In the Matter Of:

ACT vs

Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

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11 1 accompanying by video is my partner 1 responsibilities? 2 Nick Thomas. We are both here on behalf 2 A. As a business development director, my job is 3 Puyallup Tribe of Indians, and Lisa Anderson 3 to sell LNG fuel from the --4 with the law offices located at Puyallup 4 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, 5 Tribe of Indians. 5 I'm not hearing your audio clearly. I think 6 6 MS. ELIAS: Jennifer Elias with we may need to take a break and have you call 7 the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. 7 in. 8 8 MR. HASSELMAN: Let's -- let's 9 BLAKE LITTAUER, 9 maybe try -- because he was pretty far from 10 10 a witness in the above-entitled action, the computer. Can we take another crack at 11 after having been first duly sworn, was 11 12 12 deposed and says as follows: THE COURT REPORTER: Sure. 13 13 MR. HASSELMAN: -- just closer to 14 **EXAMINATION** 14 the computer. 15 15 BY MR. HASSELMAN: THE WITNESS: Director of business 16 Q. Good morning, Mr. Littauer. Again, my name 16 development, my job is to sell LNG fuel from 17 is Jan Hasselman. I'm an attorney for 17 the -- from the plant. 18 Advocates for Clean Air Tacoma. So I 18 MR. HASSELMAN: Ms. Larson, is 19 appreciate you being here. 19 that okay by you or do you want to try the 20 20 Were you listening in to the sound? 21 previous deposition that happened this 21 THE COURT REPORTER: It's a little 22 22 morning? better. We can try and see. 23 A. I was not. 23 MR. HASSELMAN: Okay. Just speak 24 Q. Okay. Well, let me go through some quick 24 up if you're not -- if you're not catching 25 ground rules for the deposition. 25 10 12 1 Have you had your deposition taken 1 BY MR. HASSELMAN: 2 before? 2 Q. Who is your employer? 3 A. I have not. 3 A. Puget Sound Energy. 4 Q. So a couple of things to be sure about. 4 Q. Okay. How long have you been with PSE? 5 The primary thing is to make sure 5 A. A little over three months. I started on 6 that your answers are -- are clearly verbally September 8th, 2020. 7 stated. Saying "uh-huh" or shaking your head 7 Q. Okay. And where did you come from previous 8 is not going to come through on the written to your employment with PSE? 9 transcripts, so try to go with "yes" or "no." 9 A. A company called Clean Energy. 10 If any question I ask is not clear 10 Q. Tell me a little bit about that. 11 to you, please ask me to clarify, I'm happy 11 A. Clean Energy, I was with them for about 12 to do that. 12 12 years. Primary responsibilities were 13 If you think of anything else in 13 selling fuel, natural gas as a transportation 14 the -- that you want to add to a previous 14 fuel for over-the-road transportation 15 answer as we go through the conversation, 15 customers, as well as bulk LNG. 16 you're welcome at any time to go back and 16 Q. And so the -- do you have any other tasks 17 supplement or change a previous answer. 17 besides finding customers for the LNG that is 18 And, finally, any time you need a 18 produced by this facility? 19 break, just speak up, happy to give you a 19 A. I do not. 20 break. I don't anticipate having you here 20 Q. And can you tell me what you did to prepare 21 for the deposition this morning? very long, so hopefully we won't need one, 21 22 but just speak up if you do. 22 A. I spoke to our -- our legal counsel, as well

Does that all sound good?

25 Q. So can you start by describing your job

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24 A. It does.

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predecessor.

