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    Motor Vehicles in Furnishing Solid )
    Waste Collection Service.
    In re Application No. GA-079254 of )Docket TG-040248
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    KLEEN ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES,
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     INC.
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     For a Certificate of Public
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    before Administrative Law Judge ANN E. RENDAHL.
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RUBATINO REFUSE REMOVAL, INC.
    For an Extension of Certificate
     No. G-58 for a Certificate of
     Public Convenience and Necessity )
     to Operate Motor Vehicles in
     Furnishing Solid Waste Collection )
     Service.
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- 1 JUDGE RENDAHL: All right. Let's be on the
- 2 record. Good morning. We're here before the
- 3 Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
- 4 for the third day of hearing in the application of
- 5 Kleen Environmental Technologies, Incorporated, for a
- 6 solid waste certificate to collect, transport and
- 7 dispose of biomedical waste.
- 8 For those of you who haven't been here
- 9 before, my name's Ann Rendahl, I'm the Administrative
- 10 Law Judge in this proceeding. While we were off the
- 11 record this morning, we -- Mr. Johnson provided a
- 12 copy of what I have now marked as Exhibit 145, which
- 13 are the supplemental responses of Harold LeMay
- 14 Enterprises, Incorporated, to the first data requests
- 15 of Stericycle of Washington. My understanding is
- 16 that there's a stipulation for admission; is that
- 17 correct?
- 18 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, Your Honor.
- 19 JUDGE RENDAHL: All right. So exhibit --
- 20 what's been marked as Exhibit 145 will be admitted.
- 21 Mr. Johnson, was there something you wished to state
- on the record concerning Exhibit 145?
- MR. JOHNSON: Yes, Your Honor. On page four
- 24 of the exhibit, there's some data that was provided
- 25 by Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc. in response to

- 1 Stericycle's first data requests. You'll see, under
- 2 documents for Data Request Number 24, there is a
- 3 couple of tables or lists, a number of large quantity
- 4 generators, as defined, and a number of small
- 5 quantity generators, as defined.
- 6 You will recall that, in the testimony of
- 7 Larry Meany yesterday for LeMay, there was reference
- 8 to LeMay having submitted in some document numbers of
- 9 large and small quantity generators it serves, it has
- 10 served. This is that data.
- I would like you to note for the record that
- 12 the data request that Stericycle submitted defined
- 13 large quantity generator in different terms than we
- 14 have previously discussed it in this hearing, and the
- 15 breakpoint for the data request was \$500 per month or
- 16 more would be a large quantity generator, and
- 17 anything below that would be a small quantity
- 18 generator.
- 19 So to compare data for large and small
- 20 quantity generators, you need to take that into
- 21 account when evaluating the information on page four
- 22 of Exhibit 145.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay. Thank you very much.
- Does anyone wish to add anything to that explanation?
- 25 All right. I think our next order of business is to

- 1 hear from Mr. Graves. Now, Mr. Haffner, I understand
- 2 Mr. Graves is adopting the testimony of Mr.
- 3 Vanderwal?
- 4 MR. HAFFNER: He is. We have prepared a
- 5 separate pre-filed testimony of Mr. Graves, but it
- 6 has the same content in it as that of Mr. Vanderwal,
- 7 other than the personal biography of Mr. Graves, and
- 8 I will offer that as an exhibit. I don't know if we
- 9 want to substitute it for 55-T or use it as a new
- 10 exhibit for 58.
- 11 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Haffner -- excuse me, Your
- 12 Honor, may I ask a question?
- 13 JUDGE RENDAHL: Yes.
- MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Haffner, do you have a
- 15 red-lined text that shows changes?
- MR. HAFFNER: I don't have a red-lined text,
- 17 no. It's a very short document. It's only three
- 18 pages long.
- 19 JUDGE RENDAHL: All right. Let's be off the
- 20 record for a moment.
- 21 (Discussion off the record.)
- JUDGE RENDAHL: All right. Let's be on the
- 23 record. While we were off the record, we marked or
- 24 substituted what's been marked as Exhibit 55-T, which
- 25 was the testimony of Richard Vanderwal, with the

- 1 testimony provided this morning, the pre-filed
- 2 testimony of Mr. Allen Graves, and so I'll just make
- 3 that substitution. The attachments are marked as
- 4 Exhibit 56 and 57, and those didn't change. So I
- 5 think we're ready to take Mr. Graves, unless there's
- 6 anything further.
- 7 MR. HAFFNER: No, Your Honor.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: All right. Mr. Graves,
- 9 could you step forward, please? Could you state your
- 10 full name for the record and your business address?
- MR. GRAVES: Allen Arthur Andrews Graves,
- 12 and it's 662 Norris Court, Kingston, Ontario.
- 13 JUDGE RENDAHL: Thank you. Could you raise
- 14 your right hand, please?
- 15 Whereupon,
- 16 ALLEN ARTHUR ANDREWS GRAVES,
- 17 having been first duly sworn, was called as a witness
- 18 herein and was examined and testified as follows:
- 19 JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay. So two things before
- 20 you all go ahead. If you can wait till your attorney
- 21 or another attorney has finished their question
- 22 before you start, it's a little nerve-wracking to be
- 23 in one of these proceedings, so you just kind of want
- 24 to get your answer out, but if you can just make a
- 25 mental note to pause, then it will be easier for the

- 1 court reporter.
- 2 And secondly, since we're dealing with
- 3 medical waste terminology and we have a new court
- 4 reporter here this morning, if there are any terms or
- 5 acronyms, if you can spell them, that might not be
- 6 normally used in conversation that we might need to
- 7 know, and that will be helpful. I've given some of
- 8 the terms to the court reporter, but if you can just
- 9 be aware of that, that would be helpful.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 11 JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay. Please go ahead, Mr.
- 12 Haffner.
- MR. HAFFNER: Thank you, Your Honor.
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- 15 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 16 BY MR. HAFFNER:
- 17 Q. Mr. Graves, can you take a look at the
- 18 document marked for this hearing as Exhibit 55? It's
- 19 that loose document that's in your hand. Can you
- 20 tell us if you recall seeing that document before?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Is that your signature on page three?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Is everything in that document true and
- 25 accurate as of the date it was signed?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. You reference two exhibits in that document.
- 3 If you could take a look at Exhibits 56 and 57 in
- 4 your book and tell us if you're familiar with those
- 5 documents?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. What do those documents portray?
- 8 A. They go through the operation of the
- 9 hydroclave and how it achieves the sterilization. It
- 10 also shows, I believe, the capacities.
- 11 Q. And based on your testimony, you work for
- 12 the hydroclave -- the company that makes the
- 13 hydroclave?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. So you have experience with the hydroclave
- 16 process and its system?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 MR. HAFFNER: Okay. Those are all the
- 19 questions I have for the witness, and offer the
- 20 exhibits at this time.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay. Mr. Johnson, any
- 22 objection to the exhibits, or do you wish to wait
- 23 until you've cross-examined the witness to --
- MR. JOHNSON: I have no objection to the
- 25 exhibits.

- 1 JUDGE RENDAHL: All right. Any objection to
- 2 the exhibits?
- 3 MR. SELLS: No, Your Honor.
- 4 MR. TRAUTMAN: No.
- 5 JUDGE RENDAHL: Then what's been marked as
- 6 Exhibits 55-T, 56, and 57 will be admitted into the
- 7 record. Please go ahead, Mr. Johnson.

- 9 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 10 BY MR. JOHNSON:
- 11 Q. Hello, Mr. Graves.
- 12 A. How are you?
- 13 Q. My name is Steve Johnson. I am an attorney
- 14 here representing Stericycle of Washington. I'm
- 15 going to ask you a few questions, hopefully very few,
- 16 and if you are unclear about any part of my question,
- 17 please ask for clarification. If my question is
- 18 confusing, please ask me to restate, and I'll do my
- 19 best to make it clear for you. And you should answer
- 20 audibly to these questions so the court reporter will
- 21 have something to take down.
- 22 A. Okay.
- Q. Thank you. Mr. Graves, on page one of your
- 24 written testimony, which is Exhibit 55-T, there is a
- 25 statement about the types of biomedical waste handled

- 1 at the Port Coquitlam facility. Do you see that at
- 2 line 14?
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. And then it goes down to line 18 or so?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. Is it the case that each of these categories
- 7 of medical waste is required to be segregated to be
- 8 processed or to be handled, I should say, by the Port
- 9 Coquitlam facility operated by Hospital Sterilization
- 10 Services?
- 11 A. Yes, Vancouver -- or yeah, Vancouver has --
- 12 you have to separate the sharps, yes. Not in
- 13 Ontario, but Vancouver, yes.
- Q. Right, but we're talking about Port
- 15 Coquitlam.
- 16 A. Yeah.
- 17 Q. Is that what you're referring to as --
- 18 A. Sorry.
- 19 Q. Is that what you're referring to as
- 20 Vancouver?
- 21 A. Yes. Yeah, sorry.
- 22 Q. Thank you. So sharps waste needs to be
- 23 segregated. How about pathological waste?
- 24 A. The hydroclave doesn't do pathological
- 25 waste, so they have to separate it, yes.

- 1 Q. How about cytotoxic waste?
- 2 A. No, hydroclave doesn't do it, either.
- 3 Q. So that would also have to be segregated?
- 4 A. Mm-hmm.
- 5 Q. So a generator that had each of these types
- 6 of waste would have to package its waste in four
- 7 different containers; is that right?
- 8 A. Yes, I would think so, yes.
- 9 Q. Do you know whether the hydroclave operated
- 10 by Hospital Sterilization Services in British
- 11 Columbia has contractual commitments with Canadian
- 12 haulers or waste generators to process their waste?
- 13 A. I don't.
- 14 Q. So you don't know the unused capacity of
- 15 that facility?
- 16 A. No, I don't.
- 17 Q. You're not actually involved in the
- 18 operation of the hydroclave, are you?
- 19 A. No, no.
- Q. So in your testimony, where you say we
- 21 handle the following types of biomedical waste,
- 22 that's perhaps not quite accurate?
- 23 A. Yeah, that's what the we refers to, the HSS.
- Q. The Hospital Sterilization Services?
- 25 A. Yeah.

- 1 Q. They handle that kind of --
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. So it's not your company?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Mr. Graves, do you know what regulatory
- 6 requirements the Canadian government or the Province
- 7 of British Columbia would impose on a medical waste
- 8 hauler taking U.S. origin biomedical waste into
- 9 British Columbia?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Mr. Graves, are there hydroclaves operating
- 12 in the United States?
- 13 A. No, not at the moment. We are installing a
- 14 system in Maine, but no.
- 15 Q. Do you know anything about the prices
- 16 charged by the Hospital Sterilization Services
- 17 hydroclave for processing at that facility?
- 18 A. I don't -- I think I may have heard it one
- 19 time, but I'm not sure.
- Q. Okay. So in your testimony, when you refer
- 21 to low processing cost, for example, on page three,
- 22 roughly line three --
- A. Mm-hmm.
- Q. -- of your written testimony --
- 25 A. Yeah.

- 1 Q. -- you're referring to sort of a generalized
- 2 --
- 3 A. Our technology.
- 4 Q. I see, yeah, a generalized statement about
- 5 the technology and the cost to the processor itself;
- 6 not to the generator, necessarily?
- 7 A. Yeah.
- 8 Q. Or excuse me.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. So it's the cost to the processor you're
- 11 referring to?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Looking at the top of page three, where you
- 14 talk about guaranteed sterility, when you say
- 15 guaranteed, what do you mean?
- 16 A. Well, we have -- well, we have spore samples
- 17 that are put in on a regular basis, depending on
- 18 where it's operating.
- 19 Q. That's true of other --
- 20 A. Yes. Sorry.
- Q. Excuse me. That's true of other
- 22 technologies. They use the same type of testing, do
- 23 they not?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. So your guarantee is no different from any

- 1 other processing technology's guarantee with respect
- 2 to what it can achieve in the way of sterility; is
- 3 that right?
- 4 A. Yeah. Well, the difference being that we do
- 5 -- besides the random spore testing, we do have a
- 6 continual chart that makes sure that we meet the
- 7 parameters in order to achieve those sterility
- 8 levels.
- 9 Q. So you do an ongoing testing process as part
- 10 of your technology?
- 11 A. Yeah, it's a recording process that proves
- 12 that you have been at the minimum parameters for the
- 13 process in order to reach the 6 log sterility, yes.
- 14 Q. Is that different for what other
- 15 technologies or other processes use to evidence
- 16 efficacy of their processes?
- 17 A. I think they probably all have to have some
- 18 kind of a hard copy or available hard copy, yes.
- 19 Q. Mr. Graves, are you familiar with the tub
- 20 washing facility there in the Hospital Sterilization
- 21 Services' hydroclave?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Are you aware of any limitations on the size
- of containers that can be handled there?
- 25 A. It was designed for the containers that HSS

- 1 uses. You could go smaller, but not too much larger.
- Q. What size is that?
- 3 A. It's a Rubbermaid product. I forget what
- 4 the size is, whether it's -- I think it's 20 -- I
- 5 think it's 30 liters or 30 gallons or something like
- 6 that.
- 7 Q. Perhaps 28 gallons?
- 8 A. Yeah, I'm not -- it's just -- I should know,
- 9 but I don't, because of --
- 10 Q. So it can't wash tubs that are larger than
- 11 that; is that right?
- 12 A. Yeah, no, it's pretty well designed to
- 13 handle those.
- 14 MR. HAFFNER: Mr. Graves, if you could speak
- 15 up a little at the end of your answers.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Oh, okay.
- MR. HAFFNER: Thank you.
- 18 MR. JOHNSON: I have no further questions.
- 19 JUDGE RENDAHL: Mr. Sells.
- 20 MR. SELLS: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 21
- 22 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 23 BY MR. SELLS:
- Q. Mr. Graves, my name's Jim Sells. I
- 25 represent several small garbage haulers here in this

- 1 state. I'm a bit confused. Is it my understanding
- 2 that the hydroclave will only treat the regulated
- 3 medical waste category of your four categories here?
- 4 A. No, it will treat the regulated medical
- 5 waste and the sharps.
- 6 Q. Ah, okay. The other two, the pathological
- 7 waste and the cytotoxic waste, is treated in some
- 8 different fashion up there?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. All right. What's one of these things cost,
- 11 the hydroclave?
- 12 A. The H-100, I believe the H-100 is probably
- 13 around a hundred -- I'm not really sure. About
- 14 110,000 U.S., I guess, 120,000 U.S. I'm not really
- 15 sure. I'm not in sales, but I do know some of the
- 16 prices.
- 17 Q. And my understanding of your testimony is
- 18 there are none of these operational in the U.S. at
- 19 this point?
- 20 A. Correct.
- Q. And the only one that's going in is on the
- 22 East Coast?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 MR. SELLS: All right. Thank you. I have
- 25 nothing further.

- JUDGE RENDAHL: Mr. Trautman.
- 2 MR. TRAUTMAN: No questions. Thank you.

- 4 EXAMINATION
- 5 BY JUDGE RENDAHL:
- 6 Q. I just have one question, and that has to do
- 7 with following up on Mr. Sells' line of questioning.
- 8 The HSS facility, does that also have an incinerator?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. So do you know how the pathological waste
- 11 and cytotoxic waste are treated?
- 12 A. I believe they have a contract with another
- 13 company, but I'd have to -- that's not in my line. I
- 14 really don't.
- 15 JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay. Then I don't have
- 16 anything further. Mr. Haffner, do you have any
- 17 redirect?
- 18 MR. HAFFNER: I have one question on
- 19 redirect and three questions of rebuttal in response
- 20 to Mr. Shiner's pre-filed testimony. Given the fact
- 21 that Mr. Graves is from out of town and going back,
- 22 may I ask those three questions?
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Let's go ahead.
- MR. HAFFNER: Thank you.

- 1 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 2 BY MR. HAFFNER:
- 3 Q. First, on the redirect, Mr. Graves, how many
- 4 hydroclave units has your company installed in
- 5 Canada?
- 6 A. Six.
- 7 Q. And throughout the world?
- 8 A. Oh, gosh. Count them all in my head. I
- 9 think around 17, just -- I haven't really counted
- 10 them all, but --
- 11 Q. That's okay. With respect to some rebuttal
- 12 questions, there was a statement by -- I believe it
- 13 was a Mr. Shiner, in some pre-filed testimony that
- 14 has not been admitted yet, that the hydroclave
- 15 systems has problems with the internal mixing arms
- 16 jamming. Can you address that claim?
- 17 A. The arms don't jam. On our original unit or
- 18 test units, we did have some problems, we had to
- 19 change the arms. The arms sometimes get tangled with
- 20 rags or surgical tubing, which have to be removed at
- 21 the end of the cycle, but it doesn't affect the
- 22 cycle, doesn't affect the sterilization.
- Q. When you say the end of the cycle, are you
- 24 saying, then, that the process can continue and the
- 25 sterilization can occur before you have to go in and

- 1 take that product off the arms?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Can you describe the amount of reduction in
- 4 the waste that occurs during the process of using the
- 5 hydroclave system?
- 6 A. We generally get around 75 percent in the
- 7 weight reduction, and 60 to 75 percent in the volume
- 8 reduction.
- 9 Q. How is the air from the hydroclave system
- 10 vented?
- 11 A. Oh, at the end of the cycle, the steam is
- 12 vented through the top of the machine, goes through a
- 13 strainer, it then goes to a condenser, which could be
- 14 either water or air, where the waste is cooled to a
- 15 temperature that's allowed by whatever temperature
- 16 that the municipality requires. The noncombustible
- 17 gases that remain are vented to atmosphere, that come
- 18 off, that can't go down the drain.
- 19 Q. Do those vented gases have any odor issues
- 20 with them?
- 21 A. There's an odor with them, but they're not
- 22 -- as a rule, we haven't had any problems with the
- 23 odors in the other plants we have, but there is an
- 24 odor.
- MR. HAFFNER: Okay. Those are all the

- 1 questions I have, Your Honor.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: And Mr. Johnson, do you have
- 3 any cross based on the rebuttal, or how would you
- 4 wish to address the rebuttal? We had discussed
- 5 yesterday the option of bringing Mr. Shiner in next
- 6 week if you felt the need to bring him in.
- 7 MR. JOHNSON: Right, Your Honor. I don't
- 8 think we'll need Mr. Shiner. I might have a
- 9 question, if I could gather my thoughts here.
- 10 JUDGE RENDAHL: All right. Let's be off the
- 11 record for a moment.
- 12 (Discussion off the record.)
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Let's be on the record.
- 14
- 15 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 16 BY MR. JOHNSON:
- 17 Q. Mr. Graves, just a question about the
- 18 jamming issue. I don't know -- I didn't quite
- 19 understand your answer on that. I thought you said,
- 20 maybe at an earlier point, with an earlier test
- 21 model, you did have jamming problems, and then you've
- 22 solved the problem; is that right?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And I'm wondering about the extent of the
- 25 reduction in weight --

- 1 A. Mm-hmm.
- Q. -- achieved with a hydroclave process. Are
- 3 you saying that if you put 1,000 pounds of biomedical
- 4 waste into the hydroclave, you're going to get 250
- 5 pounds out?
- 6 A. Depending on the amount of liquid content.
- 7 Q. Right. Pardon me. It depends on the amount
- 8 of liquid content?
- 9 A. Mm-hmm.
- 10 Q. But I'm talking about sort of in general or
- 11 on average, what do you get in terms of a reduction
- 12 by weight?
- 13 A. Well, we get about that because most medical
- 14 waste that we process is fairly -- has a lot of
- 15 liquid in it. Blood pails and things like that have
- 16 a lot of liquid in them, so they do -- we do get rid
- 17 of all or most of the liquid in it, yeah.
- 18 Q. So it would depend on the amount of liquid
- 19 in the waste, and then the average that you would
- 20 achieve would depend on the source of the material;
- 21 is that right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. So perhaps -- I don't know whether you know
- 24 whether the general medical waste stream coming out
- of Washington biomedical waste system would be

