- 1 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 2 BY MR. PEEPLES:
- 3 Q. Ms. Chaney, do you have in front of you Exhibit
- 4 No. 2.00 and the related attachments the Hearings Officer
- 5 just referred to?
- 6 A. Yes, I do.
- 7 Q. And that is your prefiled testimony?
- 8 A. Yes, it is.
- 9 Q. If I asked you the same questions in that document
- 10 and for those regarding those exhibits would your answers be
- 11 the same?
- 12 A. Yes, they would.
- MR. PEEPLES: I move for admission of those
- 14 documents, Your Honor.
- 15 (Exhibit Nos. 2.00 through 2.03 offered into
- 16 evidence.)
- 17 JUDGE WALLIS: Is there objection?
- 18 Let the record show that there is no objection.
- 19 Those exhibits are received.
- 20 (Exhibit Nos. 2.00 through 2.03 admitted into
- 21 evidence.)
- Is the witness available for cross-examination?
- MR. PEEPLES: Yes, sir.
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- 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 2 BY MR. ARAMBURU:
- 3 Q. Ms. Chaney, I'm Richard Aramburu. We met yesterday
- 4 and I think we've met before in our respective history. Good
- 5 morning.
- 6 A. Good morning.
- 7 Q. Ms. Chaney, describe to me, if you would, what your
- 8 responsibility is with respect to this application.
- 9 A. I am the lead consultant. I work with the URS
- 10 Corporation, and I managed the preparation of the documents.
- 11 I managed the team of environmental scientists and
- 12 specialists in preparing the various technical sections, and
- 13 I was the overall technical editor for the document.
- 14 Q. So are you responsible for the actual text? When
- 15 you say the document you mean the application?
- 16 A. Yes, the application. I was the final editor of
- 17 the text, yes.
- 18 O. I wanted to ask a couple questions about your
- 19 resume, if I may, which is Exhibit 2.01, and just a couple
- 20 questions if I may. On the first page of that document -- I
- 21 guess it is numbered -- it indicates you did environmental
- 22 due diligence for several Puget Sound Energy acquisitions of
- 23 wind projects; is that correct?
- 24 A. I was the principal in charge for URS for the due
- 25 diligence projects, yes.

- 1 Q. What did that due diligence consist of?
- 2 A. Review of previous studies, permits, compliance,
- 3 any kind of environmental documentation that's related to the
- 4 project, reviewing conditions that are required for various
- 5 conditions, for various permits to determine whether or not
- 6 the project had been constructed in compliance with those
- 7 depending on the status of the projects. Some of the
- 8 projects had not been built; some were in the middle of
- 9 construction.
- 10 O. So as I understand it this was an actual
- 11 construction or management of an application for review of
- 12 ongoing work in anticipation of PSE's acquisition of those
- 13 projects?
- 14 A. Yes, it was primarily related to financial
- 15 transactions and purchasing of those projects.
- 16 Q. In the course of your work with PSE did you ever
- 17 have occasion to review PSE's proposal for the current
- 18 Whistling Ridge Project?
- 19 A. No, I did not.
- 20 Q. Turning to page 2 of your resume, Ms. Chaney, the
- 21 second item down is listing your project experience. It
- 22 indicates that you were involved in the Saddleback Mountain
- 23 Wind Project SEPA checklist and conditional use application.
- 24 Can you tell me what that was about?
- 25 A. Prior to the application to the Energy Facility