25 Q. Who was your predecessor?

as reviewed some of the prior work from my

13 15 1 A. A gentleman named Jonathan Harris. 1 ask questions about TOTE. 2 Q. And he had the same job title and same job 2 MR. KISIELIUS: And I guess to the 3 responsibilities? 3 extent that -- and this is exactly why we 4 A. Similar -- similar. He was -- his job title 4 were seeking clarification repeatedly is 5 was business development manager. Job 5 precisely to avoid this circumstance. 6 6 responsibilities were -- were similar as well So Mr. -- you're free to ask him, 7 7 where he was also tasked with selling LNG he'd be speaking in his personal capacity at 8 8 from the plant once -- once opened. that point based on his personal knowledge, 9 Q. Okay. And when you say you reviewed some of not binding on the company. 10 his materials, what did that include? 10 MR. HASSELMAN: Okay. 11 A. I spoke to Jonathan about some of the 11 BY MR. HASSELMAN: 12 Q. So when -- to the best of your knowledge, customers that he spoken to in the past, some 12 when did the conversation start with TOTE? 13 agreements that -- nondisclosure agreements 13 14 that were signed, as well as some pricing 14 A. I'm not familiar when that started. 15 proposals that were given to customers in the 15 Q. Has -- are you now in the -- having direct 16 conversations with TOTE Marine as part of past few years. 16 17 Q. Do you have access to his e-mails and 17 your job responsibility? 18 correspondence? 18 A. Yes. 19 A. I do not. I have access to the files that 19 Q. And what do those conversations encompass? 20 were saved. 20 A. We are currently looking to finalize some 21 Q. And it sounds like you can pick up the phone 21 details on our contract. 22 and ask him a question if that comes up; is 22 Q. And what contract is that? 23 that right? 23 A. The LNG fueling contract. 24 A. Correct. 24 Q. So there is -- is it the case that there is 25 Q. Okay. So I'm going to ask you some questions no contract yet with TOTE Marine? 14 16 1 1 A. There is a contract and we are working to that you might not have personal knowledge 2 because they predate your -- your tenure, and amend that contract currently. 3 so I'll ask to the extent that you know based 3 Q. Okay. And what does the amendment encompass? 4 on your review of -- of the documents. 4 A. Some different pricing terms. 5 Q. Is that -- is that all? 5 Is that okay? 6 A. For the most part. There are some other 6 A. Okay. 7 Q. So when -- to your knowledge, when did PSE 7 delays in when they would bring on their ship 8 initially. They were initially supposed to start the conversation with TOTE Marine about 9 9 providing LNG for their ships? bring on their ship first quarter of '21. 10 10 That's been delayed for about a year, and so MR. KISIELIUS: I'm going to --11 11 we're working through some -- some details I'm just going to interject here with an 12 objection on the scope of the 30(b)(6), which 12 surrounding that delay, as well as, I guess, 13 is about potential customers under topic 11 13 some financial details as well. 14 as specified in the notice. 14 Q. Can you tell me a little more about --15 15 So Mr. Littauer is not here to talk MR. KISIELIUS: Sorry, just to --16 about the TOTE contract. And so, again, I 16 MR. HASSELMAN: Go ahead. 17 17 MR. KISIELIUS: -- offer an think we're focused on the specific topic as 18 objection to the extent, again, with the, I 18 clarified -- first as specified in the notice 19 19 and then as clarified through subsequent think, different line of questioning. I want 20 20 correspondence with counsel. to be clear that this -- this testimony that 21 21 he's offering may need to be marked as MR. HASSELMAN: Okay. And this 22 22 confidential and subject to the protective is -- this is some word parsing, but I view 23 potential customers as including TOTE since 23 order that we've signed, so I'm marking that 24 24 the facility isn't yet built. I guess that's for the record to the extent that they deal 25 what I -- I meant by that. So I'm going to 25 with ongoing negotiations that may governed