- 1 similar or different to what you're familiar with in
- 2 Canada. Do you know?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, I have no further
- 5 questions. I would ask that the testimony of Mr.
- 6 Shiner be admitted. I had understood that that was
- 7 our understanding when we deferred his presentation
- 8 yesterday.
- 9 JUDGE RENDAHL: All right. Is there any
- 10 objection to admitting the testimony of Mr. Shiner,
- 11 which is currently marked as Exhibits 110-T and 111?
- MR. HAFFNER: No, Your Honor.
- MR. SELLS: No, Your Honor.
- MR. TRAUTMAN: No.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: All right. Exhibits 110-T
- 16 and 111 will be admitted. Mr. Sells, do you have any
- 17 additional cross for the witness?
- MR. SELLS: I do not, Your Honor.
- 19 JUDGE RENDAHL: Mr. Trautman.
- MR. TRAUTMAN: No.
- 21 JUDGE RENDAHL: All right. And I don't have
- 22 anything further. So Mr. Haffner, are we finished?
- MR. HAFFNER: I have nothing further of the
- 24 witness, Your Honor.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Well, thank you very much

- 1 for coming in such a short time, Mr. Graves. I think
- 2 it is useful for you to be here, and I appreciate you
- 3 coming in on such short notice from Canada.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 5 JUDGE RENDAHL: So you may step down and
- 6 you're excused. We'll be off the record while we
- 7 change witnesses.
- 8 (Recess taken.)
- 9 JUDGE RENDAHL: Let's be back on the record.
- 10 We took an extended break. We did discuss some
- 11 things off the record. In particular, Mr. Haffner
- 12 distributed two exhibits that I have marked as
- 13 Exhibits 50 and 51. Exhibit 50 is titled Kleen
- 14 Environmental Technologies, Incorporated, Biohazard
- 15 Waste Disposal Division Pro Forma Balance Sheet
- 16 Analysis for Combined Regions One Through Four. And
- 17 my understanding, Mr. Haffner, is that this exhibit
- is essentially a modification of Exhibits 44 and 49;
- 19 is that correct?
- 20 MR. HAFFNER: Exhibit 50 is a revision of
- 21 Exhibit 49, and Exhibit 51 is a revision of the
- 22 combined pro formas of Exhibit 44.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay. And what I have
- 24 marked as Exhibit 51 is titled Kleen Environmental
- 25 Technologies, Inc. Biohazard Waste Disposal Division

- 1 Pro Forma Profit and Loss Analysis, Combined Regions
- 2 One through Four, Revised Three Audit, Dated
- 3 9/23/2004.
- 4 What we will be doing is bringing Mr. Lee
- 5 up. Mr. Haffner, you may ask a few preliminary
- 6 questions of Mr. Lee about these two exhibits. We'll
- 7 reserve discussion about admission of what's been
- 8 marked as Exhibits 49, 50 and 51 until we conclude at
- 9 least with Mr. Lee's testimony today, and possibly
- 10 the rebuttal testimony next week.
- 11 We had some discussion off the record about
- 12 shipper/generator witnesses. The parties should be
- 13 providing to me and distributing to other parties
- 14 their -- the identity of their shipper/generator
- 15 witnesses and the description of what they intend to
- 16 testify to today, and I've asked parties to file
- 17 those with the Commission by tomorrow so that the
- 18 Commission has an official record of it.
- 19 Any additional shipper/generator witnesses,
- 20 due to the changes in the tariff, Kleen's tariff, can
- 21 be provided up to the start of the hearing next
- 22 Wednesday. We had some discussion about whether
- 23 shipper/generator witnesses can be provided, their
- 24 testimony can be provided through written statements.
- 25 I've asked counsel to discuss that during the lunch

- 1 break to see if there's an agreement, and then we'll
- 2 bring that back after the lunch break.
- 3 And Mr. Johnson had a final question about
- 4 timing for filing rebuttal exhibits, and I think I
- 5 deferred that discussion till either later today or
- 6 tomorrow, following Mr. Lee's testimony, and possibly
- 7 Ms. Walker's testimony. So with that, is there
- 8 anything else preliminarily we need to discuss?
- 9 MR. HAFFNER: No, Your Honor.
- 10 JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay. So Mr. Lee, why don't
- 11 you come forward. If you could state your full name
- 12 and your business address for the record, please?
- MS. LEHOLM: Kenneth R. Lee, 754 Garfield,
- 14 Seattle, Washington, 98109.
- 15 JUDGE RENDAHL: Thank you. Could you raise
- 16 your right hand, please?
- 17 Whereupon,
- 18 KENNETH R. LEE,
- 19 having been first duly sworn, was called as a witness
- 20 herein and was examined and testified as follows:
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay. And you've been here
- 22 through -- since Monday; is that correct?
- 23 THE WITNESS: Don't talk over.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Don't talk over. That's
- 25 right.

- 1 THE WITNESS: I will do my best.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: And the court reporter is
- 3 pretty familiar with financial detail from the
- 4 Commission, but if there's any acronyms or anything
- 5 that needs to be spelled out, please do so.
- 6 THE WITNESS: I will.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay. Please go ahead, Mr.
- 8 Haffner.
- 9 MR. HAFFNER: Thank you, Your Honor.

- 11 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 12 BY MR. HAFFNER:
- 13 Q. Mr. Lee, can you look at the document that
- 14 is identified as Exhibit 40 in the book before you?
- 15 A. Yes, I see that.
- 16 Q. And are you familiar with that document?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Is that your signature on page two?
- 19 A. It is.
- 20 Q. Can you also look at the document, marked as
- 21 Exhibit 41?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Are you familiar with those documents?
- 24 A. I am.
- Q. Did you assist in the production of those

- 1 documents?
- 2 A. I did not.
- 3 Q. How are you familiar with them?
- 4 A. I am familiar with them -- I provided the
- 5 basic information to our auditors.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. And they prepared the document.
- 8 Q. Can you look at Exhibit 42? And please tell
- 9 me if you're familiar with that document?
- 10 A. I am.
- 11 Q. Is that your signature on page two?
- 12 A. It is.
- 13 Q. Can you please take a look at the document
- 14 on Exhibit 43?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Are you familiar with that document?
- 17 A. I am.
- 18 Q. How are you familiar with that document?
- 19 A. This document was given to me by Mr. Olson,
- 20 the president of --
- JUDGE RENDAHL: And that's O-l-s-o-n, Olson?
- 22 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- Q. And how did you use that document?
- 24 A. I used that in developing information that
- 25 went into our pro formas.

- 1 Q. All right. Thank you.
- 2 MR. JOHNSON: I'm sorry, were you referring
- 3 to Exhibit 43?
- 4 MR. HAFFNER: Yes.
- 5 Q. Can you look at the document marked as
- 6 Exhibit 44. And there's a series of documents there.
- 7 Can you tell me or tell us if you're familiar with
- 8 those documents?
- 9 A. I am. I prepared them all.
- 10 Q. And then let's skip to Exhibit 49. And can
- 11 you tell me if you're familiar with that document?
- 12 A. I am.
- Q. Did you prepare that document?
- 14 A. I did.
- 15 Q. Does that document go together with the
- 16 documents in Exhibit 44?
- 17 A. It does.
- 18 Q. If I can have you look at Exhibit 50. Are
- 19 you familiar with that document?
- 20 A. I am.
- Q. Did you prepare it?
- 22 A. I did.
- 23 Q. Is that a revision of the documents -- in
- 24 some of the documents on Exhibit 49?
- 25 A. It is.

- 1 Q. And can you look at Exhibit 51?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And are you familiar with that document?
- 4 A. I am.
- 5 Q. And did you prepare that document?
- 6 A. I did.
- 7 Q. Is that a revision of the summary documents
- 8 that are reflected in Exhibit 44?
- 9 A. It is.
- 10 Q. Then, if you can look at Exhibit 45. Is
- 11 that a document that you are familiar with?
- 12 Actually, I guess we've already admitted 45, haven't
- 13 we?
- JUDGE RENDAHL: We have.
- MR. HAFFNER: Okay. Never mind about 45.
- 16 Those are all the initial questions I have of the
- 17 witness, and I would offer those as Exhibits 40-T,
- 18 41, 42, 43, 44, 49, 50, and 51.
- 19 JUDGE RENDAHL: I have a question about 46.
- 20 That hadn't been admitted yet, I don't believe,
- 21 unless I wrote things down incorrectly. Did you
- 22 intend to ask Mr. Lee about that document and intend
- 23 to offer it?
- MR. HAFFNER: I believe that 46, 47, 48 and
- 25 49 are all documents that Mr. Johnson wishes to use

- 1 on cross-examination.
- MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, that's true, with
- 3 the exception of 49, which I believe, Mr. Haffner, is
- 4 one of yours.
- 5 MR. HAFFNER: I'm sorry. Right, 46, 47 and
- 6 48 are cross-examination exhibits.
- 7 JUDGE RENDAHL: Oh, excuse me. So your
- 8 intent is to offer 40, 41 has already been admitted,
- 9 42 through 44, and you've offered 49 through 51, as
- 10 well.
- MR. HAFFNER: Yes, Your Honor.
- 12 JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay. Mr. Johnson.
- 13 MR. JOHNSON: Well, Your Honor, I would like
- 14 to request that we defer admission or decision on
- 15 admission of these documents until I've had a chance
- 16 to cross-examine Mr. Lee.
- 17 JUDGE RENDAHL: All right. Mr. Sells.
- MR. SELLS: Same, Your Honor.
- 19 JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay. Well, at this point
- 20 the offer to admit them is made, and we'll defer
- 21 ruling until after cross-examination. So is there
- 22 anything further, Mr. Haffner?
- MR. HAFFNER: No, Your Honor.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: All right. Please go ahead,
- Mr. Johnson.

- 1 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 2 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 3 BY MR. JOHNSON:
- Q. Mr. Lee, my name is Steve Johnson. I'm an
- 5 attorney. I represent Stericycle of Washington in
- 6 these proceedings. I'm going to ask you a series of
- 7 questions, and I would like you to answer as
- 8 completely and fully as you can. If any of my
- 9 questions are unclear or cause any confusion, which
- 10 I'm sure will happen sometime during this process,
- 11 please ask me to restate or clarify my question. Is
- 12 that understood?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Thank you. Mr. Lee, would you please tell
- 15 us what your present position is with Kleen
- 16 Environmental?
- 17 A. I'm the CFO, chief financial officer.
- 18 Q. And are you not also a shareholder?
- 19 A. I am.
- Q. And what is your percentage interest in the
- 21 company?
- 22 A. Approximately 29 percent.
- Q. And Mr. Lee, I think we've had earlier
- 24 testimony that you are not full-time employed with
- 25 Kleen; is that right?

- 1 A. That's right.
- 2 Q. Approximately what percentage of your
- 3 employment is with Kleen?
- 4 A. Approximately 25 percent.
- 5 Q. And how are you compensated by Kleen?
- 6 A. On an hourly basis.
- 7 Q. And what is the hourly rate?
- 8 A. Twenty dollars an hour.
- 9 Q. Is this based on time actually spent
- 10 performing services, or is that sort of a -- for
- 11 example, if 25 percent is 10 hours a week with a
- 12 standard 40-hour week, that your compensation would
- 13 be \$200 a week. Is it done on a pro forma basis or
- 14 is it done on an actual time spent basis?
- 15 A. An estimated actual time spent.
- 16 Q. What has been your --
- 17 A. I don't -- sorry.
- 18 Q. Go ahead, sir.
- 19 A. I don't count my hours every week that I
- 20 spend. I've done tests of how much time I do spend,
- 21 and that's the basis.
- Q. Okay. So what is your annual compensation
- 23 from Kleen?
- 24 A. Approximately \$10,000.
- Q. And has it been about that amount for the

- 1 last several years, or has it fluctuated?
- 2 A. It fluctuates with the bonuses.
- 3 Q. So does that \$10,000 per year include
- 4 bonuses?
- 5 A. Average, yes.
- 6 Q. So what have been the amounts of your
- 7 bonuses the last few years?
- 8 A. Last year, we issued a bonus of
- 9 approximately \$10,000 apiece. Prior years, it could
- 10 have been as much as 20 to 25.
- 11 Q. So when you say 10,000 apiece, did you
- 12 receive 25 percent of 10,000, or did you receive
- 13 10,000 as a bonus?
- 14 A. I received 10,000.
- 15 Q. So that would have been on top of your other
- 16 compensation, would it not?
- 17 A. You're correct.
- 18 Q. So perhaps in 2003, your total compensation
- 19 would have been about 20,000?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- Q. 2003 was not a particularly good year,
- 22 because bonuses were reduced; is that right?
- 23 A. It was a lower year. We base our bonuses on
- 24 profitability and available cash.
- 25 Q. And Mr. Perrollaz yesterday indicated that

- 1 he didn't expect a bonus for the year ending in a few
- 2 days, maybe tomorrow. Is that your anticipation, as
- 3 well?
- 4 A. That is my anticipation.
- 5 Q. So year ending September 30, 2004, has not
- 6 been a particularly good year, either?
- 7 A. Well, the reason it's not been good is
- 8 because we've expended all the expenses for this
- 9 project. We didn't capitalize any of those expenses.
- 10 Legal fees, outside labor fees, that kind of thing.
- 11 Q. Do you anticipate your gross revenues in the
- 12 existing Kleen business being substantially the same
- 13 as in prior years or different for the 2004 fiscal
- 14 year?
- 15 A. It's hard to determine that, because a good
- 16 part of our business is project-oriented.
- Q. But we're pretty close to the end of the
- 18 year.
- 19 A. Oh, you're thinking of the end that ends
- 20 tomorrow?
- Q. That's right.
- 22 A. It will be within range of prior years. It
- 23 varies between 750 and 950,000.
- Q. And so you would expect the revenues for
- 25 fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, to be within

- 1 that range?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Do you know where they'll be within that
- 4 range?
- 5 A. At the lower end.
- 6 Q. Okay. Mr. Lee, could you tell us a little
- 7 bit -- you've described your position as being chief
- 8 financial officer for Kleen. What duties does that
- 9 entail in the current business?
- 10 A. Cash management, financial statement
- 11 preparation, accounts receivable management, accounts
- 12 payable management.
- 13 Q. And would you anticipate those functions
- 14 continuing with respect to the proposed biomedical
- 15 waste collection service?
- 16 A. I do.
- 17 Q. So you would be performing functions -- the
- 18 function that you've just described in relation to
- 19 the new biomedical waste collection business in
- 20 addition to the preexisting business?
- 21 A. I expect to.
- Q. Mr. Lee, do you anticipate your -- the
- 23 amount of time spent on Kleen business increasing as
- 24 a result of the new biomedical waste collection
- 25 business if the application is granted?

- 1 A. I think it will go up slightly.
- Q. You're aware of the financial reporting
- 3 requirements of the Washington Utilities and
- 4 Transportation Commission with respect to solid waste
- 5 collection companies?
- 6 A. I've seen the form, yes, sir.
- 7 Q. And you're aware that the Commission
- 8 requires the accounts of a solid waste collection
- 9 company to be kept in accordance with certain rules
- 10 and standards?
- 11 A. As I understand it, yes.
- 12 Q. Are you familiar with those rules and
- 13 standards?
- 14 A. Not in detail.
- 15 Q. So right at this point, perhaps you don't
- 16 know entirely what additional duties you may have
- 17 that would come with a grant of an application to
- 18 operate as a solid waste collection company; is that
- 19 right?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- Q. Are you aware that there's an annual
- 22 financial report required?
- 23 A. I would expect there to be one, yes.
- Q. Mr. Lee, what other business are you
- 25 involved in with the remaining elements of your time?

- 1 You've mentioned current activities with Kleen
- 2 involving 25 percent of your time. Do you have other
- 3 business involvement?
- 4 A. I do.
- 5 Q. Could you just give us a little sketch of --
- 6 A. I own a construction temporary help service,
- 7 as well as several real estate investment companies.
- 8 Q. And do I take it that your involvement in
- 9 those other business ventures takes the remaining 75
- 10 percent of your time currently?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. But I gather you have some flexibility with
- 13 respect to the amount of time you devote to these
- 14 different activities?
- 15 A. I do.
- 16 Q. Do you own these companies that you're
- 17 involved with?
- 18 A. I do.
- 19 Q. So you will be able to allocate additional
- 20 time to the Kleen service, as needed, to comply with
- 21 the Commission's regulations and to meet the other
- 22 requirements of its business if the application is
- 23 granted?
- A. I will be able to.
- Q. Mr. Lee, would you anticipate doing the

- 1 financial accounting that may be required to meet the
- 2 Commission's requirements yourself or would you be
- 3 employing accountants to assist you with that?
- 4 A. At this present time, I don't know.
- 5 Q. So there's no plan at this present time?
- 6 A. Well, my initial plan is I will do it. If I
- 7 need additional help, I will get it. I do have my
- 8 son, who works for me, and I'm training him to become
- 9 my replacement at my other businesses so that I will
- 10 have more time to spend, if necessary.
- 11 Q. And is it your intent to spend whatever time
- 12 is necessary in the Kleen business?
- 13 A. It is.
- Q. Are you an accountant, Mr. Lee?
- 15 A. Am I an accountant?
- Q. Yeah.
- 17 A. I do not have any certification as an
- 18 accountant.
- 19 Q. Perhaps you could give us your educational
- 20 background, just briefly?
- 21 A. Certainly. I have a B.A. in economics from
- 22 Rutgers University, and I have an M.B.A. in finance
- 23 and marketing from Columbia University.
- Q. Am I correct that your prior work experience
- 25 has not involved any activities for regulated

- 1 transportation companies, and by that I mean
- 2 companies regulated by the Utilities and
- 3 Transportation Commission?
- 4 A. That's correct. I have not.
- 5 Q. Mr. Lee, what other personnel do you
- 6 anticipate will be involved in the performance of the
- 7 services proposed in Kleen's application?
- 8 JUDGE RENDAHL: Can you hold that for just a
- 9 second? We're fine, go ahead. Back on the record.
- 10 Do you remember the question?
- 11 THE WITNESS: Please restate it.
- 12 JUDGE RENDAHL: Sorry to interrupt.
- Q. Other than yourself, what other personnel
- 14 would be involved in delivering the services proposed
- in Kleen's application?
- 16 A. You mean within my purview?
- Q. No, just in general.
- 18 A. Oh.
- 19 Q. All personnel that would be involved in the
- 20 proposed biomedical waste collection service?
- 21 A. Well, as I understand it -- I am not the
- 22 operations side of the business, but as I understand
- 23 it, we'll have a director or general manager of
- 24 operations.
- 25 Q. That would be Mr. Olson?

