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- JUDGE KOPTA: Let's be on the record.
- 2 We are in Docket No. TG-120033 encaptioned In the
- 3 Matter of the Application of Waste Management of
- 4 Washington, Inc., d/b/a WM Healthcare Solutions of
- 5 Washington, et cetera. Today's date is October 3rd,
- 6 2012, three o'clock, a little thereafter, in the
- 7 afternoon. We are here for oral argument and decision
- 8 on Stericycle's motion for -- to compel discovery
- 9 responses from Waste Management.
- 10 We will begin by taking appearances first for
- 11 the Company.
- MR. VAN KIRK: Were you referring to
- 13 Stericycle or Waste Management?
- JUDGE KOPTA: I was referring to Waste
- 15 Management.
- MR. VAN KIRK: Go for it, Jessica.
- 17 MS. GOLDMAN: For Waste Management of
- 18 Washington, this is Jessica Goldman from the Summit
- 19 Law Group.
- 20 JUDGE KOPTA: And for Stericycle?
- 21 MR. VAN KIRK: And for Stericycle of
- 22 Washington, this is Jared Van Kirk from Garvey
- 23 Schubert Barer.
- 24 JUDGE KOPTA: And for Commission Staff?
- MS. WOODS: Good afternoon, Your Honor.

- 1 This is Fronda Woods, Assistant Attorney General, for
- 2 Commission Staff.
- JUDGE KOPTA: And for everyone else?
- 4 MR. SELLS: That would be James Sells,
- 5 attorney on behalf of Washington Refuse Recycling
- 6 Association and associated companies.
- 7 JUDGE KOPTA: All right, thank you. And
- 8 of course I didn't introduce myself. Gregory Kopta,
- 9 presiding administrative law judge.
- I have read both the motion and the response.
- 11 What I would propose to do is go through each of the
- 12 data requests that Stericycle has requested in order
- 13 to compel and have a brief discussion of each one of
- 14 those.
- I hope it comes as no surprise that I intend
- 16 to be as consistent as possible with our last
- 17 disposition of these types of requests. I will say
- 18 that in general. I am only going to be looking for
- 19 how these relate to the issues that we will be
- 20 addressing at the hearing. Also, I would just observe
- 21 that the responses and -- the responses to the
- 22 requests themselves and Waste Management's description
- 23 of what they have already provided are a bit
- 24 different. So to the extent that information has
- 25 already been provided that is responsive to these data

- 1 requests, then that's something that I am going to
- 2 want to hear from Waste Management, since there's only
- 3 one of the requests that I note in which Waste
- 4 Management says that they have already provided
- 5 responsive information. That was a little bit
- 6 different than what I saw in the pleading, and will be
- 7 expecting to know if that is the case for any of the
- 8 other requests.
- 9 I believe we are looking first at Data Request
- 10 No. 2. On that one I will just tell you preliminarily
- 11 that that seems to me to be addressed to how this
- 12 particular service is provided, and that was something
- 13 that I said is off the table as far as discovery goes.
- 14 Is there some other reason that you are asking for
- 15 this, Mr. Van Kirk?
- MR. VAN KIRK: Thank you, Judge Kopta.
- 17 Thank you for setting this hearing this week when I
- 18 know you are busy. My one sentence preliminary remark
- 19 will simply be that our intention with all of these
- 20 discovery requests, which I hope will become clear,
- 21 was to follow on from your Order No. 5 and focus on
- 22 things that do relate to public need and public
- 23 interest. I will do my best to explain that as I go
- 24 forward here.
- JUDGE KOPTA: Fair enough.

- 1 MR. VAN KIRK: So Data Request No. 2
- 2 frankly seems to be a fairly simple data request. The
- 3 way I see it as being related, we -- we know the --
- 4 from some of the earlier responses that this material,
- 5 the sharps material, will be shipped down to
- 6 California. We think it's relevant to a generator's
- 7 potential interest in the issues of safety, the
- 8 environmental impact and of liability, to know how
- 9 their sharps material is being shipped at such great
- 10 distance.
- JUDGE KOPTA: Ms. Goldman?
- 12 MS. GOLDMAN: Your Honor, we have
- 13 already provided information regarding the vehicles
- 14 that Waste Management uses for its medical waste, and
- 15 that's reflected in my Footnote 24.
- 16 MR. VAN KIRK: I read that as well. Let
- 17 me address that. The earlier responses didn't specify
- 18 that any of these trucks, to the best of my
- 19 recollection, were being used for the sharps program.
- 20 I know this is a pilot program, and I also know they
- 21 run some pretty -- a pretty long haul down to
- 22 California. To the extent that an earlier request
- 23 specifically identifies those vehicles, I don't think
- 24 it will be too hard to just point that out in one
- 25 line.