30(b)(6) Blake Littauer - December 16, 2020 19 1 Q. When the conversion is complete, is it the 1 by a nondisclosure agreement. 2 2 case that TOTE can run off either LNG or MR. HASSELMAN: I understand, and 3 maybe let's just get that on the record. 3 conventional fuel; is that right? 4 A. Yes. 4 BY MR. HASSELMAN: 5 Q. I'm sorry, I didn't catch your answer. 5 Q. Is there a nondisclosure agreement that applies to the negotiations around this 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. Do you know what the advantages for TOTE are 7 contract? of running off LNG? 8 A. Not that I'm aware of. 8 9 Q. So can you tell me a little bit more about 9 MR. KISIELIUS: Objection; 10 this delay. When you say, "Bring on the 10 foundation. Again, and I want to reiterate 11 ships," I assume that means complete the my objection to the questions as exceeding 11 12 12 the scope of the 30(b)(6) testimony. conversion to natural gas; is that correct? 13 But Mr. Littauer, you can answer to 13 A. Correct. 14 Q. So what -- what's the occasion for the delay 14 the best of your ability. 15 THE WITNESS: Repeat your in the conversion? 16 A. Apparently there are some restrictions, some 16 question, please. BY MR. HASSELMAN: 17 COVID-type restrictions that are delaying personnel coming over from Europe to Canada, 18 Q. Do you know what the advantages for TOTE of 18 19 which is where the conversions will be taking 19 running off LNG is as opposed to conventional 20 20 place. And so those restrictions have caused fuel are? 21 TOTE a delay in their project schedule. 21 A. As a sales guy, my job is to sell the 22 advantages of LNG. And so I sell that LNG 22 Q. Okay. And I had been under the impression 23 that the conversion was a -- was a process 23 provides greenhouse gas emissions reduction, 24 that had already started and was underway. 24 as well as pricing benefits to the end user. 25 25 Is that not -- is that not the case? As far as what TOTE's 18 20 1 A. That's not. 1 decision-making process was, I'm not -- I'm 2 Q. Okay. And what's the current anticipated 2 not aware. completion date for the conversion? 3 Q. Okay. I want to shift to other potential 4 A. We are hoping that we are looking at the end 4 marine customers. It is the case that the 5 of the first quarter of '22. project anticipates finding other marine 6 Q. And this may sound obvious, but presumably, 6 customers besides TOTE; is that true?

7 until that conversion is complete, you would

8 not be selling any LNG to TOTE Marine; is

9 that correct?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. Do you have an understanding of why TOTE

12 wanted to reach a contract with PSE on

13 providing LNG at this facility? In other

words, why did -- why did TOTE want LNG? 14

15 A. I don't know.

16 Q. That hasn't come up in your discussions with

17 them?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Are there other sources of LNG between Tacoma

20 and -- and Alaska that you're aware of?

21 A. There is an LNG plant in Vancouver that could

deliver LNG to a ship via a truck, unloading

23 LNG via a truck.

24 Q. Is that the only one that you're aware of?

25 A. Yes.

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8 Q. And what's the basis for the company's belief

9 that there -- there will be other marine

10 customers?

11 A. Would you mind clarifying that, the basis for

their belief?

13 Q. Well, a very big extensive project was built 14 with a substantial amount of fuel that it

15 generates intended to provide fuel for -- for

16 other vessels besides TOTE.

> And my question is: Why do you believe that there are other customers out there besides TOTE? For example, are you talking to other potential customers?

21 A. I am.

22 Q. Okay. So I want to get the complete basis

23 for your -- the belief that there is other

24 potential customers out there.

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1 you're aware of?

- 2 A. There is not.
- 3 Q. Okay. And so tell me about the conversations
 - with potential customers then, please?
- 5 A. The conversations are -- are, at this point,
- 6 a lot of cold calls into -- into maritime
- 7 customers that call on the Port of Tacoma and
- 8 seeing if there's interest on their behalf on
- 9 bringing an LNG fuel vessel to the Port of
- 10 Tacoma.
- 11 Q. So when you say, "Phone calls," who is making
- 12 the phone calls? Is this you looking for
- 13 customers?
- 14 A. To clarify, a cold call at this point is
- 15 mostly e-mails, and so those are e-mail
- 16 exchanges back and forth that we would look
- 17 to set up a -- a phone call or a video call,
- 18 and that would be outbound from me to the
- 19 customers that I find data mining online.
- 20 Q. Okay. So what's the current state of those
- 21 discussions? In other words, are you just in

All -- all calls are extremely preliminary

and haven't gone beyond the factfinding

5 Q. So assuming that this facility goes online

next year, do you anticipate having other --

do you anticipate having any customers for

- 22 the cold calling state or are there other
- 23 customers that you are in contract
- 24 negotiations with to provide marine fuel?
- 25 A. We are in no other -- we have no other

1 Q. You're also seeking customers for trucks?

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- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. And one thing that I'm a little
- 4 confused about, we talked to your colleague,
- 5 Mr. Hogan the other day, and he said that the 6
 - truck-loading facilities are not to provide
- 7 fuel for LNG power trucks, but to fill up
 - LNG's cargo for trucks.

Is that correct? Is that your understanding too?