- 1 Site Evaluation Council the Applicant initiated proceedings
- 2 with Skamania County starting with a SEPA checklist and a
- 3 conditional use permit application for those portions of the
- 4 turbines that would require conditional use permit which is
- 5 primarily in the lower portion of the A-string.
- 6 O. What was the time frame of that work?
- 7 A. Oh, I don't recall. Prior to 2008, maybe 2005,
- 8 maybe 2006.
- 9 Q. Was a complete SEPA checklist and conditional use
- 10 permit application prepared?
- 11 A. I know we had at least prepared a draft. I don't
- 12 recall if those documents were ever actually submitted to the
- 13 county.
- 14 Q. Did you consult with staff at Skamania County
- 15 concerning those projects?
- 16 A. I recall at least a pre-application process that
- 17 involved various departments at the county to determine what
- 18 they would want to see in the SEPA checklist and to get the
- 19 permit application for the conditional use permit.
- 20 Q. Did you recall meeting Ms. Witherspoon who is the
- 21 planning director for Skamania County?
- 22 A. Yes, at least in a pre-application conference, yes.
- 23 Q. How many pre-application conferences did you have?
- 24 A. I only recall one.
- 25 Q. At that time who were you working for?

- 1 A. SDS Lumber.
- Q. At that time did you have any communications with
- 3 Puget Sound Energy regarding this project?
- 4 A. Not that I recall, no.
- 5 O. Again, the time frame here is 2005 to 2006?
- 6 A. To the best of my recollection that was the time
- 7 frame.
- 8 Q. Can you tell me why the SEPA checklist and
- 9 conditional use permit application was not filed with
- 10 Skamania County?
- 11 A. I don't know whether or not -- I don't recall
- 12 whether or not they were actually filed, but the Applicant
- 13 Jason Spadaro decided instead of going through the county
- 14 process to go through the EFSEC process.
- 15 O. Did you advise him to make that change?
- 16 A. No, I did not.
- 17 Q. Now, Ms. Chaney, you've been sort of in charge of
- 18 managing the various consultants on this project as I
- 19 understand, and can you tell me what the fundamental basis
- 20 was for this review; that is, was it for fifty 1.5 megawatt
- 21 turbines?
- 22 A. As has been testified to previously yesterday and
- 23 today we looked at a range of between 1.2 and 2.5 megawatt
- 24 turbines. The limit was 75 megawatts so obviously if you
- 25 have a larger turbine, you just do the math and divide the

- 1 number of turbines into 75, and you're going to get a fewer
- 2 number. So in each case for each element of the environment
- 3 we kind of looked at the worst case. So if you had more
- 4 turbines but using the higher heights, we used the higher
- 5 heights and 50 turbines, and for each element in the
- 6 environment we tried to find what would be the maximum noise,
- 7 what would be the maximum size in order to have a full range
- 8 of impacts.
- 9 Q. Did you direct Mr. Meier the geologist as to what
- 10 he should be siting?
- 11 A. Mr. Meier is a professional engineer licensed in
- 12 the state of Oregon and Washington, and I advised him in
- 13 terms of my capacity as a manager, but I didn't direct his
- 14 technical work.
- 15 O. Did you advise him to prepare his work on the
- 16 geologic impacts and foundations based upon a 1.5-megawatt
- 17 turbine?
- 18 A. Each of the technical specialists in this project
- 19 were given the project description which again is the range,
- 20 and we're asked to consider what would be the maximum case or
- 21 the worst case for the purpose of their analysis.
- Q. Did you recall what you told Mr. Meier to model?
- 23 A. Mr. Meier was given the same information that all
- 24 the technical people were which I just described to you.
- 25 Q. Did you write the geology section of this

- 1 application?
- 2 A. No, Mr. Meier did.
- 3 Q. You provided some information in the application
- 4 regarding employment, numbers of people working on the
- 5 project. Do you recall that?
- 6 A. Could you direct me to the section and page you're
- 7 talking about this, please.
- 8 Q. Well, for example, at page 12 of the application
- 9 you were talking about the number of -- well, actually on
- 10 page 11 and 12 you're talking about construction jobs on the
- 11 project.
- MR. KAHN: Testimony.
- MR. ARAMBURU: I meant to say testimony.
- JUDGE WALLIS: I don't know what the pages are,
- 15 Mr. Aramburu. Can you be more specific.
- 16 MR. ARAMBURU: I was referring to her prefiled
- 17 testimony at pages 11 and 12. Thank you.
- 18 BY MR. ARAMBURU:
- 19 Q. Have you provided estimates of the number of
- 20 construction workers on the project?
- 21 A. I don't believe I provided the number. We were
- 22 given a number of construction workers based upon similar
- 23 sized projects, and then we used those numbers to evaluate
- 24 the impacts of that number of workers.
- 25 Q. Have they provided any information to you?