- 1 A. No, that would probably be Mr. McCloskey if
- 2 -- you know, nothing has been defined yet with regard
- 3 to his work within the division, but I expect we
- 4 would have someone -- if not him, someone like him.
- 5 Q. In a general manager position?
- 6 A. A general manager position for that
- 7 division.
- 8 Q. How about Mr. Olson? Would he be involved,
- 9 as well?
- 10 A. Oh, yes. Mr. Olson is involved in
- 11 everything. We are a small business.
- 12 Q. Understood.
- 13 A. We all wear many hats.
- Q. And additional folks. Mr. Perrollaz?
- 15 A. He'll have involvement.
- Q. And other employees?
- 17 A. Probably not of the existing employees.
- 18 Q. Would there be new -- excuse me. Were you
- 19 finishing your answer?
- 20 A. Yes. No, I had not finished.
- Q. Please proceed.
- 22 A. We will not be using any -- most likely, any
- 23 of the existing employees. They are needed in the
- 24 existing business. We will be hiring one or more
- 25 drivers/technicians.

- 1 Q. Okay. So when you say you won't be using
- 2 your existing employees, you mean the tech level
- 3 people?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. But you've already indicated you'll have
- 6 somebody in the position -- obviously, Mr. Olson will
- 7 be involved, Mr. McCloskey or some other general
- 8 manager, Mr. Perrollaz, and then one or more
- 9 driver/technicians; right?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. How about office personnel?
- 12 A. I don't know if there will be any office
- 13 personnel added. That's Mr. Olson's purview.
- Q. So he hasn't indicated that to you?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Or marketing personnel?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Mr. Lee, I understand that, from Mr. Olson's
- 19 testimony, that you're looking for a new facility at
- 20 which to base the proposed biomedical waste
- 21 collection service?
- 22 A. We are. Yes, we are. Sorry.
- Q. But that facility hasn't yet been found; is
- 24 that right?
- 25 A. That's correct.

- 1 Q. Do you know the sort of specifications for
- 2 the facility that you're looking for, in terms of
- 3 space?
- 4 A. In general, I do. I've spoken with Mr.
- 5 Olson. We're looking for between four and 5,000
- 6 square feet, with some potential room for expansion
- 7 on the facility, of which 2,000 will be --
- 8 approximately 2,000 will be office, the balance will
- 9 be warehouse type space, with a fenced-in yard
- 10 attached to the building.
- 11 Q. Excuse me. So the fenced yard would be in
- 12 addition to the four to 5,000 square feet?
- 13 A. Oh, yes.
- Q. And how much space? I think Mr. Olson, if
- 15 I'm -- if I didn't invent this number, said something
- 16 like 30,000 square feet. Is that consistent with
- 17 your understanding?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Okay. Please tell me what you understand
- 20 the --
- 21 A. I understand that we're looking for a total
- 22 space of about a half-acre, upon which there is a
- 23 4,500, 5,000 square foot building.
- Q. So a half-acre would be about 20,000 square
- 25 feet; is that right?

- 1 A. Yes, that's right.
- Q. So we're talking maybe a 15,000 square foot
- 3 yard, plus or minus?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. And that yard would be a transportation
- 6 yard, where you would store your vehicles and so
- 7 forth?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. And is it your understanding that, within
- 10 the warehouse space that you've mentioned, there
- 11 would be a refrigerated storage facility installed
- 12 for the storage of biomedical waste?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- 14 Q. Mr. Lee, do you know what Kleen's cash on
- 15 hand is?
- 16 A. Yesterday or last month?
- 17 Q. Take yesterday.
- 18 A. Ninety-five thousand.
- 19 Q. And is that located in a bank account
- 20 someplace?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Is that retained earnings, essentially, or
- 23 cash generated by the existing business?
- 24 A. It's cash generated by the business.
- Q. Now, I believe the financial statements

- 1 we've looked at previously suggest that that number,
- 2 95,000 to 105, or something like that, is a cash
- 3 balance that you've been carrying for several years?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And I take it that, related to the project
- 6 nature of the business, that the shareholders of the
- 7 company have deemed that appropriate to hold in the
- 8 company in order to deal with changes in cash flow?
- 9 A. No, I've determined that I don't want to get
- 10 below 50,000, that's my bottom limit, and I just keep
- 11 the other part in the cash account. And I could put
- 12 it in a money market, but they don't pay anything, so
- 13 it doesn't matter.
- Q. Well, I'm not distinguishing necessarily
- 15 between money market and cash. In your prior answer,
- 16 were you distinguishing between cash and cash
- 17 equivalents?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. So the 95,000 is sort of all --
- 20 A. Cash.
- 21 Q. -- the readily available cash and cash
- 22 equivalents; is that right?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- Q. So 50,000 is what you think is needed for
- 25 the existing business to sort of deal with the

- working capital requirement?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. So that leaves you with approximately 45,000
- 4 that could be invested in other activity; is that
- 5 correct?
- 6 A. That's as of yesterday. Cash varies every
- 7 day.
- 8 Q. Understood.
- 9 A. And in the past month, it's varied from
- 10 85,000 to 135,000.
- 11 Q. Okay. So the amount available would be that
- 12 increment above 50,000, but also, depending on a
- 13 certain amount of judgment as to what's coming down
- 14 the pike in the next month or two, I assume?
- 15 A. That's a correct assumption.
- 16 Q. Now, Mr. Lee, could you please refer to
- 17 what's been marked as Exhibit Number 17, I believe
- 18 it's already been admitted, as well. And I don't
- 19 think I'm going astray to identify the document there
- 20 as Stericycle of Washington's Second Data Request to
- 21 Kleen. Are you familiar with that document?
- 22 A. Not in total.
- 23 Q. Are you --
- A. I've seen sections of it.
- Q. Okay. Were you asked to provide input on

- 1 that?
- 2 A. I was.
- 3 Q. Okay. And then, Exhibit Number 18 is
- 4 Kleen's response to that data request, I believe.
- 5 Were you involved in preparing those responses?
- 6 A. No, not this letter, I was not.
- 7 Q. I'm sorry, sir. I'm not looking at a
- 8 letter.
- 9 A. Well, this document.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. I didn't prepare this document.
- 12 Q. So you haven't seen it before?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Okay. Sir, if I could ask you to look at
- 15 the response at the bottom of the page to Data
- 16 Request Number 5 on Exhibit 18 -- I'm sorry, the
- 17 bottom of page one, Data Request Number 5. When I
- 18 asked Mr. Olson whether this statement was an
- 19 accurate statement, he said it was. Do you have any
- 20 reason to disagree with that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. I'm going to read the statement so
- 23 the record is clear what we're talking about here, if
- 24 I may.
- 25 A. Okay.

- 1 Q. The statement on Exhibit 18, page one, under
- 2 the heading Data Request Number 5, is as follows:
- 3 Quote, "The shareholders of Kleen have an oral
- 4 understanding that the funding for the proposed
- 5 service will come from working capital and cash flow
- 6 of existing operations of the company as an expansion
- 7 of the company, " unquote. So you disagree with Mr.
- 8 Olson's perspective on that?
- 9 A. Yes, only in the sense that we may need more
- 10 capital than what we would strip out of the -- or use
- 11 of the existing cash that we have available, but --
- 12 Q. This statement suggests that the oral
- 13 understanding is that the new business, the proposed
- 14 biomedical waste collection business, would be funded
- 15 from existing cash sources within the company; is
- 16 that right?
- 17 A. Mr. Olson -- I can't interpret what Mr.
- 18 Olson meant. We've had discussions, he and I, about
- 19 where the funds will come from, and there are three
- 20 levels of funds that we will supply into the company,
- 21 into the cash, and those three sources are existing
- 22 cash, line of credit, and a personal fund supplied by
- 23 the partners, stockholders.
- Q. By the partners, you mean the shareholders?
- 25 A. By the shareholders, yes.

- 1 Q. Mr. Lee, if I could refer you to Exhibit
- 2 Number 43, an attachment to your pre-filed testimony,
- 3 I believe you testified, in response to Mr. Haffner's
- 4 questions, that you were not the author of this
- 5 document?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. And this is the document that's headed Kleen
- 8 Environmental Tech, Inc. Biohazardous Waste
- 9 Capitalization Inventory List. So Mr. Lee, were you
- 10 involved in attempting to come up with the cost
- 11 estimates that are shown on this table?
- 12 A. I was not.
- 13 Q. So you couldn't answer questions about where
- 14 these numbers came from or what research was done to
- 15 come up with them or anything of that kind?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Were you involved in trying to inventory
- 18 what capital cost items might be required to develop
- 19 the new business?
- 20 A. I used these numbers to help as a basis for
- 21 entering these figures into my pro formas.
- Q. But you did not -- you're not involved in
- 23 obtaining these numbers or -- and you can't testify
- 24 as to whether they're reasonable or anything else
- 25 about them?

- 1 A. Some of the line items, I can. The
- 2 vehicles. I personally have contacted our truck
- 3 dealer that we use and can verify those prices.
- 4 Q. But that was subsequent to the preparation
- 5 of this document; is that right?
- 6 A. It was approximately at the same time,
- 7 because when I saw -- not to come up with these
- 8 numbers, but when I saw what the numbers were, I
- 9 called my dealership, verified the cost.
- 10 Q. But you didn't do that with respect to any
- 11 of the other items on this list?
- 12 A. That's correct, I did not.
- 13 Q. Now, Mr. Lee, may I refer you to Exhibit
- 14 Number 46? And I would like to ask you if you're
- 15 familiar with that document?
- 16 A. I am.
- Q. Could you tell us what it is?
- 18 A. This is a pro forma profit and loss
- 19 analysis.
- 20 Q. And it's -- the heading is Biohazard Waste
- 21 Disposal Division Pro Forma Profit and Loss Analysis;
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. And did you prepare that document?
- 25 A. I did, in conjunction with Mr. McCloskey.

- 1 Q. And am I correct that this document was used
- 2 to respond to data requests provided to you by
- 3 Stericycle?
- 4 A. No, I don't believe it was.
- 5 Q. Well, what do you think it reflects?
- 6 A. It reflects our first attempt at looking at
- 7 the number relationships when we had initially
- 8 thought we would just do -- operate in the area of
- 9 the I-5 corridor, from Bellingham to Olympia, what,
- 10 in essence, is Region One.
- 11 Q. I see.
- 12 A. Subsequently came to be called Region One.
- MR. JOHNSON: So Mr. Haffner, are you willing
- 14 to stipulate that this is the pro forma information
- 15 that was provided by Kleen in response to
- 16 Stericycle's First Data Request?
- 17 MR. HAFFNER: I don't recall. I think you
- 18 may be correct, but frankly, I don't recall if that
- 19 was the document that we submitted. That's easily
- 20 verified.
- 21 MR. JOHNSON: Perhaps you could check your
- 22 records.
- MR. HAFFNER: Okay.
- 24 MR. JOHNSON: It's my representation that
- 25 that's what it is. And I think Mr. Lee has indicated

- 1 that it's his work product and it relates to an
- 2 earlier point in time when you thought your service
- 3 would be limited to the I-5 corridor; is that
- 4 correct?
- 5 THE WITNESS: That's correct.
- 6 Q. And at what point in time was that?
- 7 A. I don't recall exactly. I can't answer
- 8 that.
- 9 Q. Wasn't it during the summer, this past
- 10 summer?
- 11 A. Could have been. I don't know.
- 12 Q. Do you know when the plan changed?
- 13 A. I don't recall the specific date, no.
- Q. Roughly, roughly.
- 15 A. It was probably sometime in the summer.
- 16 Q. Well, the I-5 corridor isn't just Region
- 17 One, is it?
- 18 A. Is that a question?
- 19 Q. Yes.
- 20 A. The Region One, the counties are what we
- 21 subsequently called Region One. There's a list in
- 22 one of the pre-filed testimonies of what counties are
- 23 in Region One.
- Q. Okay. I guess I'm referring to exhibit -- I
- 25 believe you're referring to Exhibit 25, which is the

- 1 pre-filed testimony of Mr. McCloskey, and on page
- 2 five, there's a list of -- or a table showing the
- 3 different --
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. -- the different counties by region?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. So am I correct that the original plan was
- 8 just to provide service in Region One, as shown here
- 9 on page five of Mr. McCloskey's testimony?
- 10 A. This document, we didn't identify a specific
- 11 region at that time. We were talking about a
- 12 circumference around the Seattle-based area.
- 13 Q. So by this document, you're referring to
- 14 Exhibit 46?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. So you didn't have any specific set of
- 17 counties or locations in mind when you prepared
- 18 Exhibit 46?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- Q. But it might be roughly -- a rough
- 21 approximation to Region One?
- 22 A. I would expect so.
- Q. Now, subsequently, I believe, with your
- 24 pre-filed testimony, you filed what is in our exhibit
- 25 book as Exhibit 44, so I'll ask you to look at that

- 1 exhibit with me. Do you have that in front of you?
- 2 A. I do.
- 3 Q. Okay. The first page of that exhibit, I
- 4 believe -- and this is headed at the top, Kleen
- 5 Environmental Technologies, Inc. Biohazard Waste
- 6 Disposal Division Pro Forma Profit and Loss Analysis.
- 7 The first page, in the upper left-hand corner, says
- 8 Region One; is that right?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. And isn't it the case that Exhibit 46 is, in
- 11 essence, the same as the first page here that's now
- 12 labeled Region One?
- 13 A. It is.
- 14 Q. Mr. Lee, could you show me -- well, let me
- 15 go on. I guess -- and this profit and loss analysis
- 16 has Region One, Region Two, Region Three, Region
- 17 Four, and then, at the end, it has a summary
- 18 combining all these; right?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. And so I might look at the combined page as
- 21 just as a way of being a summary, which we don't have
- 22 the pages numbered here. Should we number them?
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Well, they're the last two
- 24 pages of the exhibit, aren't they?
- MR. JOHNSON: Right.

- 1 Q. And Mr. Lee, could you show me where on this
- 2 exhibit your compensation is in terms of cost that
- 3 the proposed biomedical waste collection service
- 4 would incur?
- 5 A. It isn't specifically. It may be part of
- 6 administrative hours. I don't recall.
- 7 Administrative hours is -- basically, I'm Mr. Olson,
- 8 and perhaps some of Mr. Perrollaz's time.
- 9 Q. So I guess that's what was going to be my
- 10 other questions, to ask you where Mr. Olson's time
- 11 and expense would be, or Mr. Perrollaz's time and
- 12 expense would be. Is it all under administrative
- 13 hours down here or administrative expense toward the
- 14 bottom of this summary page?
- 15 A. It was our expectation, yes.
- 16 Q. So you would anticipate that, in
- 17 combination, the three of you would only put in 35
- 18 hours a month on proposed biomedical waste collection
- 19 service?
- 20 A. Most of my -- of that number is Mr. Olson's.
- 21 How much time I spend on it, I don't know at this
- 22 point, so I didn't try to guesstimate or increase
- 23 that number by any great degree.
- Q. But presumably it would need to be increased
- 25 to account for your time?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. How about Mr. Perrollaz? I believe the
- 3 operating plan indicates he will be the administrator
- 4 of the operating plan with substantial
- 5 responsibilities for the new biomedical waste
- 6 collection business. If the bulk of this time is Mr.
- 7 Olson's, where is his time?
- 8 A. I can't answer that. I don't know how much
- 9 time he has planned on spending on this project.
- 10 Q. You did not consult with him about that or
- 11 --
- 12 A. I did not.
- Q. Or others within the company?
- 14 A. No.
- Q. Mr. Lee, could you show me where on this
- 16 summary table you have space cost?
- 17 A. Space cost.
- 18 Q. I'm thinking of for the facilities used, the
- 19 real property used to provide service?
- 20 A. It's not on this one.
- Q. Okay. So there --
- 22 A. I failed -- I'm sorry.
- Q. Please go ahead.
- 24 A. I failed to put it in. I forgot about rent.
- 25 And I did put it in the subsequent one.

- 1 Q. Okay. Now, by the subsequent one, I think
- 2 you're referring --
- 3 A. Exhibit --
- Q. -- to what we've marked as -- let me see if
- 5 I can get this straight. Exhibit 51?
- 6 A. No, that would be Exhibit 50.
- 7 Q. That's the balance sheet?
- 8 A. Well, then maybe one of us has it backwards.
- 9 I don't know which one.
- 10 MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, can you help us?
- 11 JUDGE RENDAHL: I will. I'll clarify. I
- 12 marked Exhibit 50 as the Pro Forma Balance Sheet
- 13 Analysis, and 51 as the Pro Forma Profit and Loss
- 14 Analysis.
- 15 THE WITNESS: I will fix that.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay.
- 17 Q. Okay. So Mr. Lee, I believe we're referring
- 18 to Exhibit 51?
- 19 A. I believe you're right, sir.
- MR. HAFFNER: My mistake.
- Q. And Mr. Lee, reserving my objections to this
- 22 exhibit, I'd like to ask you a few questions about
- 23 it, starting with where is the cost of the facility
- 24 in this document?
- 25 A. It's on page two of Exhibit 51, under rent.

- 1 Q. Okay. Maybe, just for the record, I don't
- 2 know if the record's clear, but we should just -- let
- 3 me describe what this document is as it's labeled.
- 4 It's labeled at the top Kleen Environmental
- 5 Technologies, Inc. Biohazard Waste Disposal Division
- 6 Pro Forma Profit and Loss Analysis, and this
- 7 particular document is a two-page document and it
- 8 shows, I believe, changes that you would be proposing
- 9 for the combined Regions One through Four
- 10 presentation that is found at the last two pages of
- 11 Exhibit 44; is that right?
- 12 JUDGE RENDAHL: Mr. Johnson, can you repeat
- 13 for me the last part of your question?
- 14 THE WITNESS: That's correct.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: When you compared it to 44,
- just so I understand what you're asking?
- 17 MR. JOHNSON: Well, I'm not sure I was
- 18 asking a question there, but this Exhibit 51, I
- 19 believe, is the witness intends or his company
- 20 intends would substitute, in fact, for the last two
- 21 pages of Exhibit 44.
- Q. Is that right, sir?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- Q. So it doesn't completely replace Exhibit 44;
- 25 it just replaces what we might call the summary,

- 1 combined section; is that right?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. So you have a line item now on this pro
- 4 forma, which was provided to us during the hearing,
- 5 for rent; is that right?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. And what is that figure?
- 8 A. The figure is, on a monthly basis, \$650,
- 9 annual basis, 7,800.
- 10 Q. Is that what your current lease costs are
- 11 for the Kleen facility?
- 12 A. No, we're not going to be using the current
- 13 facility.
- Q. Do I read this correctly, where it says rent
- 15 at 1,000 square feet?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. So you're assuming you're going to be basing
- 18 this operation in a 1,000-square-foot facility --
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. -- or do I misread?
- 21 A. That's not correct. If you look at the
- 22 title of that section, which is the last line on page
- 23 one, it says marginal indirect expenses. And all of
- 24 these expenses are marginal, meaning they're the
- 25 expenses that will be added to our overhead for this

- 1 division. So \$1,000 -- or 1,000 square feet is what
- 2 we estimate we will need for just this operation.
- Q. Mr. Lee, I thought that -- well, let me ask
- 4 you this. What's your current space at the 754
- 5 Garfield? What's the square footage?
- A. It's never been measured, but I guesstimate
- 7 it about 1,700 to 1,800 feet of office and about
- 8 1,500 feet of storage.
- 9 Q. But my understanding from your earlier
- 10 comments was that the new facility that you're
- 11 planning to acquire would be substantially larger
- 12 than that?
- 13 A. What I told you, it would be 4,500 feet. So
- 14 if I add the 2,000, the 1,750, and 1,500, that comes
- 15 up to about, what, 2,780, just under 3,000, and we'll
- 16 add another 1,000 for the new operation.
- 17 Q. I see. So that's referring to just the
- 18 building space?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. But I believe we established that there
- 21 would be about 15,000 square feet of vehicle storage,
- 22 fenced yard, also; right?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. But is there a rent cost in your revised
- 25 Exhibit 51 for that additional space?