- A. It's my understanding that the -- that an end 11
- 12 user, so a truck driver, would not come to
- 13 the truck rack to fuel his rig as propulsion.
- 14 Q. Right.
- 15 A. A trailer, a 10,000-gallon trailer would fill
- up at the truck rack and for delivery to a 16
- 17 fueling station where it would be then
- 18 dispensed into vehicles.
- 19 Q. Okay. So when you're filling up a -- the
- 20 trailer, the cargo trailer, is there anything
- 21 about that that limits the use of the fuel in
- 22 that trailer to vehicles? In other words,
- 23 could it be used for -- for other -- other
- 24 applications?
- 25 A. Our air permits requires that our end

contracts with customers to provide fuel.

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customer is a transportation customer.

1 2 Q. So in your understanding, if you put fuel in

a truck, it can be only used on a vehicle; is

that correct?

4 5 MR. KISIELIUS: I'm going to offer

another objection here. Again, outside the 6

7 scope of the 30(b)(6). We had other

8 witnesses testify to the physical permitting

9 limitations on the facility. Mr. Littauer is

10 here to talk about potential customers. This

11 is getting into territory outside of the

12 30(b)(6) topic.

MR. HASSELMAN: And I'm just

14 trying to get the potential customers.

BY MR. HASSELMAN: 15

- Q. So, again, is it your understanding that if 16
- 17 it's put on the truck, the only potential
- 18 customer for the use of that fuel would be
- 19 for vehicle propulsion?
- 20 A. That's my understanding.
- 21 Q. Do you have some existing contracts to
- provide fuel to load on to trucks? 22
- 23 A. We have an existing customer, Potelco. Their end use will be vehicular fuel. 24
 - 25 Q. Tell me a little bit more about that. How

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delay, I don't anticipate, 2021, fueling a customer at this point.

marine fuel when it goes online?

9 A. I'd love to tell you absolutely, yes.

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13 Q. So do you have -- and this might be -- as a 14 business development person you might not

Unfortunately, no. Especially with TOTE's

15 know this, but if the demand is not there on

- 16 the marine fuel side, will the facility be
- 17 making 250,000 gallons of LNG a day?
- 18 A. I'm not aware how that would work on the 19 plant production side.
- 20 Q. Okay. I want to talk about trucking 21 customers.
- 22 So one thing that -- is that 23 something that you are responsible for in
- your business development role? 24
- 25 A. Yes.

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- 1 much is involved? How much -- how much LNG?
- 2 A. We are estimating about a million gallons of
- 3 fuel, LNG gallons of fuel per year.
- 4 Q. Any other contracts for customers on that
- 5 side?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Are you doing any active marketing on --
- to -- to potential customers? 8
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. How come?
- 11 A. It's extremely miniscule, the fuel usage.
- 12 For example, like, I estimate that the -- the
- 13 fueling from the truck rack is going to be
- 14 less than 1 percent of -- once we can
- 15 theoretically sell out fuel from the plant.
- 16 Truck rack fueling would really be less than
- 17 1 percent of the take from the -- from the
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- 19 Q. And is that because of the physical
- 20 limitations on loading any more than that?
- 21 A. It -- it's not. What -- it's just due to the
- 22 fact that the demand on the over-the-road
- 23 transportation side, it's -- it's more of a
- 24 shotgun approach on sales. Where
- 25 theoretically, you know, you can -- you can

- customer.
- 2 Q. Are you discussing more with other customers?
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- Q. Okay. Have there been any draft -- I'm just
- trying to get a sense of how far along in the 5
- 6 discussions -- previously you had said this
- 7 is all very preliminary.
 - Have there been any draft contracts
- 9 exchanged with potential customers?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Do you know how many vessels that are -- are
- 12 based in or transit through Tacoma have the
- capacity to fuel at the facility? 13
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Do you know how -- you know, what portion of
- 16 vessels that -- that are in Puget Sound,
- 17 have -- have the current technology to use
- 18 LNG?
- 19 A. Currently, I believe the answer is zero.
- 20 Q. So when you're reaching out to potential
- customers, are you seeking to persuade them 21
- 22 to convert or to -- if they don't have the
- 23 capacity to use the fuel, how do you approach
- 24 someone that they should be a customer?
- 25 A. At this point, again, this is more

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fact-finding, so we are seeing if companies 2

are looking to bring LNG fuel vessels to

their fleet, understanding that a ship takes a couple of years to build.