- 1 A. The Applicant and we also did research on other
- 2 projects such as Kittitas Valley and other projects that have
- 3 been built in Washington.
- 4 Q. Was that information based upon fifty, 1.5-megawatt
- 5 turbines?
- A. I believe what we did was we looked at other
- 7 projects, and then we looked at if they were relevant to this
- 8 project, and then based on our experience in doing estimates
- 9 of construction workers and then evaluating them after the
- 10 project were actually under construction, we ratcheted those
- 11 numbers up or down relative to the size of this project.
- 12 Q. When did you learn that the Applicant had decided
- 13 to stipulate to 2-megawatt turbines for this project?
- 14 A. Yesterday morning.
- 15 O. So you weren't informed before that?
- 16 A. I heard it in this hearing.
- 17 Q. You weren't told beforehand?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Would it be your testimony that the number of
- 20 construction workers would be more or less if thirty-eight
- 21 2-megawatt turbines were constructed as opposed to fifty
- 22 1.5-megawatt turbines?
- 23 A. I'm sorry. Would you repeat the question.
- MR. ARAMBURU: Can read you that back.
- 25 (Last question read back.)

- 1 A. I don't know that it would be that much difference
- 2 because a lot of the construction work from a project like
- 3 this is doing the access roads, laying the cables, building
- 4 the operation and maintenance facility, building the
- 5 substation. So there's a number of things that wouldn't
- 6 change. I don't know exactly, you know, changing the number
- 7 of turbines from, you know, by 12 how many construction
- 8 workers that would actually affect.
- 9 Q. But it would probably be less, would it not?
- 10 A. I don't know.
- 11 O. I would understand that there would be if the
- 12 number of turbines is reduced by 12 the number of foundations
- 13 necessary for those turbines would be reduced by 12. Can we
- 14 agree on that?
- 15 A. Yes, however those foundations may be larger so it
- 16 may take more of a crew to build that one foundation that was
- 17 a larger size than it would take to build two smaller sizes.
- 18 I don't know how those numbers really compare.
- 19 Q. Then what do you understand the nature of these
- 20 foundations to be about their size?
- 21 A. I don't know.
- 22 Q. I think the application says there is 60 feet in --
- 23 there's a hunk of concrete 60 feet in diameter and 30 feet
- 24 deep. Is that your recollection?
- 25 A. If you could point me to that page. I don't

- 1 recall.
- Q. You don't recall. Okay. So you don't think there
- 3 would be less jobs created by reducing the number of turbine
- 4 foundations?
- 5 A. I don't know.
- 6 Q. Have you had a chance to review the decision of the
- 7 Hearing Examiner of Skamania County and her decision to
- 8 require an environmental impact statement for the proposed
- 9 zoning ordinance?
- 10 A. Was this one of the documents that you submitted
- 11 yesterday?
- 12 Q. Actually I submitted it sometime ago, but it's
- 13 Exhibit 1.17. I quess my question is have you ever had an
- 14 opportunity to review that before?
- 15 A. If it was in that package that you provided
- 16 yesterday, I did read through pretty quickly last night.
- 17 Q. Ms. Chaney, you provided some testimony regarding
- 18 the proposed zoning ordinance of the proposed changes to the
- 19 Skamania County zoning ordinance. Did you have any hand in
- 20 either writing or commenting on those changes?
- 21 A. No, I did not.
- 22 Q. Look at page 5 of your testimony, please, near the
- 23 bottom in your first bullet point at the bottom. I am going
- 24 to pause for a second and let the Council Members catch up
- 25 here. Page 5 of your testimony near the bottom of the first