- 1 A. No.
- Q. Why not?
- 3 A. The commercial rental brokers I have spoken
- 4 with have indicated that most renters don't charge
- 5 extra for a reasonable amount of land space that goes
- 6 with the building, stand-alone building.
- 7 Q. But aren't we talking about three times the
- 8 office space that's in the stand-alone building?
- 9 A. I'm sorry, I don't --
- 10 Q. I'm sorry.
- 11 A. I'm sorry. I don't understand your
- 12 question.
- 13 Q. Okay. Well, I thought we were talking about
- 14 four to 5,000 square feet of office space, office and
- 15 warehouse space?
- 16 A. Right.
- 17 Q. Plus 15,000 square feet of fenced yard
- 18 space?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- Q. So that the amount of yard space is three
- 21 times, roughly, maybe a little more than three times
- the square footage of the office space?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- Q. But so you didn't think that it was
- 25 necessary to include a rental increment for that

- 1 15,000 square feet?
- 2 A. I did not, based on my conversations with
- 3 several real estate -- commercial real estate agents.
- Q. But you don't actually have this facility;
- 5 right?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. So you don't even really know what the costs
- 8 are going to be, do you?
- 9 A. No, but I do know what going rates are in
- 10 the South Sound area, or down in this area.
- 11 Q. I'm sorry.
- 12 A. I'll clarify that. In Kent, Renton, Tukwila
- 13 and south end Seattle, industrial park, they all
- 14 average about 60 cents for warehouse space and a
- 15 dollar to a dollar and a quarter for office space,
- 16 and generally no expense for the surrounding lot,
- 17 because most commercial buildings, at least the kind
- 18 we would be renting, are pretty much stand-alone
- 19 buildings on a lot, and they're not wall-to-wall, as
- 20 you might expect in the downtown area.
- Q. So are you referring to fenced yard space
- that's secure to prevent public access?
- 23 A. I am.
- Q. So your testimony with respect to the rental
- 25 cost is based on conversations with someone else; is

- 1 that right?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. You don't personally know what the rental
- 4 costs are?
- 5 A. Other than talking to people that are doing
- 6 the renting, no.
- 7 Q. And you don't have a facility now; right?
- 8 A. Right.
- 9 Q. So you don't know for sure what your rental
- 10 costs are going to be, do you?
- 11 A. All I can know is in the ranges I just
- 12 mentioned, around 60 cents a foot for warehouse and a
- 13 dollar to dollar and a quarter for office.
- Q. Mr. Olson indicates that you might purchase
- 15 a building or land. Is that another possibility?
- 16 A. It's a possibility.
- 17 Q. You haven't decided whether to rent or to
- 18 buy?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- Q. Mr. Olson indicated that several proposals
- 21 had been made to acquire a facility that would be
- 22 suitable for this biomedical waste collection
- 23 service. Are you aware of that?
- 24 A. I am not, and that's an incorrect statement
- of what he said, I think, because at the time we had

- 1 looked and made offers, the biomedical waste was not
- 2 in our forecast. We were looking to replace what we
- 3 have now with our own building.
- Q. I see. So have you been investigating what
- 5 it would take to site this new facility that you've
- 6 described?
- 7 A. Well, other than talking to brokers,
- 8 commercial brokers.
- 9 JUDGE RENDAHL: Mr. Johnson, are you going
- 10 to move on to a new subject at this point?
- 11 MR. JOHNSON: Maybe we could take our break,
- 12 if that's what you're thinking, Your Honor.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: I'm thinking maybe we'll
- 14 break for lunch and come back just a little before
- 15 1:30 and start then. So let's be off the record for
- 16 a lunch break, and come back at 1:25.
- 17 (Lunch recess taken.)
- 18 JUDGE RENDAHL: Let's be back on the record.
- 19 We're continuing with the cross-examination of Mr.
- 20 Lee. Go ahead, Mr. Johnson.
- MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Your Honor.
- Q. Mr. Lee, I think we were talking about the
- 23 rental expense shown on the new Exhibit 51, Profit
- 24 and Loss Analysis, when we broke. I have a few more
- 25 questions about that, if you could refer to it.

- 1 Mr. Lee, I believe you said that office and
- 2 warehouse space, at least based on your -- what you
- 3 had been told by real estate brokers, went for
- 4 different rates per square foot per month?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. Could you give me those again?
- 7 A. They're varying from 45 cents to 65 cents
- 8 for warehouse, and a dollar to a dollar and a quarter
- 9 for office.
- 10 Q. And however, you've only shown 65 cents a
- 11 foot here for your rent expense in Exhibit 51. How
- 12 did you come to that number?
- 13 A. Because that's the marginal rent expense we
- 14 were expecting to incur for 1,000 square feet of
- 15 additional warehouse.
- 16 Q. Sir, I'm again having a little trouble
- 17 following. Are you saying that 1,000 square feet
- 18 would be the total square footage needed for the new
- 19 medical waste facility that you're looking to
- 20 acquire?
- 21 A. That's what our expectation is. Yes, sir.
- Q. So 1,000 square feet would be the total
- 23 square footage, according to your Exhibit 51, but
- 24 what about the 65 cents? How does that work? Is it
- 25 all warehouse?

- 1 A. Warehouse space averages between 45 and 65
- 2 cents a square foot per month.
- 3 Q. Understood. So are you assuming this
- 4 marginal 1,000 square feet is all warehouse space; is
- 5 that correct?
- 6 A. Yes, I am.
- 7 Q. And there would be no office space devoted
- 8 to the new medical waste collection services?
- 9 A. Not specifically, no.
- 10 Q. But some office activities would be
- 11 involved, would they not?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. So actually, there should be some allocation
- 14 of office space?
- 15 A. Well, I don't find it necessary to do that.
- 16 Q. So you didn't do that in this Exhibit 51?
- 17 A. I did not do that.
- 18 Q. I think you need to wait till I finish my
- 19 question, so we don't talk over each other.
- 20 A. I apologize.
- Q. Now, I believe Mr. Olson testified that the
- 22 new space that at least he thought Kleen was looking
- 23 for would involve 2,000 square feet of refrigerated
- 24 storage. Are you aware of that?
- 25 A. I don't recall that.

- 1 Q. If that was his testimony, all of that 2,000
- 2 square feet would be associated with the new medical
- 3 waste collection service, would it not?
- 4 A. If that were his testimony. I don't recall
- 5 him saying that, but --
- 6 Q. Mr. Lee, do you recall him also indicating
- 7 that Kleen would intend to install shower and
- 8 dressing facilities in the new space?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Is that included within the 1,000 square
- 11 feet?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. About how much square footage would you
- 14 assume would be taken up by that kind of a facility?
- 15 A. Well, I'm expecting there to be a bathroom
- 16 in the new facility, several of them in that much
- 17 square footage, and I'm assuming that we're going to
- 18 find something or install a shower.
- 19 Q. And a dressing area for the driver or
- 20 drivers?
- 21 A. Mm-hmm, yes.
- Q. Mr. Lee, there's nothing in the record from
- 23 any real estate broker or agent with respect to lease
- 24 costs in the South King County area or anywhere else,
- 25 is there?

- 1 A. Not that I know of.
- 2 Q. You have not provided us with any such
- 3 information, have you?
- 4 A. I have not.
- 5 Q. Mr. Lee, referring to -- I think it's the
- 6 same on Exhibit 44 and Exhibit 51. There is a line
- 7 -- well, again, we'll look at the summary pages at
- 8 the back of Exhibit 44. Under direct cost of sales,
- 9 there's an item called disposal admin at \$2 per box?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. I believe Mr. McCloskey testified that that
- 12 was his compensation. Is that -- is that correct?
- 13 A. That's my understanding.
- Q. Why is Mr. McCloskey's compensation
- 15 described there as a direct cost of sales, rather
- 16 than as an administrative expense?
- 17 A. We just elected to put it there, sir.
- 18 Q. But you haven't got any factor associated
- 19 with payroll taxes or workers' comp or anything like
- 20 that --
- 21 A. No.
- Q. -- for this salary; is that true?
- 23 A. Yes, that's true.
- Q. Why is that?
- 25 A. The number was all-inclusive of those

- 1 things.
- Q. But we can't see that here. There's no
- 3 breakdown here on either Exhibit 44 or Exhibit 51; is
- 4 that right?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. I believe Mr. McCloskey testified that this
- 7 was going to be his compensation. If that were true,
- 8 wouldn't payroll taxes and workers' comp be payable
- 9 in addition to that amount for his compensation?
- 10 A. We've had no direct agreement with Mr.
- 11 McCloskey on his compensation. My understanding is
- 12 that that direct disposal administration would be his
- 13 compensation, including payroll taxes.
- Q. Did you put Mr. McCloskey's compensation
- 15 under direct cost of sales because he is not going to
- 16 be an employee of the company?
- 17 A. No, I did not.
- 18 Q. You're not sure, though, whether he's going
- 19 to be an employee or exactly what his status would
- 20 be?
- 21 A. Not at this time.
- Q. Mr. Lee, I'm looking at Exhibit 44 again,
- 23 and the summary pages, the last two pages of that
- 24 exhibit, and I'm looking at the unit for disposal.
- 25 And your assumption there is, I believe, that you're

- 1 going to pick up 15 containers per customer, per
- 2 week, four weeks in a month; is that right?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. So if I -- so that would be 60 units per
- 5 customer per month; right?
- 6 A. Approximately, yes.
- 7 Q. So if I multiply the number of clients
- 8 obtained, as shown on Exhibit 44, the last few pages,
- 9 times 60, in each case I should get, for each month,
- 10 I should get the number of containers; is that right?
- 11 A. If -- that's correct, if Excel calculated
- 12 correctly, and I believe it does most of the time.
- 13 Q. Now, if you look at Exhibit 44 again, if you
- 14 look at Region One and you go through the number of
- 15 containers obtained and the units for disposal, the
- 16 -- and you multiply the number of clients obtained,
- 17 sorry, by 60 on each of those months, you don't get
- 18 the number of units for disposal shown on that second
- 19 line there, do you?
- 20 A. Not on every month, and I think there was
- 21 some rounding problems within that.
- Q. So that would just be arithmetic error,
- 23 perhaps?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. And have you tried to -- I guess you have

- 1 given us a -- your Exhibit 51 is a summary. You
- 2 didn't give us the region-by-region basis for Exhibit
- 3 51, did you?
- 4 A. No, I did not.
- 5 Q. So we can't tell whether the
- 6 region-by-region analysis in Exhibit 44 is still
- 7 good, can we?
- 8 A. I did not go back and redo Regions One, Two,
- 9 Three and Four.
- 10 Q. Any reason that you did not?
- 11 A. I didn't see the value of it. The whole
- 12 purpose of getting Regions One, Two, Three and Four
- 13 was to try and identify customers, not -- and perhaps
- 14 some of the vehicle expense. The rest of the things
- 15 were not really meaningful at that low level.
- 16 Q. Well, I'm going to ask you to look at Region
- 17 One, for example, under Exhibit 44. And I could not
- 18 -- I could not get your numbers for clients obtained
- 19 times 60 to equal the number of units for disposal.
- 20 But your point is that that was an arithmetic error
- 21 that we can overlook or that was somehow corrected in
- the summary that you've given us in Exhibit 51?
- 23 A. As I said, there are some arithmetic errors
- 24 within the calculations that Excel did. If you look
- 25 at March, that is -- 10 times 60 is 600. If you look

- 1 at April, 16 times 60, I believe it's 960. If you
- 2 look at May, 20 times 60 is 1,200. So --
- 3 Q. But if you look at July --
- 4 A. I understand that.
- 5 Q. -- 21 times 60 does not equal 1,261?
- 6 A. You're absolutely right.
- 7 Q. And nor does, for August, 22 times 60 equal
- 8 1,292; or for September, 22 times 60 equals 1,325; or
- 9 for October, 23 times 60 equals 1,358, and if you'd
- 10 just take my word for it, perhaps, that none of the
- 11 rest of the months work out either.
- 12 A. I'm not disagreeing with you.
- 13 Q. Now, if you look -- again, I'm on Exhibit
- 14 44, and for the moment I'm sticking with Region One,
- 15 just to get the assumptions. It's the top sheet.
- 16 You assume a sales revenue of \$18.44 per unit. Where
- 17 did that number come from?
- 18 A. Mr. McCloskey.
- 19 Q. And do you know what that number was based
- 20 on?
- 21 A. Mr. McCloskey. He gave me that number.
- 22 Q. Okay. And how about the 15 -- the
- 23 assumption above that, in the line immediately above
- 24 that, that says that each client would generate 15
- 25 containers per week. Where did that come from?

- 1 A. Mr. McCloskey.
- 2 Q. And you have no way of knowing whether
- 3 that's correct, either?
- 4 A. No, I do not.
- 5 Q. Did Mr. McCloskey discuss the basis for that
- 6 number with you?
- 7 A. He said that was what he felt, after his
- 8 discussions with prospective clients that had talked
- 9 to him about that's what their count was.
- 10 Q. Are you aware that that's a very large
- 11 number for most generators in the state of
- 12 Washington?
- 13 A. I do not know.
- Q. How about the \$18.44 per unit? Do you know
- 15 how that rates in relation to the average cost per
- 16 unit for containers collected by existing biomedical
- 17 waste collection companies in Washington?
- 18 A. I do not know.
- 19 Q. Now, looking again at Exhibit 44, there is a
- 20 line called Labor Hours. It looks like one employee,
- 21 up to 1,000 units. Does that explain the assumption
- 22 on which the subsequent numbers across the columns
- 23 are based?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. And basically, the number there, labor

- 1 hours, is four times 40, so it's a month's worth of
- 2 hours; right?
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. And labor wages, then, is on the next line.
- 5 The next number is \$3,200 all the way across; right?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. So presumably, with one employee at \$20 an
- 8 hour, I suspect, working 160 hours in January, would
- 9 produce a labor cost of \$3,200?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. And that's the assumption all the way across
- 12 there, is it not?
- 13 A. It is.
- 14 Q. But shouldn't that change after you hit
- 15 1,000 units? I'm a little unclear here. If you look
- 16 up in your table, in May, there's 1,200 units picked
- 17 up, but we still have the same labor wages. And I
- 18 guess I understood the reference, the labor hours
- 19 line, the one employee, up to 1,000 units, to mean
- 20 that after you hit 1,000 units, you would need a
- 21 second employee; is that right?
- 22 A. Not totally. As I said before, the
- 23 regional analysis was mainly to try and identify how
- 24 many clients we would obtain out of each region. We
- 25 combined those quantities into the combined, and the

- 1 combined is what we used for our determination for
- 2 labor hours. So the regionals are not that valuable.
- Q. Well, isn't it true that they're not
- 4 consistent with the assumptions that you made or that
- 5 you at least stated on the left-hand side of the
- 6 document? I mean, if you look at Region One, the
- 7 assumption is one employee, up to 1,000 units, and at
- 8 least as far as Region One is concerned, you exceed
- 9 1,000 units in May of the first year, but you don't
- 10 increase your labor cost; right?
- 11 A. That's because our staff will be handling
- 12 all four regions at the same time. I'm not going to
- 13 have one person devoted to this one region. We will
- 14 not operate by region; we'll operate over the state
- 15 as a whole, and that's why I don't think using the
- 16 labor quantities on a regional basis have any value
- 17 in a pro forma. I did it, but I don't think it has
- 18 great value in making management decisions about how
- 19 many staff we're going to have.
- 20 Q. If I understand, the way I would interpret
- 21 your answer is that you didn't allocate labor by
- 22 region?
- 23 A. Really not.
- Q. So the numbers shown here by region, under
- 25 labor hours, are essentially meaningless, are they

- 1 not? I mean, they do sum to the total that's at the
- 2 back. I'm not --
- 3 A. Yeah, they're a very minor value.
- Q. Well, I can't see that they would have any
- 5 value with respect to this labor wages point, because
- 6 the labor wages do not track your assumption; right?
- 7 A. Absolutely. Yes.
- 8 Q. It says material, boxes at \$1.40 a box. Did
- 9 you -- where did that number come from?
- 10 A. Mr. McCloskey.
- 11 Q. And then, further down beneath that,
- 12 material labels at 36 cents a box, that came from Mr.
- 13 McCloskey, also?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. And disposal at \$4 a box, I think we've --
- 16 the prior testimony established that was based on the
- 17 disposal at the Covanta incinerator?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. Now, if you keep going down that column and
- 20 get the indirect cost of sales in Exhibit 44, there
- 21 is a -- I'm still on Region One, just for the
- 22 exercise of it, it says miles per month, and it shows
- 23 2,800 there as the miles per month in January of the
- 24 first year. What was that number based on?
- 25 A. We tried to base it on what our expectations

- 1 are of how big the route would be, and it's hard to
- 2 do that in a vacuum. We tried to take a stab at it.
- 3 It was our best guess.
- 4 Q. Okay. We really are in a vacuum here,
- 5 because we don't know where your facility is located;
- 6 right?
- 7 A. It's located in Seattle, or South King
- 8 County, we do know.
- 9 Q. Someplace in King County?
- 10 A. Someplace in South King County, as I --
- 11 sorry.
- 12 Q. Okay. Assuming --
- 13 A. As I had testified, we're looking in the
- 14 South Seattle Industrial Park, Tukwila, Renton and
- 15 Kent and Burien.
- 16 Q. Thank you, sir. Assuming you find a
- 17 suitable facility --
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. -- that's where you would locate it?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. So was the 2,800 miles based on some point
- 22 within South King County, or was it based on 754
- 23 Garfield Street, or neither?
- 24 A. Neither. Basically, it was based on
- 25 Seattle, the downtown area of Seattle. I had to pick

- 1 a point.
- Q. Now, when I looked at that number, I thought
- 3 2,800 miles in January for Region One was a very odd
- 4 number. Because you only have four customers and
- 5 you're dealing with King, Pierce, Snohomish Counties,
- 6 maybe there's another one in there somewhere, but
- 7 basically the Seattle, Tacoma, Everett area. But you
- 8 still think it would be 2,800 miles in the first
- 9 month that your vehicles would travel?
- 10 A. As I said before, the regionals have very
- 11 little value to us in a management and operational
- 12 basis. The one we use will be a our combined.
- 13 That's what we use as our basis. We looked at the
- 14 number of customers that we're going to obtain on a
- 15 combined basis and estimated our milage based on
- 16 that.
- 17 Q. So the numbers for the regions are
- 18 essentially meaningless. I mean, they do sum to
- 19 something at the end, but it's really the cumulative
- 20 totals?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. The only figures that we should be paying
- 23 any attention to here; is that right?
- 24 A. The combined, yes.
- 25 Q. Because when I looked at 2,800 miles for

- 1 Region One with four customers and 16 pickups, I
- 2 calculated 175 miles per pickup. That's just
- 3 dividing 2,800 by 16. Would you follow my math and
- 4 agree that that's the number that's produced?
- 5 A. I follow your math, and that's why it's
- 6 ludicrous to try and rely on it on a regional basis.
- 7 Q. Right. And for example, in Region Four,
- 8 which is the far eastern part of the state, miles per
- 9 month for two customers is 600 in January; right?
- 10 A. That's what it says, yes, sir.
- 11 Q. And again, that would be -- I believe that's
- 12 eight pickups; right? Two customers, four times a
- 13 month, dividing 600 by eight, you get 75 miles per
- 14 pickup. So basically, if I'm correct, you were
- 15 projecting 175 miles per pickup in the area closest
- 16 to your base in King County, and 75 miles per pickup
- in the area furthest away from your base; is that
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. That's what the numbers say. And as I said
- 20 before, I do not rely on the miles on a regional
- 21 basis to be of any value. We looked at it on a
- 22 combined basis for making that determination.
- Q. The thing I can't understand is why you
- 24 filed these documents if they're meaningless?
- 25 A. I don't have any answer to that.