So at this point, our sale cycle is going to be at least two years long, two years plus, to bring on a new shipping

customer to Pacific Northwest.

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what fleets, what shipping lines, what shipping fleets are bringing on LNG fuel ships or planning to in the near future.

Q. Are there any other potential applications for the fuel from this facility that you're

16 aware of? 17

We have fuel for TOTE vessels, fuel for potential other marine vessels, and fuel for truck cargo.

So at this point, before we're open,

we are doing a lot of exploratory work to see

Are there any other potential uses of -- or applications for the fuel from this facility?

- 23 A. There are potential uses, however, our air permit will not allow for that. 24
- 25 Q. Well, leave aside the permits for a second.

call on all sorts of trucking fleets in and around that area. Making the sale line up

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I spent my previous role with

Clean Energy of doing just that. It's a tough sale where the maritime customer is a

lot more focused, a lot more streamlined, and

8 that where you would be able to see the 9 fruits of our labor with the largest volume

10 coming from sales.

11 Q. Okay. So you are not actively seeking

12 additional trucking customers besides Potelco

13 at this time, correct?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. And you don't anticipate shifting focus to do

16 that? 17 A. I really don't at this point.

18 Q. With respect to the marine customers, have

19 you identified -- have you entered into any 20 confidentiality agreements with potential

21 customers?

- 22 A. Nondisclosure agreements, yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. How many?
- 24 A. We have entered into -- I've entered into one 25

nondisclosure agreement with a maritime

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31 1 What are other potential uses? the record, 2:28. 2 2 A. LNG can be used as fuel wherever natural gas Proceed. 3 is used for fuel. So it can be used for 3 MR. HASSELMAN: Go ahead. 4 4 remote power generation. It can be used in THE WITNESS: Okay, thanks. 5 5 greenhouses that don't have access to natural When you asked about nondisclosure 6 6 gas, pipelines. It can be used as mining agreements that were signed with maritime 7 7 applications, industrial plants, asphalt customers, I interpreted that as a maritime 8 8 plants. A lot -- a lot of industrial end customer ship. I -- I should mention 9 9 applications is as a use of LNG. that we have nondisclosure agreements with 10 10 bunker barge providers that, as a marketing But, again, we're not looking to do those opportunities. 11 person, I don't -- I don't consider them a 11 12 Q. Okay. So you're not in conversations with 12 maritime end customer. anybody on -- on -- outside of the uses that 13 13 So we do have nondisclosure 14 I listed, you're not in conversations with 14 agreements in place that I wanted to make 15 15 anybody about selling LNG? sure to get on the record. 16 A. We're not in active conversations, no. 16 MR. HASSELMAN: Okay. Well, that 17 17 Q. Are -- bear with me for a second. seems consequential. 18 Have you ever heard any -- anyone 18 BY MR. HASSELMAN: 19 discuss potentially selling LNG to the Q. When I was asking about marine customers, you 20 20 were not including selling to bunker barges; WestRock facility? 21 is that correct? 21 A. I'm not familiar with WestRock, no. 22 A. Correct. Correct. I -- I consider a 22 Q. How about LNG for trains, being loaded onto 23 trains? 23 maritime customer an end user that has a 24 A. Not loaded onto trains, no. LNG for train 24 ship, a natural gas-fueled ship, that's what 25 25 propulsion is a potential use of LNG, I consider a maritime customer. 30 32 1 1 however, engine feasibility at this time is We do have nondisclosure agreements 2 not fully fleshed out. 2 with others that do not fit into that 3 Q. Okay. 3 category. 4 MR. HASSELMAN: Tadas, I guess Q. Okay. And I was thinking of a maritime 5 what -- I think I'm mostly done, but I was a 5 customer as a boat. 6 6 little bit turned off by Mr. Littauer's So can you tell me a little bit more 7 recent arrival at the company, and I had some 7 about these bunker barges, who they are and 8 8 who are they serving? And I don't need to questions that he probably can't answer. 9 9 What I'd like to do is take a -- a ten-minute know names of companies. I just need to know 10 break and go through my notes and think about 10 what they're for. 11 if there's anything else I'd like to ask, and 11 A. There are -- there were -- there are three 12 then if not, then we can conclude. 12 bunker barge providers that I personally have 13 Is that acceptable to everybody? 13 signed nondisclosure agreements with. 14 MR. KISIELIUS: It -- it works for 14 There are five others that nondisclosure 15 15 agreements that were signed previously, and, me, yes. 16 MR. HASSELMAN: So why don't we 16 again, that was primarily to keep proprietary 17 17 information in-house amongst discussions, and come back at 11:25, and I'll either have a 18 couple more quick questions or we'll be ready 18 again -- and preliminary discussions to 19 19 protect the conversation. to wrap up. 20 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. Are we 20 Q. Do you have -- yeah, what's -- what's the 21 21 furthest along you are with any of these off record for now? 22 MR. HASSELMAN: Yes. 22 potential customers? In other words, are 23 MR. KISIELIUS: Yes. 23 there draft contracts in the works? 24 24 A. There are not. (Recess.) 25 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on 25 Q. And what -- what is the fuel going to be used

