POWELL: Yeah. Do you have the complete	4	12 million and I think it looks like we fell 100,000
5	document?	5	short. And
6		6	Q In the
7	MR. RUSSELL: I do, but it's very lengthy. I	7	A the revenues
8	can send you the whole document, if you'd like, but	1	
	since I wasn't going to talk about the document, I	8	Q revenues just so I understand, the
9	only included the portions I was going to use.	9	revenues you're talking about and focused on growing
10	MR. POWELL: All right. I'm sorry to	10	here are the non-core revenues generated in connection
11	interrupt. Yeah, when you can, if you could.	11	with JEA's business?
12	Thanks.	12	A That is that is absolutely correct. That
13	MR. RUSSELL: That's fine. Thank you.	13	is that would be evaluating fiber, natural gas sales,
14	BY MR. RUSSELL:	14	joint dispatch, speed up the pole attachments, tree
15	Q And now, Mr. McElroy, I do have a very few	15	farming. Oh, my goodness, there's a there's a whole
16	questions left about the last few slides. And, yeah. The Review of the 2017 Year-End Metrics.	16	laundry list of occupations available there. There is a
17		17	physical security services, there's certainly
18	And the first one of those I included as page	18 19	maintenance, physical compliance, transmission,
19	26. And, basically, my question, can you just explain	20	distribution services, distributed generation and
20	to us, please, Mr. McElroy, what this slide is	1	various prospects and ideas team to keep us informed on
21 22	demonstrating?	21 22	that.
22	A Yes. And so with this example and there are	22	And we looked at, prior to that, a number of
23	a couple of other slides here that might be formatted the same way. I think there are. And so on a quarterly	23	natural gas opportunities. And then at different
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2	technology. And so I I think at the at the far	2	identified, so it was it was identified
3	end of the spectrum, in terms of enterprise asset	3	Q Okay.
4	management, people talk about the a digital twin.	4	A and to be tracked and then the plan there
5	So, for example, if we have a large pump, you	5	would need be to tracked to implementation over the next
6	know, that pumps hundreds of thousands of gallons, a	6	period of time.
7	big, big pump, you could have, on your system, a digital	7	Q I understand.
8	twin that would operate the same way digitally as the	8	And that's just out of order, but it probably
9	the the physical one was supposed to operate, this is	9	was a good place to end. I believe this was page 1 from
10	triple.	10	your Power Point presentation. I thought it was
11	And so by doing that, it would it would	11	important and I put it at the end for that reason. Key
12	through essentially artificially intelligence, it would	12	Financial Metrics is the title of it.
13	give you the signals to do preventative maintenance in	13	And I'll let you do it, Mr. McElroy, can you
14	advance. It would show you where inefficiencies were	14	tell us what this chart tells us about the financial
15	occurring and you could address those in realtime or	15	health of JEA at the end of fiscal year 2017?
16	backtime so as not to disrupt the operation. That's	16	A Mr. Russell, I'm not I'm just kind
17	sort of an example.	17	of finding you said it was at the beginning?
18	You might look at you might look at pipe. I	18	Q If you go to the actually, for some reason
19	mean, we buy pipe each and every year and multiple times	19	I this intends if I understand why it might work,
20	a year so then we have different manufacturers,	20	it's in my group of documents I sent you, the last page
21	different vendors. So knowing exactly who manufactured	21	of the materials to assist the City Council Committee on
22	what pipe, where it is and what its specific age is,	22	the potential sale of JEA.
23	et cetera, all in the database, to be able to manage the	23	A I Key Financial Metrics?
24	replacement program, to manage the capital program would	24	Q Yes, sir. Page 1.
25	be a way that would save enormous costs. So	25	A Yeah, I got it. Four bar charts and a panel.
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2	and interest. And here we can see under consistent or	2	the state of Florida has that.
3	improving, 2017 had a unique year in terms of some debt	3	Now, that's assessed ultimately to our
4	maturities.	4	customers, but it is part of the bill as well that goes
5	When I looked at one of the slides that you	5	to the City.
6	you sent in the annual report or pack of the annual	6	Q And do you recall what the amount of that
7	report, it appears that the the net revenue was up,	7	franchise fee is that goes to the City or went to the
8	but the the maturities paid in that year were were	8	City in 2017?