- 1 two bullet points which says that this project meets siting
- 2 criteria of EFSEC because it is a commercially viable wind
- 3 renewable resource. Do you have that?
- 4 A. Yes, I do.
- 5 Q. What was the source of your information that it was
- 6 commercially viable wind resource?
- 7 A. The Applicant.
- 8 Q. Mr. Spadaro?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Anyone else?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Did you talk to Mr. Nierenberg, the wind person?
- 13 A. No, I did not.
- 14 Q. Have you ever talked to Mr. Nierenberg?
- 15 A. No, I have not met him.
- 16 Q. So the number of construction workers that you've
- 17 described in the application can you tell us what process you
- 18 went through to derive that number?
- 19 A. I believe I already answered that question. We
- 20 obtained information from the Applicant. We looked at other
- 21 similar projects to see how many construction workers and the
- 22 type of construction workers that were required.
- 23 Q. What were these other projects that you looked at?
- 24 A. Kittitas Valley, Desert Claim, Wild Horse, all of
- 25 the projects that have gone through EFSEC have that

- 1 information in their application, and it's all on the EFSEC
- 2 website so we looked at publicly available information.
- 3 Q. So you looked at application materials then.
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 O. Okay. And what Mr. Spadaro said.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. What did Mr. Spadaro tell you about the number of
- 8 construction workers?
- 9 A. I don't recall. That was very early information
- 10 that we used and then we looked at these other things to kind
- of come up with a number and then went back and said this is
- 12 what our best estimate is and he agreed with it.
- 13 Q. Looking at page 12 of your testimony, the first
- 14 question on the page which asks you where the construction
- 15 workers are expected to come from, and you indicate there
- 16 that 65 percent to 70 percent of the construction workforce
- 17 is likely to be hired from the Portland-Vancouver area. What
- 18 is your source for that information?
- 19 A. Actually my testimony is that it's an estimated 65
- 20 to 75 percent of the labor force. Partly that was in
- 21 discussion with Allen Barkley who was also working as a
- 22 consultant on the project.
- Q. And who's Mr. Barkley?
- A. Mr. Barkley is a consultant who's worked on
- 25 development of other wind projects.

- 1 Q. Then you say the remainder of the workers would be
- 2 residents from the three county areas; is that correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Did you reach any conclusions as to how many
- 5 workers would come from each of these counties?
- 6 A. You mean did we divide up among the three counties?
- 7 O. Yes.
- 8 A. No, we did not.
- 9 Q. Would it be fair to divide up that workforce based
- 10 upon the population of each of these counties?
- 11 A. No, you'd have to look at what kind of labor force
- 12 was available to each one of those areas and what the
- 13 technical skills were.
- 14 Q. You made no inquiry in that regard?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. You indicate also on page 12 of your testimony at
- 17 lines 18 to 20 that the total payroll cost for construction
- 18 in overhead would be 18 million dollars; is that correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. What did you use as the average wage level for
- 21 those workers?
- 22 A. I think what we did was we looked at the total
- 23 cost, and I would remind the Council that the total costs are
- 24 not just the wages that are paid to the particular worker,
- 25 but they include all the fringe benefits, like your sick

- 1 leave, vacation, if there is any retirement, social security,
- other things. So we looked at what the costs were on other
- 3 projects, looked at similar sized projects, and again went
- 4 over the numbers with Mr. Barkley and also with Mr. Spadaro.
- 5 Q. But did you estimate hourly wages?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. So on page 13 of your testimony talks about the
- 8 permanent employment of the project, page 13, lines 7 through
- 9 15. Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Who gave you the estimate for eight to nine
- 12 permanent workers?
- 13 A. Again, I think we developed that based on
- 14 information from Mr. Spadaro, Mr. Barkley, and then also
- 15 looking at similar sized projects and looked at current
- 16 information in terms of how many workers it was taking to run
- 17 projects such as wild horse and other projects in Washington.
- 18 Q. Is the number of operation workers proportional to
- 19 the size of the project?
- 20 A. Not necessarily.
- O. What would the variable be?
- 22 A. It still takes a certain number of personnel to run
- 23 an operation, to do maintenance. In some cases the
- 24 maintenance work is provided by temporary or kind of on-call
- 25 workers so you wouldn't have those on the permanent