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- for that is going on these bunker barges? 1
- 2 A. We have not gotten to that position. We're
- 3 only in the nondisclosure phase where we are
- 4 discussing -- again, contemplate and
- 5 discussing proprietary information that would
 - not be disclosed to others. We have not gone
- 7 beyond the exploratory phase with any of
- 8 these customers.
 - Of the eight maritime customers that we have signed nondisclosure agreements with, all but three are in active discussions.
- 12 Q. So three are not active because for whatever
- 13 reason they don't wish to go forward or you
- 14 don't wish to go forward and there's no --
- 15 there's no further conversation with three of
- 16 the eight; is that what you mean?
- 17 A. Yes. One second. We are -- we are only
- 18 looking to go forward with continued
- 19 conversations with -- with three at this
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- 21 Q. And are you saying that you do not know what
- 22 they intend to use the fuel for?
- 23 A. They would use the fuel ships with LNG,
- 24 theoretically, once -- once we regressed
- 25 within our power station.

- deposition, Mr. Donahue distinguished between
- PSE and Puget LNG, which was, I guess, a 2
 - separate corporate form.
- 4 Is that something that you know
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- 6 A. Distinguish between PSE and PLNG and a
- 7 corporate form that would delineate that?
- 8 Q. Yeah.
- 9 A. What form was he referring to?
- 10 Q. Well, he was just distinguishing between the
 - two -- the two corporate entities.
- 12 A. Okay.
- 13 Q. So are you aware that there are -- there's a
 - separate corporate form for PLNG?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And is -- I just want to make sure I'm --
- 17 like I said, I'm not missing something.
- 18 Is there somebody else at Puget LNG
- 19 that is out doing the same thing as you are?
- 20 Or are you the person that's responsible for
- 21 finding customers for the fuel for this
- 22 facility?
- 23 A. I've recently hired a sales and marketing
 - manager. And she came up to Puget LNG on
- 25 November 30th of this year, 2020.

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- 1 Q. Okay. And is she -- you hired her. Does she
- 2 work for you?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. But you work for PSE?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. And she works for Puget LNG?
- 7 A. She also works for Puget Sound Energy.
- Q. I guess what I'm trying to get at is: Is she
- selling a different quantity of gas than --
- 10 than you are? Are you both selling the same
- 11 gas?
- 12 A. We are both selling the same gas.
- 13 Q. Okay. So to -- to put a fine point on my
- 14 question, is there somebody else out there
- 15 selling the same -- the LNG produced by this
- 16 facility on behalf of a different corporate
- 17 form than PSE?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Do you know why Puget Sound Energy built this
- 20 facility without knowing whether it would
- 21 have any customers?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. And as part of your job as marketing or
- 24 business director, when you are negotiating
- 25 with customers, is part of what you negotiate

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4 someplace else and fuel a ship; is that what

- 5 I understand?
- 6 A. The bunker barge would be used to fuel a 7 ship, correct.