- 1 Q. Mr. Lee, wouldn't you agree that it is
- 2 difficult to evaluate the miles that will be required
- 3 to be driven before you have a base for your medical
- 4 waste collection activity?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. You don't think it matters where your base
- 7 is within King County?
- 8 A. Well --
- 9 Q. Excuse me, sir. In terms of the length of
- 10 the routes and the time necessary to complete routes
- 11 within, say, the Puget Sound area?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. So you don't believe that a route that
- 14 requires travel between Kent and Everett, for
- 15 example, and has to go through downtown Seattle or
- 16 through downtown Bellevue, on either I-5 or I-405,
- 17 would necessarily be a longer route in terms of time
- 18 than a route beginning in Bothell, for example?
- 19 A. No, because you're taking one client in
- 20 isolation, and I don't look at one client in
- 21 isolation. Yes, it might be longer to drive from
- 22 Kent to Everett, but it's going to be shorter to
- 23 drive from Kent to Pierce County, so it's going to
- 24 average out.
- 25 Q. That really depends on where your customers

- 1 are, I suppose?
- 2 A. Absolutely right.
- 3 Q. Mr. Lee, now I'm on the combined pages of
- 4 Exhibit 44, the last two pages. There's a line
- 5 called vehicle lease at \$1,000. I guess I'm having
- 6 trouble figuring out the note. Is that \$1,000 per
- 7 vehicle for two vehicles?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And so it's your intention to lease vehicles
- 10 for this service?
- 11 A. It is.
- 12 Q. Is a lease deposit normally required for a
- 13 lease of a commercial vehicle?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. How about a vehicle used in medical waste?
- 16 A. I don't know. I got my numbers from Harris
- 17 Ford, a gentleman I've been dealing with for 10 years
- in buying commercial vehicles from him.
- 19 Q. But you have provided no documentation of
- 20 that conversation, no letter from someone at Harris
- 21 Ford or any other evidence that it would be willing
- 22 to lease you vehicles at these rates, have you?
- 23 A. I have it at the office, yes.
- Q. It hasn't been provided for the record, has
- 25 it?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Continuing down that column, if you would
- 3 with me, the next line is vehicle operating, at 22
- 4 cents a mile. Now, where did that number come from?
- 5 A. That number was based on the 39 cents a mile
- 6 and backing out depreciation, because 39 cents a mile
- 7 was the number that I believe is used that includes
- 8 fuel, maintenance, oil, insurance and depreciation,
- 9 and in a leased vehicle, you'll have no depreciation,
- 10 as long as it's an operating lease.
- 11 Q. So is it your testimony that the lessor of
- 12 the vehicle would absorb the depreciation, wouldn't
- 13 attempt to recover that from the lessee?
- 14 A. Well, that's part of the payments I make on
- 15 the leased vehicle.
- 16 Q. I see. So you're just saying that insofar
- 17 as we're talking about vehicle costs, that would be
- 18 within the \$1,000 per month?
- 19 A. Yes, yes.
- Q. Now, Mr. Lee, looking at Exhibit 51, it
- 21 looks like that number has changed?
- 22 A. It has.
- Q. Could you explain your intention there with
- 24 with respect to the change?
- 25 A. Well, I went back and looked at it and

- 1 actually went and added up what our estimates were of
- 2 that per mileage costs, and I decided that you were
- 3 right, based on the audit. One, it shouldn't be 39
- 4 cents, because that included depreciation, but it
- 5 should be something more than 22 cents, because the
- 6 fuel costs are higher now.
- 7 Q. So when you're referring to the audit,
- 8 you're referring to the testimony that Stericycle's
- 9 accounting expert put into the record?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. So the original 22 cents a mile was
- 12 incorrect?
- 13 A. Yes, it was too low, by my estimations.
- Q. And that was an error of 30 some -- 30 to 40
- 15 percent, roughly in that ballpark; is that correct?
- 16 A. I don't know. It's an error from what
- 17 point, from 39 cents or from 30 cents?
- 18 Q. Well, between 22 cents and 30 cents is eight
- 19 cents. That's what I was calculating. From the 22,
- 20 it was increased by eight.
- 21 A. Sure.
- Q. That's 30 to 40 percent, by my lawyerly
- 23 brain; is that correct?
- 24 A. Sounds about right.
- 25 Q. About right. Now, Mr. Lee, going back a

- 1 little bit to the administrative costs that are shown
- 2 -- I don't actually think you changed the
- 3 administrative costs between Exhibit 44 and Exhibit
- 4 51, did you?
- 5 A. No, I did not.
- 6 Q. That administrative -- the administrative
- 7 hours shown there, 35 hours per month, that includes,
- 8 am I correct, Mr. Olson, Mr. McCloskey -- I'm sorry,
- 9 not Mr. McCloskey -- Mr. Olson and Mr. Perrollaz and
- 10 yourself?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And we have labor hours, as you indicated,
- 13 of initially one driver and then increasing to two
- 14 and a half drivers during the period of time that
- 15 you're portraying in these pro formas; correct?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. And is there any office staff included
- 18 within those labor figures anywhere?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. So nobody involved in billing, nobody
- 21 involved in answering the phones or customer service?
- 22 A. We're a small business. Everybody answers
- 23 the phones. And I do the billing.
- Q. But assuming you become a statewide
- 25 biomedical waste collection company, you have an

- 1 enormous number of potential customers that might be
- 2 interested in your services. Do you think you can
- 3 remain the size you are with nobody answering the
- 4 phones, nobody dedicated to answering the phones,
- 5 nobody dedicated to billing, nobody dedicated to
- 6 customer service?
- 7 A. Well, I guess if that time comes when we
- 8 become hugely successful, then we probably will need
- 9 office personnel. But within the first year, based
- 10 on the customer count that we're going to obtain of
- 11 43, no.
- 12 Q. Mr. Lee, Mr. McCloskey, in his testimony,
- 13 suggested that Kleen might at some point want to
- 14 offer an inter -- I believe he called it interactive
- 15 Internet-based sort of document system to customers.
- 16 Are you familiar with that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Are there any costs associated with that in
- 19 this pro forma?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. So none of the pro formas include that cost?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. Have you done any investigation of what
- 24 costs would be involved to establish such a program?
- A. Not yet.

- 1 Q. Am I also correct that there are no costs in
- 2 your pro formas, Exhibit 44 or 51 or any other pro
- 3 forma, for cost of processing at the Hospital
- 4 Sterilization Services hydroclave in British
- 5 Columbia?
- 6 A. That is correct. Only Covanta.
- 7 Q. Are you familiar with the -- I believe the
- 8 testimony was that Kleen intended to offer on-site
- 9 packaging of medical waste to customers. Are you
- 10 familiar with that concept?
- 11 A. Yes. Yes, I am.
- 12 Q. Are any costs included in your pro formas
- 13 for that service?
- 14 A. There aren't either revenues nor costs
- 15 associated with it in my pro formas. It's too
- 16 premature.
- Q. So for example, if that was -- is that
- 18 because you don't know whether there will be demand
- 19 for that service or --
- 20 A. Well, that's one reason. We don't know at
- 21 this point, if we're given the permit to operate this
- 22 business, of what customers, where, or how many will
- 23 utilize that service. We don't know. My point being
- 24 that if it does, it would be a -- should be a
- 25 profitable addition to the existing revenue stream,

- 1 because we will be billing accordingly 48.50 an hour,
- 2 and if we're paying a packer, tech, whatever you want
- 3 to call it, you know, in the range of 20 to \$25 an
- 4 hour, there's plenty of profit margin in that.
- 5 Q. Okay. My question basically has to do with
- 6 who's going to do that. My understanding was that
- 7 the drivers would do that service. Is that your
- 8 understanding?
- 9 A. That's my understanding, yes.
- 10 Q. So if the drivers perform that service for a
- 11 few customers and it adds substantially to the hours
- 12 that they are occupied each day, it would seem that
- 13 it would cut down significantly on the ability of
- 14 those drivers to serve the rest of the state.
- 15 A. That may be the case, and we'd have to hire
- 16 more, but we're getting the revenue from it, so it
- 17 would be offset.
- 18 Q. It would be offset pretty dramatically if
- 19 you had to hire two or three more drivers, wouldn't
- 20 it?
- 21 A. Well, if I had to do 2,000 hours of packing
- 22 over the year, that's what? My mental calculator's
- 23 not very good, but somewhere around \$100,000 in
- 24 additional revenue. I think I can hire an extra
- person, which is represented by that 2,000 hours of

- 1 work, for \$96,000. I think I can do that.
- Q. Right. That assumes that you'd only need to
- 3 hire one, I suppose. Are there any costs in the pro
- 4 formas you've provided to us for marketing?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. There's no 800 number, for example?
- 7 A. We already have an 800 number.
- 8 Q. Okay. Would you plan to use the same
- 9 number?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. How about telephone costs? That's an
- 12 additional cost, is it not, if you have customers
- 13 calling, additional customers calling on your 800
- 14 number?
- 15 A. We have six lines coming in, which is more
- 16 than adequate for our current needs, plus future
- 17 needs.
- 18 Q. So there would be no additional cost --
- 19 A. No.
- Q. -- in your view?
- 21 A. Not in my view.
- Q. Looking at the, again, the summary section
- 23 of Exhibit 44, I'm looking at the second page summary
- 24 and the last page of the exhibit. You have building
- 25 insurance. Is that renter's insurance or what,

- 1 exactly?
- 2 A. In essence, it is. That's what we pay now
- 3 and that's what our agent told us that, for every
- 4 marginal foot we rented, it would cost us that much
- 5 per foot.
- 6 Q. So again, the numbers across the line here
- 7 are based on the notion that you're going to rent
- 8 1,000 square feet, or perhaps Exhibit 44 didn't --
- 9 was that based on that assumption, that you'd have
- 10 1,000 square feet?
- 11 A. Yes, at least I believe it was so.
- 12 Q. And how about the liability insurance?
- 13 What's that figure based on?
- 14 A. Based on my agent, again. I explained what
- 15 we're doing and she says, because we already have
- 16 pollution liability and a lot of other insurances,
- 17 our marginal cost per revenue dollar would be \$1.20
- 18 at that time. I revised that to \$1.31 in the
- 19 subsequent --
- Q. So Exhibit 51, on that line, shows \$1.31 per
- 21 \$1,000 of revenue; is that right?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- Q. Now, I'm -- again, I'm having a little
- 24 trouble seeing how that number adds up. If you look
- 25 across to the far right-hand column, it looks like

- 1 it's \$517 of additional liability insurance costs; is
- 2 that correct?
- 3 A. That's what I see, yes.
- 4 Q. But your pro forma revenue, I believe, is
- 5 \$395,000, roughly?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. At least on Exhibit 51?
- 8 A. Well, remember, this cost -- are you asking
- 9 me a question? I'm sorry.
- 10 Q. Yeah.
- 11 A. All right.
- 12 Q. So this is 395,000 times \$1.31; is that what
- 13 that is?
- 14 A. Per 1,000.
- 15 Q. Yeah, so 395 times \$1.31?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. Have you provided any written documentation
- 18 of your agent's quote or the basis for that quote?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Same with your building insurance. Did you
- 21 get that information from the same agent?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. But you haven't provided us with any
- 24 documentation of the costs involved?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. Or the basis for the quote that was given to
- 2 you?
- 3 A. No.
- Q. Mr. Lee, under licensing, in Exhibit 44, the
- 5 last page, I believe it totals \$100, and you revised
- 6 that Exhibit 51 to read \$1,700?
- 7 A. Yes, I was way under count there.
- 8 Q. So you've just corrected the number to match
- 9 what Stericycle's paying in its license fees?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And the line for postage, you show a rather
- 12 modest postage cost of \$1.32 -- I'm sorry, \$132 for
- 13 the year. And is that based on one --
- 14 A. One envelope per customer per month.
- 15 Monthly billing.
- 16 Q. So you're not planning to give notice of
- 17 your services or provide for notice of your tariff
- 18 filings or anything like that to your customers?
- 19 A. I'm not involved in the marketing of this
- 20 service. I don't know how that's going to be done
- 21 yet.
- Q. So yours, anyway, your end of the business
- 23 is the invoice, and you figure one per customer, per
- 24 month, 37 cents each?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Okay. Thank you.
- 2 A. I had to figure something in there. That's
- 3 the only way I could do it.
- 4 Q. Taxes -- I guess, you know, printing, I
- 5 guess, it's a rather modest charge, as well, \$240. I
- 6 guess you used a plug number of some kind, or did you
- 7 have a basis for that?
- 8 A. Not really. We use common paper, bond paper
- 9 for our billing system. It prints the logos and all
- 10 that stuff on it, and you know, that's -- \$20 is
- 11 probably too much. That's 10 reams.
- 12 Q. Okay. So you just figured what the cost of
- 13 a ream of paper was and spread it across the year?
- 14 Okay.
- Taxes. B&O tax. Exhibit 44 originally had
- 16 a tax rate of .00484. Exhibit 51 has zero. Any
- 17 reason for getting rid of the B&O tax?
- 18 A. Absolutely, absolutely.
- 19 Q. Any reason to think that it has been gotten
- 20 rid of?
- 21 A. I called DOR.
- Q. Department of Revenue?
- 23 A. Yes. And I explained to them what this --
- 24 what we were doing in this division, and I brought up
- 25 the public utility tax, as was brought to my

- 1 attention. And she says no, we would not have to pay
- 2 it, because we would get an exemption as we're
- 3 delivering the product out of state to a third party.
- 4 So I would have the total amount exempt.
- 5 Q. So your medical waste collection business
- 6 would not be subject to a B&O tax or the public
- 7 utility tax?
- 8 A. That's what she said.
- 9 Q. You really don't know. You're going based
- 10 on a phone call to somebody down at the Department of
- 11 Revenue?
- 12 A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. And the theory is that, because you're
- 14 taking the waste out of state, that there's no B&O
- 15 tax?
- 16 A. That's what she said. And I called twice.
- 17 Q. Two different people?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. Now, wouldn't you agree that the --
- 20 well, let me go back one step, I guess. If you
- 21 looked at the very bottom of the line on Exhibit 44,
- 22 you're going to come to a net profit before
- 23 depreciation and amortization number. And over on
- 24 the far right column for the year, \$71,153.26?
- 25 A. Yes, I see that.

- 1 Q. But you've modified that in Exhibit 51.
- 2 Could you explain the change?
- 3 A. Well, Exhibit 51 shows a gain of \$56,981,
- 4 based upon the additional expenses that I added
- 5 and/or revised in the revised addition.
- 6 Q. Aren't there some corrections just to
- 7 mathematical or arithmetic errors in earlier
- 8 summations?
- 9 A. Each -- on the revised, which is in Number
- 10 51, you can see, in the second column, under
- 11 analysis-based changes, I have starred every single
- 12 line item that I made a change in, and all of those
- 13 lines that have changes resulted in a profit of
- 14 56,981, rather than the 71,000.
- 15 Q. Let me take you back just a moment to the
- 16 issue of printing and sort of paper. My
- 17 understanding is that, based on prior testimony, that
- 18 Kleen intends to use bar code labels, intends to
- 19 generate shipping manifests for its customers and
- 20 that kind of thing. Are those costs included in
- 21 these pro formas?
- 22 A. I'd guesstimate they are. I'm not sure what
- 23 those costs are.
- Q. Where are they?
- 25 A. I'm not sure what those costs are. I

- 1 plugged \$20 in as an estimate. A ream of paper is
- 2 \$2. That leaves \$18 left for the month.
- 3 Q. So your manifest would cost you \$18, your
- 4 labels would cost you -- or fit within that 18 bucks
- 5 somewhere? Or if not, it's perhaps not significant;
- 6 is that your thinking?
- 7 A. That's my contention.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. It could be more.
- 10 Q. Have you investigated the cost of manifests
- 11 that are required for this kind of a service?
- 12 A. I have not.
- 13 Q. Are the costs of personal protective
- 14 equipment for spill kits or anything like that
- included within the cost you've submitted here?
- 16 A. I believe, if my memory serves me, that we
- 17 built that into our capital supplies and materials
- 18 cost on the balance sheet. It would have been a
- 19 fixed expense for inventory. Then, as usage, we
- 20 would have to replace it, but I had no handle on how
- 21 much that would be. Tyvek suits are very cheap, so
- 22 --
- Q. But you didn't attempt to calculate --
- 24 A. I did not.
- 25 Q. -- the cost that would be involved?

- 1 A. I did not.
- Q. Or the replacement costs as they were used?
- 3 A. I did not.
- Q. Now, I am -- let's see. Exhibit 49, I'm
- 5 having trouble locating. Can we go off the record
- 6 for just a second?
- 7 JUDGE RENDAHL: Let's be off the record.
- 8 (Discussion off the record.)
- 9 JUDGE RENDAHL: Let's go back on the record.
- 10 Q. Mr. Lee, I'm looking at what's been marked
- 11 as Exhibit 49. It's a -- it's headed Kleen
- 12 Environmental Technologies, Inc. Biohazard Waste
- 13 Disposal Division Pro Forma Balance Sheet Analysis,
- 14 and it, on the top left corner, it says Combined
- 15 Regions One to Four. It actually has -- my copy has
- 16 a certificate of service and a letter attached. Is
- 17 that part of the exhibit?
- 18 JUDGE RENDAHL: No. I filed those in my
- 19 correspondence file.
- Q. Okay. Well, Mr. Lee, these -- this pro
- 21 forma balance sheet analysis was provided by Kleen to
- 22 the parties under cover of a letter dated September
- 23 23, from your counsel, I believe. Can you -- do you
- 24 have a copy of that in front of you?
- 25 A. Yes, I do. I'm looking at it.

- 1 Q. When was that prepared?
- 2 A. At the same time the pro forma was prepared.
- 3 Q. Same time as Exhibit 44?
- 4 A. Forty-four, yes.
- 5 Q. Now, on this balance sheet, I guess it was
- 6 corrected -- or you're proposing to correct it in a
- 7 revised balance sheet analysis that we've marked as
- 8 Exhibit 50.
- 9 JUDGE RENDAHL: Is that a question?
- 10 Q. Could you explain the difference between
- 11 these two balance sheets?
- 12 A. The difference is that all of these values
- 13 are calculated from the P&L. They're integrated with
- 14 the P&L. And the cash will fluctuate with usage and
- 15 receivable collections, and retained earnings is
- 16 transferred directly from the P&L.
- Q. Basically, to use the new \$56,000 profit?
- 18 A. Basically, yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. Mr. Lee, I'm referring now to, I
- 20 guess it's the same number on both exhibits, but
- 21 there is, under the -- on the left-hand column,
- there's a general section, liabilities and equity,
- 23 then there's an equity section, and under that
- 24 section is an item entitled stockholder loans. And
- 25 it appears to indicate a stockholder loan of \$104,707

- 1 to the new biomedical waste collection business. Is
- 2 that what that indicates?
- 3 A. That's what that indicates. It was
- 4 indicated that way so that I could have a starting
- 5 balance of \$100,000, basically.
- 6 Q. Actually, there has been no such loan, has
- 7 there?
- 8 A. There has not been.
- 9 Q. And there's no commitment for such a loan,
- 10 is there?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. And again, we had this colloquy earlier
- 13 around Mr. Olson's testimony, but I believe Mr.
- 14 Olson, in his testimony, indicated that the plan was
- 15 to finance the new medical waste collection business
- 16 from the existing working capital of the company.
- 17 That is not your understanding; is that right?
- 18 A. My understanding is my responsibilities are
- 19 to provide the cash that's necessary to run this
- 20 division and also keep the existing business going.
- 21 I will take whatever cash that we have that I feel we
- 22 can use, and the balance will come from either loans,
- 23 line of credit, and/or capital infusion from the
- 24 partners.
- 25 Q. So this is -- oh, I'm sorry.