9	up equally so that pushed that one back a little bit,	9	A I I would and I am going to, from the
10	but still, overall, an upward trend and a trend that is	10	best of my memory recalling, and provide an estimate of
11	above expectation.	11	37.5 billion plus or minus 3 or 4 million.
12	You see you see in the little footnote here,	12	Q Thank you.
13	long-term targets per the JEA pricing policy. So when	13	A The City collects the and all util I
14	we put these targets in place, that's where we had hoped	14	think all utilities do collect the public service tax as
15	to be. Policy lines and exceeding exceeding all of	15	well on top of the utility services. And that is
16	those.	16	charged it's not charged on most of the fuel, but
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18	group that's enormous. It really is a measurement of	18	electric bill, as well as oh, golly, it's charged
19	the rating agencies that touch on this and so clearly	19	against either water or service or sewer, not both. And
20	improving and sufficient cash on hand to to meet any	20	that amount and that amount collected annually is
21	issue of catastrophic event is what their concern is	21	about \$80 million a year.
22	or market disruption, is cash flow on hand to cover	22 23	Now, most most utility home services
23	expenses for an extended period of time. They use	23	home towns provide for that provision and do charge that, not the state of Florida. There's a few
24	cash.	25	exceptions there.
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2	Mr. McElroy's counsel and once we get the transcript	2	
3	done and I've given you all the exhibits, if you	3 STATE OF FLORIDA	
4	would send it to Paul send it to Mike Abel, he'll	4 COUNTY OF DUVAL	
5	provide it to Mr. McElroy and the Errata Sheet will	5	
6	be filled out.	6 I, Terrie L. Cook, RPR, CRR, FPR, ce	rtify that I
7	THE REPORTER: Okay.	7 was authorized to and did stenographically	report the
8	MR. RUSSELL: Thank you and thank you all for	8 interview of PAUL MCELROY; that a revi	iew of the
9	your participation.	9 transcript was requested; and that the forego	oing
10	THE WITNESS: Mr. Russell Mr. Russell	10 transcript, pages 1 through 67 is a true reco	rd of my
11	MR. RUSSELL: Yes, sir.	11 stenographic notes.	
12	THE WITNESS: Mr. Russell, before we hang up,	12	
13	hopefully Terrie's there.	13 I further certify that I am not a relative,	
14	THE REPORTER: I'm here.	14 employee, attorney, or counsel of any of the	-
14	THE WITNESS: Yeah. I would like to I would	15 nor am I a relative or employee of any of th	-
_		16 attorney or counsel connected with the action	on, nor am I
16	like to be on record thanking you, Mr. Russell, for	17 financially interested in the action.	
17	the opportunity, you and the committee and certainly	18	
18	the committee, the work they're doing, the	 DATED on April 3, 2020. 20 	NDTCA
19	Chair Diamond and the other members, I support		
20	certainly their effort in investigating and and	21 22 Juni H	Controste
21	trying to have a better future for our community and	23	
22	I stand by certainly to to help and be	Terrie L. Cook, RPR, CRR, FPR	
23	constructive in any way I possibly can. And I thank	24	
24	them for their public service.	25	
25	MR. RUSSELL: Mr. McElroy, we appreciate that.		
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1	And, hopefully, we won't have to impose much more	1 April 3, 2020	
2	fur much further.	2 PAUL MCELROY	
3	We'll get those items done and thank you-all	3 c/o Michael Abel, Esquire Abel Bean Law	
4	again.	4 50 North Laura Street	
5	THE WITNESS: Thank you.	Jacksonville, Florida 32202 5	
6	MR. POWELL: Thanks.	In Re: March 26, 2020, Interview of Paul McElroy	
7	(Witness excused.)	Dear Sir:	
8	(The interview was concluded at 3:55 p.m.)	7 This letter is to advise that the transcript for the	
9		8 above-referenced deposition has been completed and is available for review. Please make arrangements for read	
10		9 and sign or sign below to waive review of this	
11		transcript. 10	
12		It is suggested that the review of this transcript be completed within 30 days of your receipt of this letter,	
13		as considered reasonable under Federal Rules*, however	;,
14		 there is no Florida Statute to this regard. The original of this transcript has been forwarded to 	
15		the ordering parties and your errata, once received, will be forwarded to all ordering parties for inclusion	
16		in the transcript.	
17		15 Sincerely,	
18		16 17 Terrie L. Cook, RPR, CRR, FPR	
19		Hedquist & Associates, Inc. 18 cc: Michael Abel, Esquire	
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