- 1 workforce. I believe we factored in a number of part-time
- 2 workers, but it's still we have a minimum staffing to operate
- 3 a project 24 hours a day.
- 4 Q. So would it be fair to say your eight to nine is
- 5 FTEs, full-time equivalent?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Do you know where these eight to nine FTEs are
- 8 going to live?
- 9 A. We did discuss in the socioeconomic section, and we
- 10 anticipated that the full-time workers would live probably
- 11 within the three-county area, at most maybe would commute
- 12 from Washougal just to the west.
- 13 O. So those are the individual decisions for workers?
- 14 A. Yes, they would.
- 15 O. Did you explore the opportunity that the project
- 16 applicant may have to remotely monitor wind turbines?
- 17 A. No, did not.
- 18 Q. You have provided this Appendix E to your
- 19 testimony, the proposed zoning ordinance of Skamania County;
- 20 is that correct?
- 21 A. I don't see that attachment to my testimony. Are
- 22 you referring to the appendix to the application?
- 23 Q. I believe I was, yes, Appendix E.
- A. I don't have a copy of that with me.
- Q. Let me ask you about it. I don't know if you need

- 1 to look at a copy. Is it your understanding that that
- 2 ordinance has been adopted by Skamania County?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Can you tell me why it has not been adopted?
- 5 A. I only have peripheral information on that, but my
- 6 understanding is that the county was told that they needed to
- 7 prepare an environmental impact statement prior to the
- 8 adoption of that ordinance, and they have not done so yet.
- 9 Q. Do you know if that environmental impact statement
- 10 is in preparation by Skamania County?
- 11 A. I don't know.
- MR. ARAMBURU: Thank you, Ms. Chaney. Those are
- 13 the questions that I have.
- JUDGE WALLIS: Mr. Kahn.
- 15 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 16 BY MR. KAHN:
- 17 Q. Ms. Chaney, could you turn to Exhibit 2.03 that was
- 18 attached to your testimony.
- 19 A. Yes, I have it.
- 20 Q. Can you identify that for us and tell us what it
- 21 is.
- 22 A. This is Resolution 2009-54, Certification of Land
- 23 Use Consistency Review for the amended application of
- 24 Whistling Ridge Wind Energy Project. This resolution appeals
- 25 Resolution 2009-22 in its entirety.

- 1 Q. Can you turn to the second page. You're aware I
- 2 assume that the Board of County Commissioners in Skamania
- 3 County adopted this certificate as a staff report to EFSEC
- 4 and not as a decision; is that correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. At page 8 of your testimony you stated that
- 7 Skamania County had submitted a certificate of consistency
- 8 for this project; is that correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Specifically you referred to a letter dated May 4,
- 11 2009 from Karen Witherspoon?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 O. That letter is in the record.
- 14 A. I believe it is attached to my testimony.
- 15 O. Can you find it for me because I couldn't.
- 16 A. I believe it's what's labeled 2.02 of the
- 17 Resolution 2009-22, the attachment for that is a staff
- 18 report.
- 19 O. You indicated there was a letter from Karen
- 20 Witherspoon. I don't see any letter from Karen Witherspoon
- 21 there. Am I missing something?
- 22 A. Let me check and see what I have. I have a copy of
- 23 a letter dated May 4, 2009 to Allen Fiksdal who was then the
- 24 manager of EFSEC.
- Q. That's in the record?