- 1 A. That's as I stated to the letter to Mr.
- 2 Olson back in April.
- 3 Q. That's your intention?
- 4 A. My what?
- 5 Q. Is that your intention?
- 6 A. Yeah, well, my intention, as the CFO, yes,
- 7 and I made that aware to him in the letter that is in
- 8 the record someplace here.
- 9 Q. But, actually, this stockholder loans item
- 10 is a plug number, is it not? I mean --
- 11 A. It is a plug number, yes, sir, because I had
- 12 to start with a dollar value.
- 13 Q. Right, you need some substantial amount of
- 14 capital to get this business going, and this is the
- 15 amount?
- 16 A. It was a basis for doing the pro forma. I
- 17 started with \$100,000, and I wanted to see how my
- 18 cash would be affected by all of the transactions and
- 19 to see how low I could go. And my minimum cash, as
- 20 you can see on Exhibit 50, I reached a low of \$42,000
- 21 in April, and that tells me that I used 60,000 of
- 22 that 100 in operations. That's all it's telling me.
- 23 Q. But, basically, isn't the \$104,770 the
- 24 amount of startup capital needed to put this business
- 25 together?

- 1 A. No, it was a plug number so I could
- 2 determine how much cash I would actually use if this
- 3 pro forma became reality.
- 4 Q. Understood, but if you didn't need that
- 5 amount, wouldn't you have adjusted the number
- 6 downward?
- 7 A. Absolutely.
- 8 Q. Right, so this is the amount you decided is
- 9 what you need?
- 10 A. No, this is the amount I decided to use as a
- 11 plug number so I could watch my cash in the pro forma
- 12 to see what my minimum requirements were. And my
- 13 minimum requirements were approximately \$60,000,
- 14 which is the difference between 104 and my lowest
- 15 point of 62, or 42, I guess it is.
- Q. Basically, what we've got here is the amount
- 17 of -- the amount of, in the stockholder loan item, is
- 18 the amount of capital needed to fund the startup
- 19 business at a point such that your cash would never
- 20 fall below 40,000; is that right?
- 21 A. You could say that, yes, sir.
- Q. I mean, and that's, I guess, what you're
- 23 thinking is a prudent way to run this business?
- 24 A. I'm not saying that at all. I'm saying I
- 25 used that as a plug number to verify how much cash I

- 1 would be using based on this pro forma. It's not a
- 2 commitment to put in \$100,000. It's nothing more.
- 3 It was meant to be nothing more than an analysis of
- 4 what my cash requirements would be.
- 5 Q. Well, I'm having a little trouble
- 6 understanding it. Maybe that's because I'm a lawyer,
- 7 not a chief financial officer. But it seems to me
- 8 that what you've got here is you're suggesting that
- 9 this amount of cash needs to be put into the company
- 10 in order to get this business going, and then you're
- 11 running your -- this is what this balance sheet
- 12 suggests.
- I mean, why would stockholders loan -- I
- 14 mean, just conceptually, why would they loan more
- 15 funds into the company than was needed to run it?
- 16 A. They wouldn't.
- 17 Q. Right. So isn't it a fair reading of this
- 18 to say that this is the amount you think the
- 19 stockholders or someone needs to put into this
- 20 company to make it go?
- 21 A. No, as I said for the third time -- or maybe
- 22 three, I don't know. Several times I've said this is
- 23 a plug number so that I can evaluate the cash
- 24 requirements of this business over the period of this
- 25 pro forma. And that cash line there tells me that

- 1 I'll never fall below 42,000 or need more than 60.
- Q. So then, I think it's your testimony that
- 3 you would need 40 to \$60,000 to run this business?
- 4 A. At least 60.
- 5 Q. At least 60?
- 6 A. But probably more, based on my cash
- 7 requirements --
- 8 Q. All right.
- 9 A. -- of what I would want to keep in the bank.
- 10 Q. And does that approximate the 104,000, or am
- 11 I still off base?
- 12 A. I don't know. I can't answer that question
- 13 at this point, only because I don't know how much
- 14 cash I want to keep in the bank for this division.
- 15 Remember, we still have the other operating rest of
- 16 the business, which I have been -- I estimate it
- 17 requiring 50,000 in cash, and that's for doing, you
- 18 know, approximately a million dollars worth of
- 19 volume, and I want to keep 50 in the bank. If I'm
- 20 going to add 40 percent to my volume, then I might
- 21 want to add another 20,000 in cash, which is a like
- 40 percent.
- 23 Q. So you don't anticipate the stockholders
- 24 lending \$104,770?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. You don't anticipate borrowing that amount?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 MR. HAFFNER: Can we clarify for the record
- 4 that when he's saying no, he's agreeing with you?
- 5 When it shows up on the record in type, I'm afraid
- 6 that there may be a discrepancy there.
- 7 JUDGE RENDAHL: Can you ask your question
- 8 again, Mr. Johnson?
- 9 MR. JOHNSON: I'm not sure I can.
- 10 JUDGE RENDAHL: I understood you to say you
- 11 don't anticipate a stockholder loan of 104,770.
- MR. JOHNSON: Let me put it in the
- 13 affirmative.
- 14 JUDGE RENDAHL: Thank you.
- 15 Q. Do you anticipate a stockholder loan in the
- 16 amount of \$104,770?
- 17 A. No, I do not.
- 18 Q. Do you anticipate the company requiring
- 19 loans in that amount?
- 20 A. No, I don't. I expect to be able to -- were
- 21 this business to go forward, I would probably expect,
- 22 right now, today, needing about \$80,000, which is my
- 23 \$60,000 of what appears to be cash requirements, used
- 24 requirements, and another 20 in cash reserve for the
- 25 395,000 in sales. That will come from existing cash

- 1 in the business that I feel is excess, it will come
- 2 from perhaps a line of credit, and/or it will come
- 3 from stockholder loans, a combination thereof.
- Q. Okay. So let me recap it, see if I've got
- 5 it. You're thinking you need at least 80,000, 80
- 6 some thousand?
- 7 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 8 Q. And you've indicated that the cash on hand
- 9 in the existing company is between 86 and 136,000
- 10 over the last six months?
- 11 A. It's, yes, it's varied between 80, 85 and
- 12 135.
- 13 Q. Okay. So you're assuming that you would be
- 14 able to -- and you want to have 50,000 in that side
- 15 of the business?
- 16 A. Right. Yes, sir.
- 17 Q. So you're assuming that you would be able to
- 18 take, what, about -- I think you said yesterday there
- 19 was \$95,000 in the bank. So let's say 45,000 for the
- 20 existing business?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And you would need another 40 from
- 23 someplace?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. In the pro formas that you've filed,

- 1 referring to Exhibit 44, and I guess Exhibit 51, you
- 2 have mileage costs. Do those include both route
- 3 mileage and long haul mileage to the disposal
- 4 facility?
- 5 A. Yes, that's my position.
- 6 Q. Do you have a breakout of what you assumed
- 7 for those different mileages?
- 8 A. Not specifically.
- 9 Q. You haven't given us those assumptions in
- 10 any of the filings?
- 11 A. In Exhibit 50, second page.
- 12 Q. Could you point out the place on the --
- 13 A. Item 13.
- 14 Q. Item 13.
- MR. HAFFNER: Try to let him finish.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Sorry.
- 17 Q. So that says that there's a weekly trip to
- 18 Salem, Oregon, plus weekly trips for client pickup,
- 19 so it doesn't really tell us the miles assumed in
- 20 each category, does it?
- 21 A. That's correct. All I know is approximately
- 22 225 miles to Salem.
- 23 Q. And the -- sort of the miles involved in the
- 24 route collection activity, did you try to estimate
- 25 those miles?

- 1 A. No, I did not.
- 2 Q. And where did those miles come from?
- 3 A. I did not try and estimate. We just looked
- 4 at the area and tried to determine how many miles we
- 5 might drive, but there was no concrete mileage number
- 6 we could come up with, because we don't know where
- 7 the customers will be.
- 8 Q. Did you try to anticipate where the medical
- 9 waste generators are? For example, did you look at
- 10 the urban areas in the different regions and then try
- 11 to draw routes that would involve collections in the
- 12 different urban areas?
- 13 A. No, we did not. We do know that, you know,
- 14 most of -- many of the generators are in the Puget
- 15 Sound area, and we felt that a good portion of the
- 16 client base might come from there, but we didn't try
- 17 and specify any routes.
- 18 MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, if I might have --
- 19 maybe if this were a good time for a break, I could
- 20 review my notes and see if we can wrap up pretty
- 21 shortly with Mr. Lee. Is that a possibility?
- JUDGE RENDAHL: That's fine. Why don't we
- 23 take a five-minute break right now, and we may take
- 24 another break later. So we'll take five minutes now.
- 25 Be off the record.

- 1 (Recess taken.)
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Let's be back on the record.
- 3 Mr. Johnson.
- 4 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 5 Q. Mr. Lee, I want to go back to this issue of
- 6 mileage, and I want to make sure I understand what
- 7 your testimony was before. My understanding is that
- 8 you didn't make any effort to design routes or to
- 9 estimate mileage based on service to specific
- 10 locations within the state of Washington; is that
- 11 right?
- 12 A. That's correct. We made an educated guess,
- 13 based on our existing customer base.
- Q. So you assumed all your customers would be
- in the west side of the mountains?
- 16 A. Initially we did, and then we attempted to
- 17 go -- or we were requesting to go statewide. Then we
- 18 added in some mileage for that.
- 19 Q. But you did not attempt to design routes
- 20 that would serve, for example, the major cities of
- 21 Eastern Washington?
- 22 A. I did not.
- Q. And did anyone in your organization do that?
- 24 A. I don't know. I did not.
- Q. And the numbers that we have here in the pro

- 1 formas, Exhibit 44 and Exhibit 51, are those mileage
- 2 numbers your numbers or did they come from somewhere
- 3 else?
- 4 A. They came from a discussion with Mr.
- 5 McCloskey and I. We discussed it jointly, and we
- 6 decided that, based on the information we had, that
- 7 this would be the best estimate that we could come up
- 8 with at the time of what our mileage requirements
- 9 might be.
- 10 Q. And that was based on a region-by-region
- 11 analysis or not?
- 12 A. No, based on the overall.
- 13 Q. So, for example, we went through a little
- 14 bit before the Region One through Four analysis in
- 15 Exhibit 44. The mileage analysis there is
- 16 meaningless; is that right?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. And you didn't attempt, then, to determine
- 19 what mileage would be involved in serving Eastern
- 20 Washington, then? You simply put it all in one big
- 21 pot and said this is the number.
- 22 A. Not really. We did try and do some analysis
- 23 of having to drive to Spokane, for instance, a couple
- 24 times a month, and we built that in.
- 25 Q. Well, did you --

- 1 A. But we did not design a route.
- Q. Okay. And you are as knowledgeable as
- 3 anyone in Kleen with respect to the way these mileage
- 4 numbers were calculated?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. Don't you agree that transportation business
- 7 is -- the expenses of a transportation business are
- 8 heavily dependent on mileage driven by the trucks
- 9 involved?
- 10 A. That is a part of a transportation business,
- 11 yes.
- 12 Q. For example, fuel, labor cost, frequently
- 13 vehicle lease costs include a mileage component, do
- 14 they not?
- 15 A. It depends on the lease, and we did not
- 16 specify any mileage. We have choices when we get a
- 17 lease. It's just not one lease, that's it. You have
- 18 choices to decide on how many mileage -- if you even
- 19 want a mileage factor, or if you're going to want a
- 20 25 percent residual or --
- Q. Right. Speaking of that lease, we don't
- 22 have any of that information in front of us, in terms
- 23 of what kind of leases you're talking about in terms
- of your estimate of the lease cost here?
- 25 A. No, I did not provide that, but we do have

- 1 written documentation at the office from Harris Ford.
- Q. For example, let me ask you this. You know,
- 3 if you have -- your assumptions are based on the
- 4 notion of, you know, so many employees, so many
- 5 drivers per 1,000 units. I guess it's one driver per
- 6 1,000 units, but --
- 7 A. Approximately, yes, yes.
- 8 Q. And doesn't that assume that one driver can
- 9 serve all those 1,000 units?
- 10 A. That's the assumption.
- 11 Q. But isn't it the case that if those 1,000
- 12 units are spread all over the state, that that would
- 13 be physically impossible?
- 14 A. That may be, but -- not our assumptions, but
- 15 that may be. Since I don't know where the customers
- 16 are, it's kind of hard for me to answer that
- 17 question.
- 18 Q. Right. But you know what the population
- 19 centers are in the state of Washington?
- 20 A. Yeah, about 75 percent here in Puget Sound.
- Q. But there are population centers all over
- 22 the state, are there not?
- 23 A. Yes, there are.
- Q. So you're proposing to serve the whole
- 25 state?

- 1 A. Yes, we are.
- Q. Now, I believe that you have a figure in
- 3 Exhibit 44 for utilities, or do you? Could you find
- 4 that for me in Exhibit 44? Actually, I don't see it
- 5 in Exhibit 44.
- 6 A. No, there is none in 44.
- 7 Q. So that was an omission that you've proposed
- 8 to correct in Exhibit 51, perhaps?
- 9 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 10 Q. And you're estimating utilities cost there
- of \$25 a month; is that right?
- 12 A. That's my guessed estimate, yes.
- Q. Does that include telephone?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Is telephone in here somewhere?
- 16 A. No, as I said before, we have six lines
- 17 coming in. And in-state calls, as I recall, I don't
- 18 have it in front of me, but in-state calls are, at
- 19 least within a certain region, have no marginal cost
- 20 to it. The other cost, from the 800 service, is like
- 21 seven cents a minute.
- Q. So there would be an additional cost for
- 23 customers calling you on the 800 number; right?
- 24 A. Yeah, if I got 100 calls a month, that would
- 25 be \$7.

- 1 Q. How about your long distance inside the
- 2 state?
- 3 A. I'd say it's seven minutes -- seven cents
- 4 per minute.
- 5 JUDGE RENDAHL: Let's not talk over one
- 6 another. If you can wait till the answer and the
- 7 question --
- 8 Q. And that's on the 800 number?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. How about utilities cost, things like heat,
- 11 light, that kind of thing? Are they in these pro
- 12 formas?
- 13 A. Well, at the new facility, the only marginal
- 14 space will be the warehouse space.
- Q. And so does that mean that there are no
- 16 utilities costs associated with it?
- 17 A. Yes, there will be, for the compressor,
- 18 cool room.
- 19 Q. Right, that's electrical power you plan to
- 20 use?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And that is included in the \$25 a month?
- 23 A. That's my estimate, yes.
- Q. To run a refrigerated storage facility of
- 25 2,000 square feet?

- 1 A. My estimate of refrigerated storage would
- 2 not be 2,000 square feet.
- 3 Q. What is your estimate?
- 4 A. Closer to 500.
- 5 Q. And have you attempted to gather information
- 6 about what the utilities cost would be to run a
- 7 refrigerated storage facility?
- 8 A. Not the electrical component, no.
- 9 Q. What component have you investigated?
- 10 A. Only the cost of erecting one.
- 11 Q. Okay. So the utilities figure here doesn't
- 12 include the cost of running the refrigeration system?
- 13 A. I don't know. All I said is that I included
- 14 \$25 a month, and I have not investigated what the
- 15 kilowatt-hour cost will be. Depends on the
- 16 efficiency of the unit and a lot of other factors.
- 17 Q. Now, Mr. Lee, did you -- when you were
- 18 testifying with respect to lease costs involved for
- 19 the vehicles you were thinking of acquiring, did you
- 20 indicate whether these leases would include
- 21 maintenance or not?
- 22 A. No, they do not.
- Q. Okay. And so when you calculated the new
- operating costs under Exhibit 51, come up with 30
- 25 cents a mile, did you include maintenance in that

- 1 figure?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Now, I had understood from your earlier
- 4 testimony that you started with 39 cents a mile that
- 5 was provided in Stericycle testimony, and backed out
- 6 depreciation; is that correct?
- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. Okay. So if the Stericycle 39 cents did not
- 9 include maintenance, then you didn't include it,
- 10 either; right?
- 11 A. My number came from Harris Ford. They said
- 12 they used a factor of about 38 and a half cents a
- 13 mile for these vehicles, which included fuel,
- 14 maintenance, oil, insurance, and depreciation.
- Q. You're not going to be paying them that
- 16 figure?
- 17 A. No, they say that's the factor that they
- 18 have -- they understood it to be. And I backed out
- 19 depreciation, and that's how I got to 22. And then I
- 20 raised it up, based on the review that I was provided
- 21 by you.
- Q. Now, this representation to you by someone
- 23 from Harris Ford with respect to vehicle operating
- 24 costs, is that in the documents back in the office,
- 25 also?

- 1 A. They are handwritten notes, based on my
- 2 telephone conversation. Not in writing.
- 3 Q. Your own handwritten notes?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. But you haven't provided any evidence to us
- 6 that would indicate that anybody knowledgeable about
- 7 truck operating costs has provided this figure to
- 8 you?
- 9 A. I have not provided anything to this
- 10 hearing, no.
- 11 Q. Mr. Lee, part of your pro forma assumption
- 12 is that you can provide this service for several
- 13 months without -- with only one driver, I believe.
- 14 Am I correct about that?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. And that, thereafter, you will use two
- 17 drivers, and then half of an additional driver?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. What happens if one of your drivers is ill
- 20 or -- do you allow vacations in your calculation?
- 21 A. Not in the first year. People earn
- 22 vacations in the second year.
- Q. I see. So what happens if your drivers are
- 24 ill?
- 25 A. Can't answer that question right now.

- 1 Q. It's a problem, I would think.
- 2 A. Problem for any small company. We may have
- 3 to cross-train some other people to have to step in.
- Q. They would have to be trained in things like
- 5 hazardous materials regulations, blood-borne pathogen
- 6 regulations?
- 7 A. Right.
- 8 Q. Do you anticipate that you would be in
- 9 communication with your drivers while they're out on
- 10 their routes?
- 11 A. I presume so. We do now.
- 12 Q. And on what basis? What tools do you use
- 13 for that?
- 14 A. Cell phones.
- 15 Q. And are you anticipating, then, that there
- 16 would be cell phones involved in your biomedical
- 17 waste collection service, that your drivers would
- 18 have cell phones?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. But you haven't provided for those costs
- 21 here, have you?
- 22 A. No, you're absolutely right. There is no
- 23 cost in there for cell phone service.
- Q. Have you provided for taxes in Oregon,
- 25 specifically the Public Utilities Commission tax?