1 Q. Okay. So the bunker barges, instead of

fueling a ship directly, this is a contract

to fuel a bunker barge that would then go

- 8 Q. Okay. And what is the document that you are
- 9 referring to? I see you looking at a
- 10 document and taking notes. What is that?
- 11 A. I have a list of the nondisclosure agreements
- 12 that were signed and other discussions that
- 13 were made.
- 14 Q. What is -- are you -- have you gotten to the 15
- point where you are discussing specific 16 volumes of fuel?
- 17 A. No.

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- 18 Q. So one -- one thing that I'm a little
- confused about by your testimony is that 19
- 20 besides TOTE it doesn't appear that there are
- 21 any potential customers -- or you're not very
- 22 far along in identifying potential customers
- 23 for the project, and I want to make sure that
- 24 I'm not missing something.
 - In the -- in the previous

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37 39 1 the price of the LNG? 1 feasibility study that I'm aware of, but it 2 A. Yes. 2 has nothing to do with, I believe, the -- how 3 Q. And do you know the -- the price point at 3 I interpret your question was maritime which PSE would be selling gas at a loss as 4 customers looking to transition their --5 opposed to a profit? 5 their -- a ship or their fleet from -- to 6 A. At this point, no. 6 natural gas. 7 Q. And -- and when -- it seems like it would be 7 BY MR. HASSELMAN: 8 challenging to negotiate a contract when you Q. I appreciate the clarification. And just so 9 don't know if it's profitable or not. 9 that I'm clear, your understanding is that 10 10 So how does that work? the bunker barges would be used for marine 11 A. We're not negotiating contracts currently. 11 fueling, not other applications; is that 12 Q. So you anticipate at some point knowing what 12 correct? that price point is, I presume? 13 13 A. Yes. 14 A. Yes. 14 MR. HASSELMAN: Okay. I don't 15 Q. Have you received any direction or 15 have any further questions. Thank you for 16 information that would lead you to think that 16 17 PSE would be willing to sell LNG at a loss? 17 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 18 A. No. 18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This 19 Q. With respect to the marine customers that you 19 concludes --20 have had some initial outreach or 20 MR. KISIELIUS: Before we go off 21 conversations with, do you know whether they 21 the record --22 22 are -- would anticipate building new THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay, we're 23 LNG-powered vessels or whether they would be 23 still on. 24 buying existing ones or retrofitting? Has 24 MR. KISIELIUS: Okay, great. I 25 that been part of the conversation? 25 understand from Mr. Bridgman's statement that 40 38 1 A. No. they won't be asking questions. I wanted to 2 Q. Okay. And I just want to clarify for one give the Agency an opportunity if Ms. Elias 3 last time, as far as potential customers for was planning on asking any. 4 the LNG produced by this facility, outside of 4 MS. ELIAS: No, the Agency is not. 5 marine vessels, trucks, and PSE customers, 5 Thank you. 6 are you aware of any other potential uses for 6 MR. KISIELIUS: And then I guess I 7 the LNG that are being considered? 7 would ask just for a five-minute break to 8 A. Not that are being considered, no. convene real quickly and then come back on 9 MR. HASSELMAN: Okay. That's it the record at 11:46. 10 for me. Thank you very much for your time. 10 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. Going 11 THE WITNESS: I wanted to put one off at 2:41. 11 12 more thing on the record. You asked about a 12 (Recess.) 13 feasibility study for maritime customers 13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on 14 converting -- bringing LNG fuel to ships or 14 the record 2:46. 15 bringing ships to LNG, converting ships to 15 MR. KISIELIUS: I -- I just -- I 16 LNG, I do want to clarify, I am not aware of 16 appreciate the break. I just wanted to 17 any feasibility studies that we're looking at 17 double-check my notes here, but we have no 18 the feasibility of transitioning of a ship questions. We will reserve signature, so 19 from diesel to LNG. 19 read and sign, please. And I think we're 20 There is a feasibility study that we 20 done. 21 worked with, worked on, that looked at the 21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. Off the 22 feasibility of bringing on a bunker barge, a 22 record at 2:46. 23 third party to make an investment to bring on 23 (Deposition concluded at 2:46 p.m.) 24 a bunker barge for -- for fueling at the 24 25 Port of Tacoma. That -- that is a 25

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