- 1 A. Yes, it would be in EFSEC's records. It's a cover
- 2 to Resolution 2009-22.
- 3 Q. But that wasn't submitted as part of your exhibits
- 4 to your prefiled testimony; is that correct?
- 5 A. No, it was submitted as part of the land use
- 6 consistency hearing.
- 7 Q. So it's not in the record for this adjudication; is
- 8 that correct?
- 9 MR. McMAHAN: Your Honor, I would object to that.
- 10 I think that the Council is to determine whether or not the
- 11 land use consistency hearing is or is not part of this
- 12 record. That's a legal opinion that Ms. Chaney is asked to
- 13 make.
- MR. KAHN: I believe the Council has already made
- 15 that determination; that the land use proceeding is not part
- 16 of this because you required us to try to resubmit all the
- 17 evidence that we submitted to that. I'm just trying to find
- 18 out if this is in the record to this proceeding.
- 19 JUDGE WALLIS: This is in the land use consistency
- 20 hearing record which will be considered by the Council in
- 21 making a decision in this matter.
- 22 MR. KAHN: Then may I ask then why in a previous
- 23 prehearing conference you indicated that documents submitted
- 24 at that hearing were not part of this record and that if we
- 25 wanted it to be considered, if we wanted those documents to

- 1 be considered by this Council in the adjudication, we need
- 2 to submit them separately? I would like to know which way
- 3 it is because we spent a lot of time trying to get those
- 4 exhibits in the record. If they already were we've wasted
- 5 that. So can you tell me if the documents that were
- 6 submitted to the record in the land use proceeding are part
- 7 of this adjudication record?
- 8 JUDGE WALLIS: My understanding is that they are
- 9 not a part of this adjudication record; however, they are
- 10 materials that will be considered by the Council in making
- 11 its final determination.
- 12 MR. KAHN: As part of the adjudication?
- 13 JUDGE WALLIS: The Council makes a decision on
- 14 whether or not to recommend a project to the Governor, and
- 15 in doing so it considers the adjudicative record, it
- 16 considers the land use consistency proceeding record, and it
- 17 considers the SEPA record.
- MR. KAHN: This isn't a question. I'm just trying
- 19 to get it straight so we know what to do. If there's been a
- 20 document submitted at the land use hearing a year and a half
- 21 ago that is not submitted as part of this adjudication this
- 22 week and next week are we permitted to address that in our
- 23 post-hearing briefing?
- JUDGE WALLIS: We have not determined the process
- 25 for post-record briefing, but my understanding is that the

- 1 Council wishes all parties the opportunity ultimately to
- 2 comment on and thereby address the final environmental
- 3 impact statement on the land use consistency determination
- 4 and the adjudicative record.
- 5 MR. KAHN: Okay. Maybe I'm being dense this
- 6 morning, but does that mean we can cite to documents in the
- 7 land use record that have not been submitted into this
- 8 record? I'm just trying to get it clarified.
- 9 JUDGE WALLIS: As part of the overall
- 10 determination, yes, it can be cited.
- MR. KAHN: Okay. Thank you. Back to Ms. Chaney
- 12 now.
- 13 BY MR. KAHN:
- 14 Q. The May 4 letter that you referred to -- let me
- 15 withdraw that.
- 16 There were two Skamania County resolutions
- 17 pertaining to the consistency of this project with county
- 18 code; is that correct.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. The May 4 letter that you referred to wasn't that
- 21 in connection with the first certificate?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Doesn't the second resolution specifically void the
- 24 first resolution?
- 25 A. It voids the resolution, yes.

- 1 Q. Do you have the rebuttal exhibits in front of you,
- 2 the ones from yesterday?
- 3 A. I do.
- 4 Q. Can you turn to 1.14c, please.
- 5 A. Sorry. They aren't immediately indexed so it is
- 6 going to take me a few minutes unless you have it.
- 7 Q. Would you like me to just give you a copy of that?
- 8 A. That would be great.
- 9 O. It is much easier.
- 10 A. Thank you.
- 11 Q. Have you seen this document?
- 12 A. I saw it yesterday.
- MR. McMAHAN: I'm sorry, Your Honor, just for a
- 14 second. We didn't get those nice cleaned up notebooks that
- 15 you have. Could you tell us what document that is.
- 16 MR. KAHN: It's an e-mail from Jessica Davenport.
- 17 I think it was number R from what we did yesterday.
- 18 Do you have it?
- 19 BY MR. KAHN:
- Q. Can you read that, please.
- 21 A. You want me to read the text of the e-mail?
- 22 Q. The text not the to and from.
- 23 A. It's an e-mail to Nathan Baker from Jessica
- 24 Davenport who's the associate planner at Skamania County. It
- 25 says, "Nathan, attached is your latest request for public