- 1 A. No, I have not.
- Q. Are you aware of that tax?
- 3 A. I am not.
- Q. Mr. Lee, you've assumed certain things with
- 5 respect to cash flow in your balance sheet, I
- 6 believe. And that is both Exhibit 49 and Exhibit 50.
- 7 If you look at Exhibit 50, you're assuming that your
- 8 accounts receivable -- let me ask you this. What are
- 9 you assuming with respect to the recovery on your
- 10 accounts receivable on a monthly basis?
- 11 A. For purposes of this pro forma, I assumed we
- 12 would collect within 30 days.
- Q. Do you think that's a reasonable assumption?
- 14 A. No, it would probably go a little bit
- 15 longer. Might be 40 days, 45 days. I don't know.
- 16 Q. You're not experienced with this kind of
- 17 business, are you?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. So you really don't know?
- 20 A. I don't know.
- Q. So that could be at issue with respect to
- 22 your cash calculations here, in terms of how much
- 23 cash is needed in the business?
- 24 A. Mm-hmm. Yes, it might.
- Q. And how about bad debt? Is there any

- 1 allowance for people who don't pay their bills at
- 2 all?
- 3 A. No, there's not.
- 4 Q. Do you think that's something that should be
- 5 included?
- 6 A. We have had -- our experience has been very
- 7 little bad debt with the kind of customers that we're
- 8 dealing with. So all I can go by is experiences
- 9 we've had. In the knowledge we have, we've had
- 10 virtually no bad debt.
- 11 Q. In fact, this is a new business, is it not?
- 12 A. No, but we have the same customers.
- 13 Q. You're anticipating that your customers for
- 14 the biomedical waste collection services will be
- 15 limited to your existing customers?
- 16 A. I'm not assuming anything. I'm only telling
- 17 you that -- or saying that, our experience, and
- 18 that's all I can base my judgments on, is dealing
- 19 with the people that we know. And the people we know
- 20 are customers of ours. I know what their pay
- 21 schedules are, and generally, they pay around 30 days
- 22 to us.
- 23 Q. How many of your customers do you think --
- 24 or how many of your existing customers do you think
- 25 you will serve with the biomedical waste collection

- 1 service?
- 2 A. I don't know. I can't answer that.
- 3 Q. Is it 10 and 20?
- 4 MR. HAFFNER: Asked and answered.
- 5 Objection.
- 6 JUDGE RENDAHL: Sustained.
- 7 THE WITNESS: I don't know, I can't answer
- 8 that. You might have to check with Mr. McCloskey on
- 9 that.
- 10 MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, I think that
- 11 concludes my questions for Mr. Lee.
- 12 JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay. Mr. Sells, do you
- 13 have any questions for the witness?
- MR. SELLS: I do, Your Honor. Thank you.
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- 16 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 17 BY MR. SELLS:
- 18 Q. Mr. Lee, I'm curious as to how you and your
- 19 fellow shareholders decided -- or how and why you
- 20 decided to go into the medical waste collection
- 21 business?
- 22 A. Well, I didn't decide. I -- my partners,
- 23 Mr. Perrollaz, Mr. Olson, were getting inquiries from
- 24 our customers, as I understand it. This is not my
- 25 knowledge field.

- 1 Q. That's fine.
- 2 A. That -- asking us to come into the business,
- 3 because they liked the service that we've been
- 4 providing them on the hazardous waste side.
- 5 Q. So you didn't -- to your understanding, you
- 6 didn't get inquiries just from out of the blue from
- 7 some hospital that was dissatisfied with Stericycle,
- 8 for example?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. It was existing customers?
- 11 A. It was only existing customers.
- 12 Q. And I know Mr. Johnson just asked this
- 13 question, but I want to clarify it. Your
- 14 application, however, is not limited to servicing
- 15 those customers that you provide hazardous waste
- 16 service for, is it?
- 17 A. No, it's not.
- 18 Q. And you understand, and I've asked Mr. Olson
- 19 this, you understand that if you are granted
- 20 statewide authority, you will be required, by the
- 21 terms of that permit, to provide service for whomever
- 22 seeks that service?
- 23 A. I understand.
- Q. So if you are running one truck and that
- 25 truck goes over to Spokane, that truck may also have

- 1 to go down to Asotin County. Do you understand that?
- 2 A. Mm-hmm.
- 3 Q. Up to Pend Oreille County, Ferry County,
- 4 Stevens County, all of those places. Do you think
- 5 you can do that if you had one customer per county,
- 6 those counties that I've mentioned, and I'll bet you
- 7 there'll be a vet, because there's a lot of animal
- 8 stuff over there. If you had one customer, Ferry
- 9 County, Stevens County, Asotin County, and let's
- 10 throw in Garfield County, too, one customer in each
- one of those counties, and that customer wanted to be
- 12 picked up every two weeks, say, would you be able to
- 13 do that with one truck and one driver?
- 14 A. I can't answer that, but we will abide by
- 15 the requirements of the permit. We will do what we
- 16 have to do to make this business a success. That's a
- 17 commitment on Mr. Olson's part, and I concur with
- 18 him.
- 19 Q. And you own about 30 percent of the
- 20 business, 29, was it?
- 21 A. Twenty-nine percent.
- 22 Q. Twenty-nine percent. How much of your own
- 23 money are you willing to put into this business to
- 24 make it a success?
- 25 A. I don't know how to answer that.

- Q. Well, is there -- have you, within your own
- 2 mind, have you put a limit on, say, a shareholder
- 3 loan from you or more equity that you're not going to
- 4 go beyond to make this?
- 5 A. I have not put in a limit in my own mind.
- 6 Q. How about Mr. Olson?
- 7 A. You'd have to ask Mr. Olson that.
- 8 Q. All right. Now, I understand that you are
- 9 involved in some -- personally are involved in some
- 10 other businesses; correct?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. And excuse me if I'm butchering these names.
- 13 There's something called Leeward Enterprises. What
- 14 is that?
- 15 A. Inc.
- 16 Q. Inc.
- 17 A. That's the corporate name for Traffic
- 18 Control Services.
- 19 Q. And what is Traffic Control Services?
- 20 A. Traffic Control Services is a construction
- 21 temporary help service company. We rent out flaggers
- 22 and the equipment for temporary traffic control.
- Q. And what is your percentage ownership in
- 24 that?
- 25 A. One hundred.

- 1 Q. And how about -- is it the Remington Group?
- 2 A. The Remington Group is a --
- 3 Q. What is that?
- 4 A. -- real estate holding company.
- 5 Q. Is that a corporation?
- 6 A. It's an L.L.C.
- 7 Q. And what is your share of ownership in that?
- 8 A. One hundred percent. Excuse me. I should
- 9 say 50. My wife would be very angry if I said --
- 10 Q. I was going to call her and tell her if you
- 11 didn't. And there's something else that I can't read
- 12 here, called the Neptune, maybe?
- A. Nepenthe.
- Q. Nepenthe. Spell that, if you would, please?
- 15 A. N-e-p-e-n-t-h-e.
- Q. Group?
- 17 A. Group, L.L.C.
- 18 Q. What is that?
- 19 A. A real estate investment L.L.C.
- Q. And you and Mrs. Lee own 100 percent of
- 21 that, as well?
- 22 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 23 JUDGE RENDAHL: If you can not talk over one
- 24 another, that would be great. Thank you.
- Q. In considering this application, did you

- 1 become aware of what are called the affiliated
- 2 interest rules of the Washington Utilities and
- 3 Transportation Commission?
- 4 A. No, I'm not familiar with those rules.
- 5 Q. Does that term ring a bell at all with you?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. If I tell you in a very general way that if
- 8 you are a regulated company, in this case, a solid
- 9 waste company, and you are also a principal of a
- 10 certain percentage in another company, that the
- 11 Commission, WUTC, has the right to look at the books
- 12 of that affiliated interest, your other company? You
- were not aware of that?
- 14 A. No, I was not.
- 15 Q. Does that cause you any concern, that they
- 16 would be able to dig into these three companies?
- 17 A. Not at all.
- 18 Q. All right. Part of the statute that we
- 19 operate under, Mr. Lee, indicates that if an
- 20 applicant, your company, applies for a certificate to
- 21 operate in a territory that's already served by
- 22 another carrier or carriers, the Commission will only
- 23 grant that if the, and I'm quoting now, if the
- 24 existing solid waste collection company or companies
- 25 serving the territory will not provide service to the

- 1 satisfaction of the Commission. I think you've heard
- 2 that quote before in here.
- 3 A. Something similar, yes, sir.
- 4 Q. All right. Do you have any evidence and
- 5 will you present any evidence that Harold LeMay
- 6 Enterprises is not serving its territory to the
- 7 satisfaction of the Commission?
- 8 A. I have no knowledge of that.
- 9 Q. Same question regarding Consolidated
- 10 Disposal in Grant County?
- 11 A. I have no knowledge of that.
- 12 Q. And same question regarding Rubatino Refuse,
- 13 Inc. in Everett?
- 14 A. Again, I have no knowledge of that.
- 15 Q. All right. I'm presuming that your
- 16 employees are nonunion; is that correct?
- 17 A. At Kleen?
- 18 Q. Yes.
- 19 A. They are nonunion.
- 20 Q. All right. And do you expect your driver or
- 21 drivers to be nonunion in the medical waste side?
- 22 A. I would expect so.
- 23 Q. If those drivers somehow became unionized,
- 24 heaven forbid, but if they did, that would throw all
- 25 these figures off, wouldn't it?

- 1 A. Most likely.
- 2 Q. Do you provide health insurance to your
- 3 employees?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. What percentage does the company pay of the
- 6 premium?
- 7 A. A hundred percent.
- 8 Q. Hundred percent. How about retirement
- 9 program?
- 10 A. We have a simple IRA program, which --
- 11 Q. Go ahead.
- 12 A. -- is employee contributed, and which the
- 13 company will contribute up to three percent of their
- 14 gross salary.
- Q. And will that be made available to the
- 16 driver or drivers?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. And am I to understand that the --
- 19 I'll use a garbage term, the route truck, the truck
- 20 that's going to make the pickups, is the same truck
- 21 that's going to take this stuff down to Oregon?
- 22 A. That hasn't been decided. It depends on the
- 23 -- it will be basically the same truck or a truck of
- 24 the like.
- Q. Okay. So in theory, in a one or two-day

- 1 period of time, this truck and driver could go from
- 2 South Puget Sound, down to Asotin, up to Pend
- 3 Oreille, or vice versa, back across the state through
- 4 Spokane, and then down to Salem, Oregon; correct?
- 5 A. It's possible.
- 6 Q. Okay. You will be serving Kitsap County,
- 7 too, if this is granted. You're aware of that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And assuming your facility is in South
- 10 Seattle, how are you going to get to Kitsap County
- 11 from South Seattle, South King County?
- 12 A. Typically, I would drive around over the
- 13 Tacoma Narrows Bridge.
- Q. You're aware that, in a relatively short
- 15 period of time, the Tacoma Narrows Bridge will have
- 16 tolls?
- 17 A. I'm aware.
- 18 Q. Have you figured those tolls into any of
- 19 these costs?
- 20 A. I have not.
- Q. Have you figured the -- any ferry costs?
- 22 A. I have not.
- Q. Any ferry costs for serving San Juan County?
- 24 A. I have not.
- 25 Q. You've been here the whole hearing, I think,

- 1 haven't you?
- 2 A. Most of it.
- 3 Q. Pretty much?
- 4 A. Yeah, pretty much.
- 5 Q. As have I. And I'm going back here to three
- 6 primary documents that have been produced here, and
- 7 the first one was the proposed tariff, the first
- 8 tariff, and that document turned out to be totally
- 9 inaccurate; correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. In fact, it was -- appeared to be pretty
- 12 much a Xerox copy of an old Stericycle tariff. Do
- 13 you recall that?
- 14 A. That's what I heard testified to, yes.
- 15 Q. All right. So that document, that first
- 16 document introduced was redone overnight, and
- 17 essentially a brand new tariff was brought in the
- 18 next day; right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. All right. The second one I recall are the
- 21 operating procedures that Mr. -- I never knew all the
- 22 names -- Mr. Perrollaz produced yesterday, I think.
- 23 Do you recall that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. And as I recall, his last words were pretty

- 1 much that that document was -- needed substantial
- 2 revisions. I think I tried to get him to say it was
- 3 useless, and he wouldn't say that. Do you recall
- 4 that?
- 5 A. I recall that.
- 6 Q. I do recall him saying, though, that it
- 7 would be reworked and would probably not be reworked
- 8 in time to be brought into this hearing. Do you
- 9 recall that?
- 10 A. I think I remember that. I'm not sure on
- 11 that one.
- 12 Q. Now, the final document that comes to my
- 13 mind is this pro forma, pro formi, maybe, I don't
- 14 know what the plural is on that. Those were
- 15 initially brought in under -- as Exhibit 41, I
- 16 believe.
- 17 MR. JOHNSON: Forty-four, I believe.
- 18 Q. Forty-four. And those turned out to be
- 19 wrong, and then they became Exhibit Number 49, which
- 20 begat Exhibit 50 and 51, which is actually a profit
- 21 and loss. So those documents, as well, turned out to
- 22 be of no value, as they were originally offered to
- 23 this Commission. Would you say that's a fair
- 24 statement?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. So -- well, tell me -- tell me about Exhibit
- 2 Number 44, then. Am I wrong in assuming that that
- 3 thing had to be virtually totally reworked?
- 4 A. No.
- Q. Okay.
- 6 A. You're wrong.
- 7 Q. I am wrong?
- 8 A. You are wrong.
- 9 Q. Okay. Go ahead.
- 10 A. The differences between the two documents
- 11 were based on the review that the CPA did, of
- 12 Stericycle's, and pointed out that I had made some
- 13 mistakes, a few mistakes, of which the mistakes
- 14 contributed about \$15,000 less net profit before
- 15 depreciation and tax.
- 16 Q. So you --
- 17 A. There were a --
- 18 Q. Go ahead. I'm sorry.
- 19 A. There were a few line items that I had made
- 20 mistakes on, and I think we've gone over every one of
- 21 those line items.
- Q. And we're not going to do it again, I'll
- 23 guarantee you of that. But you -- and when I say
- 24 you, I mean your company, not you personally --
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. -- produced a document that was reviewed by
- 2 Stericycle's witness, and then that document was
- 3 reworked, revised, on the basis of what Stericycle's
- 4 CPA said was wrong with it; correct?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. All right. So you got Stericycle's CPA
- 7 reworking your pro forma; you got -- tried to get
- 8 Stericycle's tariff in; and I don't know where the
- 9 operating procedures came from.
- 10 MR. HAFFNER: Your Honor, I'm going to
- 11 object to this questioning, which is more argument
- 12 than questioning.
- 13 MR. SELLS: I've got one more question here.
- MR. HAFFNER: Well, why don't you ask the
- 15 question, instead of reiterating your argument for
- 16 closing and your brief?
- MR. SELLS: Well, I don't get to make a
- 18 closing.
- 19 JUDGE RENDAHL: In your brief. Why don't
- 20 you ask the question, a non-argumentative question.
- Q. Excuse me. In view of all of that, why
- 22 should a generator use you instead of just go to the
- 23 source and use Stericycle?
- 24 A. I can't answer that question.
- MR. SELLS: Okay. That's all I have.

- JUDGE RENDAHL: Mr. Trautman.
- 2 MR. TRAUTMAN: Thank you.

- 4 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 5 BY MR. TRAUTMAN:
- 6 Q. I just had one area I wanted to clarify.
- 7 I'm Greg Trautman, Assistant Attorney General, for
- 8 the Commission Staff. When you were talking about
- 9 the space requirements in the new space that you were
- 10 seeking to acquire, okay, currently, you have the 754
- 11 Garfield space; correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. And that is the total of about -- is it
- 14 3,200 square feet or -- of which about -- I have
- 15 1,700 square foot office and 1,500 for storage?
- 16 A. That's approximate, yes, sir.
- Q. And then, if you acquire the new property
- 18 somewhere in South King County, will that totally
- 19 replace the Garfield space?
- A. Absolutely.
- Q. And of that new space, that's four to 5,000
- 22 square feet?
- A. I'm targeting 4,500 square feet.
- Q. Forty-five-hundred, so the 1,000 difference
- 25 is the difference, then, between -- well, that would

- 1 be 4,500 minus 3,200, that's 1,300, but that's --
- 2 now, of that new area, of the new space, you
- 3 allocated it all to warehouse; right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And how did -- so how does that work?
- 6 Shouldn't some of it be dedicated to office, which is
- 7 at a higher rate?
- 8 A. I don't feel that we're going to need any
- 9 additional office staff, at least in the first year,
- 10 so I don't see any sense in allocating a desk.
- 11 Nobody's going to be sitting there.
- 12 Q. Okay. So the office will be the same. The
- 13 remainder will be warehouse; correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. And then, now, of the warehouse, how much
- 16 will be refrigerated storage?
- 17 A. My estimates are 500.
- 18 Q. Okay. And was there not another estimate of
- 19 2,000 by one of the other witnesses?
- 20 A. Yes, there was. That's what Mr. Olson said.
- 21 I don't know where he got the number. Nothing we had
- 22 ever discussed, so -- so he and I have a difference
- 23 of opinion, which --
- MR. TRAUTMAN: That's all I have. Thank
- 25 you.

## 2 EXAMINATION

- 3 BY JUDGE RENDAHL:
- 4 Q. And Mr. Lee, just to follow up on Mr.
- 5 Trautman's question, in your Exhibit 51, when you
- 6 discuss the marginal expenses of new space, was that
- 7 an attempt to allocate a cost -- costs of the
- 8 business, both existing and for the new space between
- 9 the existing services the company provides and the
- 10 medical waste service?
- 11 A. Basically, yes. A marginal cost analysis is
- 12 saying here's what we've got, we're going to add
- 13 something else, what extra things is it going to cost
- 14 us, in indirect expenses, to do that something else.
- 15 I.e., we have a hazardous waste business and we're
- 16 going to add a biomedical waste business. What do we
- 17 have to add to our indirect expenses to accommodate
- 18 that extra piece of business.
- 19 Q. So --
- 20 A. So it's on a marginal basis. Sorry.
- Q. Okay. So what you did was on a marginal
- 22 basis, as opposed to -- so did you allocate costs
- 23 from the existing business that might be the same,
- 24 such as -- that might address both, such as utilities
- 25 or any of that nature? There was no allocation done,

- 1 per se.
- 2 A. No, not as a stand-alone division, there was
- 3 not. The analysis was based on, if I was adding this
- 4 extra business, what kinds of indirect expenses would
- 5 I incur because of it. I.e, rent, because we'd have
- 6 more space, utilities, because we'd have extra air
- 7 conditioning, cleaning. These are all what I call
- 8 indirect expenses. And because it's a marginal
- 9 business, meaning it adds to the base, these are the
- 10 extra expenses that I would incur.
- 11 JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay. That's all I have.
- 12 Mr. Haffner, did you have any redirect?
- MR. HAFFNER: Yes, Your Honor.

- 15 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 16 BY MR. HAFFNER:
- 17 Q. Mr. Lee, there was -- there were questions
- 18 asked of your other businesses. Do any of those
- 19 other businesses involve the ownership or rental of
- 20 commercial office space?
- 21 A. One does. The Remington Group.
- Q. From your experience in owning that business
- 23 -- and can you explain what that real estate business
- 24 is?
- 25 A. It rents -- it owns a commercial property in

- 1 Bellevue.
- 2 Q. How long have you owned that property?
- 3 A. Eight years.
- 4 Q. From your experience of owning that
- 5 property, have you garnered experience in looking for
- 6 other rental properties?
- 7 A. Yes, we have looked at other rental
- 8 properties to buy as an investment over the past
- 9 five, six years.
- 10 Q. In looking for space for this venture that
- 11 is proposed in this application, where have you
- 12 looked to find leads for potential space to operate
- 13 this business at?
- 14 A. I and my wife, both -- my wife is in real
- 15 estate, residential. She knows a number of people in
- 16 the commercial, because occasionally she'll have a
- 17 request for commercial acquisitions, so she will
- 18 contact her commercial people, and I know people in
- 19 the business, too, from my past experiences, so I
- 20 would contact the people I know in the commercial
- 21 sales and/or rental.
- 22 Q. Have you looked in the want ads for any --
- 23 A. I have also looked in the want ads, yes.
- 24 That's usually the first place I go.
- 25 Q. Have you found any places that might be able

- 1 to suit your needs that are listed in the want ads?
- 2 A. Without looking at them, I saw about a dozen
- 3 in the last weekend's paper that -- the warehouse
- 4 space, at least, was all quoted between 45 and 65
- 5 cents a square foot. There were about a dozen of
- 6 them in the paper.
- 7 Q. Has Kleen Environmental Technologies ever
- 8 had a line of credit?
- 9 A. Yes, we had a line of credit for about four
- 10 years, required by our bonding company, and I don't
- 11 know -- we still don't understand why they required
- 12 it, but they did, and we've got -- we had a \$100,000
- 13 line of credit, which we never called on or a need to
- 14 use in the four years, so we finally got another
- 15 bonding company and we dropped it.
- 16 Q. Are you confident that you could obtain
- 17 another line of credit if you needed it to assist
- 18 with this new business venture?
- 19 A. Without a doubt.
- Q. If this application were granted, how long
- 21 do you think it would take you to obtain lease of a
- 22 space to operate this business?
- 23 A. Sixty to 90 days. I mean, there are vacant
- 24 spaces that are available today that I could move
- 25 into, but I'm talking about doing the research to

- 1 make sure we find the right one and move in.
- Q. And would that -- let me ask -- let me
- 3 rephrase the question here. Have you investigated
- 4 the cost of installing refrigeration equipment at
- 5 that facility?
- 6 A. I have.
- 7 Q. Do you know what that cost would be?
- 8 A. The last quote I got was about 7,500 for the
- 9 air conditioning, plus -- I don't have a firm quote
- 10 yet on the insulated walls yet at this point.
- 11 Q. If this application is granted, how long do
- 12 you think it would take you to obtain the vehicles
- 13 that you've identified as necessary to provide the
- 14 services?
- 15 A. According to Harris Ford, my agent up there,
- 16 he could probably have them within a week, Depending
- on our specifications.
- 18 MR. HAFFNER: No other questions, Your
- 19 Honor.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Any re-cross, Mr. Johnson?
- MR. JOHNSON: Yes. Thank you, Your Honor.
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- 23 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 24 BY MR. JOHNSON:
- Q. Mr. Lee, if you were going to present a pro

- 1 forma with respect to the proposed medical waste
- 2 collection business on a fully allocated basis, it
- 3 would look quite different than it does here, would
- 4 it not?
- 5 A. I don't know what you mean by fully
- 6 allocated.
- 7 Q. Well, for example, you're assuming that
- 8 existing office personnel would serve both the
- 9 existing hazardous materials business, hazardous
- 10 waste business, and the new biomedical waste
- 11 collection business, are you not?
- 12 A. I am.
- Q. But you're not allocating either their space
- 14 cost or their salary cost to the new business, are
- 15 you?
- 16 A. I am not.
- 17 Q. So -- and you could run that through the
- 18 whole list here. I mean, we're talking about the 800
- 19 numbers, for example. You're talking about a
- 20 marginal cost of seven bucks, perhaps, per month,
- 21 based on 100 calls at seven cents, if I remember the
- 22 example, but if you were going to allocate based on
- 23 the percentage of revenue, for example, that you
- 24 anticipate from the new medical waste collection
- 25 business compared to the revenue that you typically

- 1 earn in the existing business, you would allocate
- 2 something like a third of all the utility costs,
- 3 would you not? A third of the 800 number cost, a
- 4 third of the office space cost, all of those things,
- 5 would you not?
- 6 A. No, why would you assume that I would use
- 7 that system of allocation based on revenue? No, I
- 8 would allocate -- if I were to do that, I would
- 9 allocate based on usage.
- 10 Q. But, again, you would at least make an
- 11 effort to calculate an allocation or come up with a
- 12 plan based on some system of allocation, not a
- 13 marginal cost basis; right?
- 14 A. If I were doing an allocational basis, yes,
- 15 there would be some method of allocation, but not
- 16 necessarily on a percentage of revenue.
- Q. But that would be one?
- 18 A. That is one method, yes.
- 19 Q. Method. Common method; right?
- 20 A. Well, I don't know if it's common. It is a
- 21 method.
- 22 Q. But you have not allocated costs that would
- 23 be incurred for facilities, services, personnel that
- 24 would be performing services for both sides or would
- 25 be used in both sides of the proposed business, the

- 1 existing business and the medical waste collection
- 2 business?
- 3 A. Of our office personnel.
- 4 Q. No, the whole range of your cost?
- 5 A. Of our -- we have, in the direct expenses,
- 6 the drivers, the general manager, they are -- they
- 7 are directly deducted or specified in the pro formas.
- 8 But you're talking about allocation of office
- 9 expense, and I have no office personnel.
- 10 Q. I'm talking about space, too.
- 11 A. Well, I cannot visualize in my mind at the
- 12 volumes we're dealing about that we would need extra
- 13 space. I don't need an extra desk for someone.
- Q. Bear with me, Mr. Lee, but I'm -- if Mr.
- 15 Olson is sitting at the one desk and he's performing
- 16 functions that are relevant to both the existing
- 17 business and the proposed business, shouldn't his
- 18 costs be allocated and shouldn't his space cost, as
- 19 well as his labor cost, be allocated?
- 20 A. It's a theory that one -- you could use,
- 21 yes. It isn't necessarily one I would use.
- Q. Do you know whether the Utilities and
- 23 Transportation Commission, within its accounting
- 24 requirements related to annual reporting, would
- 25 require such an allocation?

- 1 A. I do not know that. But if it's required,
- 2 I'll do it.
- Q. Don't you also think, if it's required, it
- 4 should be -- the pro forma should be built on that
- 5 basis, as well?
- 6 A. I built my pro formas on the basis of
- 7 marginal cost from a business perspective, not an
- 8 allocated cost.
- 9 Q. Mr. Lee, when you looked at the newspaper
- 10 last weekend and saw 12 sites that might work for, as
- 11 you've said, I believe, for the proposed new facility
- 12 for Kleen Environmental, did you visit any of those
- 13 sites?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. So you're just talking about the squib in
- 16 the ads in the paper?
- 17 A. I'm talking about the squibs in the ad in
- 18 the paper, and 12 of them had all prices for
- 19 warehouse space between 45 and 65 cents per foot, and
- 20 that just substantiates in my mind what we would have
- 21 to pay for our space, what we're requiring.
- Q. You have no --
- 23 A. And that there were a dozen of them that
- 24 were in the paper, so there are properties available
- 25 at that price, and that's only the ones advertised.

- 1 Q. But you have no idea whether those
- 2 properties have a 15,000 square foot fenced vehicle
- 3 storage yard, do you?
- 4 A. No, I don't.
- 5 Q. So what we're looking for is a little -- I
- 6 guess you haven't provided us with any basis to think
- 7 that this 45-cent to 65-cent square foot figure is a
- 8 reasonable projection of what you would actually
- 9 incur to find the kind of facility you're looking
- 10 for.
- MR. HAFFNER: Objection, argumentative.
- 12 JUDGE RENDAHL: Is there a question there?
- 13 Q. Isn't that right? I mean, have you provided
- 14 us a basis to conclude that those per-square-foot
- 15 rates are anything that the Commission should rely on
- 16 in identifying the potential costs of acquiring space
- in a building to store biomedical waste with a 15,000
- 18 square foot storage yard?
- 19 MR. HAFFNER: Objection, calls for a legal
- 20 conclusion. Asked for what the Commission would rely
- 21 on.
- Q. Well, are you asking the Commission to rely
- on these numbers that you've given us?
- 24 A. I'm only saying that, based on my knowledge
- of marketplace, the commercial marketplace, that I

- 1 should be able to rent a building of a marginal 1,000
- 2 square feet of warehouse space at 65 cents a square
- 3 foot. That's all I'm stipulating.
- Q. So that isn't what you're actually looking
- 5 for, though? You're looking for something quite
- 6 different, are you not?
- 7 A. I'm looking for a 4,500 square foot
- 8 building.
- 9 Q. Plus 15,000 square feet of fenced vehicle
- 10 yard space?
- 11 A. Yes, or something that will work, yes. That
- 12 would be my ideal, yes.
- 13 Q. So none of these squibs that you saw in the
- 14 paper identified that kind of facility, did they?
- 15 A. No, that wasn't the intent of looking in the
- 16 paper.
- 17 Q. I understand. I think I understand what
- 18 you've testified to now.
- 19 A. All right.
- 20 Q. So when you told Mr. Haffner that you
- 21 thought you could find leased space to move into
- 22 within 60 to 90 days, if the application was granted,
- 23 you really don't know that, do you?
- A. I don't know that for a fact, no, but I
- 25 suspect I should be able to, only because there were

- 1 so many facilities listed in the paper. I don't know
- 2 if they're going to fit my needs, but there were a
- 3 lot in the paper, and according to both brokers I've
- 4 spoken with over the last several weeks, there are a
- 5 lot of facilities available, because vacancy rates
- 6 are very high in South Sound.
- 7 Q. You haven't given us any indication from the
- 8 brokers that you refer to now that -- again, you're
- 9 talking about things people have told you outside
- 10 this hearing room. You haven't given us any
- 11 statement by those folks as to what -- that would
- 12 demonstrate the kind of facility you've identified.
- 13 MR. HAFFNER: Objection. We're having more
- 14 argument and no question.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: I would agree. You'll have
- 16 an opportunity to make your argument in brief.
- 17 There's a direct question that you can ask. I also
- 18 believe that you've asked that question a few times.
- 19 MR. JOHNSON: Perhaps I have, Your Honor.
- Q. Mr. Lee, I believe you said that you thought
- 21 you could get the vehicles you're looking for from a
- 22 dealership within a week, depending on -- I believe
- 23 your exact testimony was depending on specifications?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Depending on what specifications?

- 1 A. That the specified truck that we want is
- 2 available locally. All of the dealers trade
- 3 inventory and --
- Q. So it's uncertain whether the truck that you
- 5 need would be available locally?
- 6 A. We're looking for a plain Jane 24-foot van,
- 7 and they are not rare. That's all I can say, and
- 8 that's what Bob Harris told me.
- 9 Q. Do you know whether the box, the floor of
- 10 the box needs to have special characteristics to be
- 11 able to haul medical waste?
- 12 A. I do not know that specification.
- 13 Q. So you did not specify anything specifically
- 14 to the folks at the dealership with respect to the
- 15 kind of box that would be -- that is specifically
- 16 required for medical waste?
- 17 A. No, I did not. I do know we have
- 18 containment in our own trucks, and I'm assuming it
- 19 will be something similar to that. But I don't know.
- 20 I'm not a technician.
- MR. JOHNSON: That's it for me. Thank you.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Mr. Sells, any re-cross?
- MR. SELLS: No, ma'am.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Mr. Trautman.
- MR. TRAUTMAN: No.

- 1 MR. HAFFNER: One question, Your Honor?
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Go ahead.

- 4 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 5 BY MR. HAFFNER:
- 6 Q. Mr. Lee, is it your understanding that the
- 7 facilities that you will be looking at for renting
- 8 for the business you're proposing will typically have
- 9 fenced yards at the rates that you have been
- 10 observing in the paper and were quoted by your real
- 11 estate agent?
- 12 A. Based on my experience in the past and
- 13 looking at prior properties, many of the properties
- 14 have a fenced yard, because, typically, a
- 15 single-story warehouse/office building, and many of
- 16 them have an attached, because they're sitting on,
- 17 you know, half an acre, quarter of an acre.
- MR. HAFFNER: No other questions.
- 19 JUDGE RENDAHL: Mr. Johnson.

- 21 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 22 BY MR. JOHNSON:
- Q. Mr. Lee, you haven't actually gone looking
- 24 for such a facility, have you? Have you actually
- 25 gone to these sites that you are claiming exist out

- 1 there and examined them?
- 2 A. As I said before, I have not.
- 3 Q. So you haven't actually looked for the type
- 4 of facility that you will need to enter into this
- 5 medical waste collection business?
- 6 A. The same answer to your same question. I
- 7 have not.
- 8 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.
- 9 JUDGE RENDAHL: Is there anything more for
- 10 this witness?
- MR. HAFFNER: No, Your Honor.
- 12 JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay. Thank you very much,
- 13 Mr. Lee. You can step down. You may -- you'll
- 14 remain under oath, because I understand you may be
- 15 brought back next week, depending on what our
- 16 discussion is, so --
- 17 THE WITNESS: I understand that.
- 18 JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay. So thank you very
- 19 much, and you may step down.
- THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Let's be off the record.
- 22 (Discussion off the record.)
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Let's go back on the record.
- 24 While we were off the record, we talked a bit about
- 25 scheduling for next week's hearing. I received a

- 1 list of shipper witnesses from Kleen Environmental,
- 2 which includes seven witnesses, and Mr. Haffner has
- 3 agreed to provide by tomorrow morning any date
- 4 restrictions and time restrictions for these seven
- 5 witnesses.
- 6 We'll endeavor to have Mr. Rogers and Mr.
- 7 Knight appear on the same day, preferably on
- 8 Wednesday, if they're available, and Stericycle has
- 9 provided its one witness at this point, Robb Menaul,
- 10 Senior Vice President of the Washington State
- 11 Hospital Association, who is only available on
- 12 Wednesday, preferably Wednesday morning.
- 13 Parties should, by noon on Monday, send to
- 14 me electronically the names or general identities of
- 15 their rebuttal witnesses, and any exhibits, any
- 16 rebuttal exhibits for those witnesses. If those
- 17 rebuttal exhibits are available sooner, they should
- 18 be circulated to counsel and myself.
- 19 On Wednesday morning, the 6th, the parties
- 20 should identify any cross times for those rebuttal
- 21 witnesses so we can plot out whether we actually need
- 22 the 12th. And at that time, we'll also discuss
- 23 whether we need the 12th for additional
- 24 shipper/generator witnesses on Stericycle's behalf,
- 25 and for Mr. Sells' clients' behalf, and take it from

- 1 there.
- 2 So the two other housekeeping matters we
- 3 have remaining -- oh, I should add, Mr. Johnson may
- 4 request written shipper statements. At this point,
- 5 Kleen Environmental is not willing to stipulate to
- 6 such statements, so we'll address that if the need
- 7 arises.
- 8 Two housekeeping matters. First, off the
- 9 record we discussed Mr. Wash's testimony for
- 10 Consolidated Disposal Services. We had discussed
- 11 having him appear next week, but the parties have
- 12 agreed to stipulate to admitting his testimony
- 13 without his appearance. And Mr. Sells has stipulated
- 14 that the territory Consolidated Disposal Services
- 15 serves is Grant County, and that there are currently
- 16 no complaints against Consolidated Disposal Services
- 17 for its medical waste services. Is there anything I
- 18 have omitted on that discussion?
- 19 MR. SELLS: If the applicant wishes to put
- 20 their annual report into evidence, we have no
- 21 objection to that.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: All right.
- MR. SELLS: They being Consolidated.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: So Mr. Haffner, you may be
- 25 submitting exhibits for Mr. Wash as the annual

- 1 reports for Consolidated Disposal?
- 2 MR. HAFFNER: Yes, Your Honor.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: All right. At this point,
- 4 I'll admit Exhibit 160-T and 161, and if Kleen
- 5 chooses to submit the annual reports for that
- 6 witness, then we can address that at that time.
- 7 The only other remaining issue is Mr. Lee's
- 8 testimony. Mr. Johnson, is your objection still
- 9 holding until tomorrow, or can we address at least
- 10 40-T through 44?
- 11 MR. JOHNSON: I think we can address those.
- 12 I actually think we can go ahead and admit -- let's
- 13 see. We should be able to admit -- we have no
- 14 objection, let me put it that way, to admitting 40-T,
- 15 40 -- 40-T.
- 16 JUDGE RENDAHL: Forty-one's already been
- 17 admitted.
- 18 MR. JOHNSON: Forty-one's in. Forty-four,
- 19 46, 49, 50 and 51.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: But not 42 and 43?
- 21 MR. JOHNSON: Forty-three is problematic in
- 22 that Mr. Lee did not prepare it and didn't provide a
- 23 foundation for that.
- MR. HAFFNER: May I respond, Your Honor?
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Please do.

- 1 MR. HAFFNER: I think it should be admitted
- 2 as a document that he relied upon to prepare the pro
- 3 formas, and that is what his testimony was. It's not
- 4 testimony as to the accuracy of the numbers provided
- 5 there, I believe, except for the lease numbers, which
- 6 he testified he verified by telephone.
- 7 MR. JOHNSON: Actually, I think -- I'm not
- 8 sure they're lease numbers, but they're costs
- 9 associated with the trucks.
- 10 MR. HAFFNER: Right, the vehicle lease. Oh,
- 11 maybe it was vehicle value.
- 12 MR. JOHNSON: I think it was vehicle cost.
- MR. HAFFNER: You might be right.
- MR. JOHNSON: But I have no objection to its
- 15 admission for that purpose.
- 16 JUDGE RENDAHL: For the purpose that he
- 17 relied upon it to prepare the pro formas?
- 18 MR. JOHNSON: Right. Otherwise, he's not --
- 19 JUDGE RENDAHL: Well, I think the record is
- 20 clear that he didn't prepare it, and so I think we
- 21 have enough evidence in the record concerning the
- 22 exhibit. So I would admit 43. Now, what about 42?
- 23 It is a letter from Mr. Lee.
- MR. JOHNSON: It seems a strange way to
- 25 present evidence, to have Mr. Lee, who's personally

- 1 present, submit a letter that he previously wrote to
- 2 Mr. Olson. I guess I --
- JUDGE RENDAHL: Well, I guess what is your
- 4 objection to the admission?
- 5 MR. JOHNSON: My objection is that it's
- 6 hearsay, that Mr. Lee did not testify with respect to
- 7 the contents of this letter.
- 8 MR. HAFFNER: He wrote the letter. He
- 9 acknowledged --
- 10 MR. JOHNSON: I understand. It's hearsay
- 11 for himself.
- 12 MR. HAFFNER: He acknowledged that he signed
- 13 the letter. It was his letter.
- 14 JUDGE RENDAHL: I'm going to admit it. I
- 15 think it's -- he authored it, you could have
- 16 cross-examined him on the contents, it was verified
- 17 that he wrote the letter. I think it will be
- 18 admitted, and whatever the value of it is, we'll
- 19 address it at that point. So at this point, I'm
- 20 going to admit into the record Exhibits 40-T, 42, 43,
- 21 44, 46, 49, 50 and 51. Did I catch everything?
- MR. HAFFNER: Yes, Your Honor.
- JUDGE RENDAHL: All right. With that, is
- 24 there anything more before we go off the record for
- 25 today? Hearing nothing, we'll be recessed until

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   tomorrow morning at 9:30. Let's be off the record.
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