- 1 information. I did double check with Karen regarding the
- 2 certificate of land use consistency referred to in Resolution
- 3 2009-54. It should have referred to the staff report. There
- 4 is not an additional document called the certificate of land
- 5 use consistency."
- 6 Q. So are you disagreeing then in your testimony on
- 7 page 8 when you were asked: "Has Skamania County provided a
- 8 certificate of land use consistency to EFSEC?" You answered:
- 9 "Yes." Are you disagreeing with Skamania County?
- 10 MR. McMAHAN: Your Honor, I'm going to object to
- 11 this. I have absolutely no idea what the nature of the
- 12 inquiry was that Ms. Davenport, an associate planner, was
- 13 responding to. This is not any communication from the Board
- of County Commissioners. Mr. Pearce, the county commission,
- 15 adopted both resolutions at issue here. I just question the
- 16 relevance of this and it's activity not putting the whole
- 17 chain of correspondence before you.
- 18 MR. KAHN: Ms. Chaney testified that there was a
- 19 certificate of land use consistency. This is an e-mail that
- 20 say there isn't. It's from an official of Skamania County.
- 21 She's the assistant planner, and that's all I'm seeking to
- 22 introduce it for.
- MS. DRUMMOND: Susan Drummond for Skamania County.
- 24 I am going to object as well because you can't tell what the
- 25 request is for the same reason Mr. McMahan states. There's

- 1 no way to tell what this response e-mail is to.
- 2 MR. KAHN: It's very clear. It says, "I did
- 3 double check with Karen" -- that's Ms. Witherspoon, the
- 4 planning director -- "regarding the certificate of land use
- 5 consistency referred to in Resolution 2009-54. There is not
- 6 an additional document called the certificate of land use
- 7 consistency." The history, whatever the e-mail string is,
- 8 is completely irrelevant. That's the only point that I'm
- 9 trying that make. This is completely relevant to the land
- 10 use portion of this proceeding.
- 11 JUDGE WALLIS: I'm going to allow the question.
- MR. KAHN: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 13 BY MR. KAHN:
- Q. So, Ms. Chaney, in light of this exhibit do you
- 15 contend that Skamania County is wrong when it says there is
- 16 not an additional document called a certificate of land use
- 17 consistency?
- 18 A. The way I read this e-mail -- again I didn't see
- 19 what the beginning correspondence was -- asked the question
- 20 of Karen Witherspoon that the certificate of land use
- 21 consistency referred to in Resolution 2009-54 was in fact an
- 22 additional certificate of land use or there was a staff
- 23 report. If you look at my attachment to Exhibit 2.03 to my
- 24 testimony, there's Resolution 2009-54 which is entitled
- 25 certification of land use consistency review for the amended

- 1 application for the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. This
- 2 resolution repeals Resolution 2009-22 in its entirety. So
- 3 the resolution is a certificate of land use and attached to
- 4 that is the staff report, and I think that's all that Jessica
- 5 Davenport was trying to clarify in her e-mail to Nathan
- 6 Baker.
- 7 Q. If I recall correctly your testimony, you indicated
- 8 that land use portions of the application were predominantly
- 9 your responsibility?
- 10 A. That is correct.
- 11 Q. So I assume you have some level of experience in
- 12 land use matters?
- 13 A. I do.
- 14 Q. Would you in your opinion would a certificate of
- 15 land use consistency be a decision of the body issuing it?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. No, okay.
- 18 MR. KAHN: Your Honor, I have no further
- 19 questions, but I'd ask that Exhibit 114c be admitted.
- 20 JUDGE WALLIS: Is there objection?
- 21 MR. McMAHAN: The objection has previously been
- 22 stated, Your Honor.
- JUDGE WALLIS: Very well. The exhibit is
- 24 received.
- 25 (Exhibit No. 1.14c admitted into evidence.)