- JUDGE KOPTA: Again, I'm going with my
- 2 preliminary evaluation of this one. I think what kind
- 3 of vehicles are used for this particular service,
- 4 unless Waste Management has placed that into issue, is
- 5 something that we are really going to have to deal
- 6 with. This is more of an issue that goes to their
- 7 fitness as opposed to the program itself. I'm going
- 8 to deny the motion as to that request.
- 9 And by the way, I will not be issuing a
- 10 written order, the oral disposition is what you are
- 11 going to get, just like we did last time.
- 12 So No. 3.
- 13 MR. VAN KIRK: Okay, I'll do No. 3. Let
- 14 me make one more one- or two-sentence preliminary
- 15 remark for No. 3, that I think also relates back.
- I see a connection here between sort of the
- 17 first half and the second half of the motion we made.
- 18 The second half having to do with expressions of
- 19 public need that may be asserted at the hearing, in
- 20 that to the extent that we don't know at this point,
- 21 and we don't, what expressions of public need are
- 22 going to be put forward at the hearing. We also don't
- 23 know what service features are going to be relevant.
- 24 Waste Management has kept us in the dark on both
- 25 counts. Although I'm not asking you to revisit what

- 1 you just said, as an example on the transportation
- 2 issue, you said to the extent Waste Management has put
- 3 at issue. Well, we should know that at this point and
- 4 we don't. That was the reason why we have maybe had
- 5 to ask for more than we otherwise would, because we
- 6 don't have that information. I would encourage us to
- 7 look at these as a unified whole.
- JUDGE KOPTA: Well, I have no problem
- 9 with doing that. I will say, as I believe I have said
- 10 before, that all of my rulings on these are
- 11 conditioned on my understanding of what is at issue in
- 12 this case. If, as a result of testimony, any of these
- 13 things are put into issue that I thought were not part
- 14 of the case, then I am certainly willing to revisit
- 15 that in one way or the other, either require the
- 16 information be provided or strike that portion of
- 17 testimony or evidence that's presented that raises the
- 18 issue when it was represented that it would not be.
- 19 I'm hoping that I am consistent both in terms
- 20 of what I initially decide and how that carries
- 21 forward into the case. I don't intend to say you
- 22 can't have the information and allow the other side to
- 23 provide evidence on that particular issue without you
- 24 having had a chance to conduct discovery.
- 25 MR. VAN KIRK: Okay, fair enough. I'll

- 1 move on to No. 3 in particular, unless Jessica wanted
- 2 to say something.
- MS. GOLDMAN: Go ahead.
- 4 MR. VAN KIRK: Okay.
- 5 So No. 3, again relating to public need, and
- 6 public interest as well. The question is, is Waste
- 7 Management offering something that people -- that
- 8 generators out there have expressed a need for and
- 9 that is in the interest of the generator public. I
- 10 think No. 3 goes directly to issues related to safety
- 11 and liability in terms of how long and in what context
- 12 is this material being kept before it is shipped down
- 13 to California. At this point, I don't believe we have
- 14 that information.
- JUDGE KOPTA: Ms. Goldman?
- MS. GOLDMAN: Yes, your Honor. I guess
- 17 to address the preparatory remarks about Mr. Van Kirk
- 18 having confusion as to what is the basis of the public
- 19 need. That's a little odd coming two days after the
- 20 submission of our direct testimony which lays out our
- 21 case. It is our understanding that what is going to
- 22 be happening at this hearing is going to be
- 23 cross-examination. I think we have laid out in very
- 24 specific detail what the generators are saying and
- 25 they have used their own words to do so. I think

- 1 that's wrong, that there can be confusion as to the
- 2 basis of Waste Management's contention of a need for
- 3 its services.
- 4 And regarding No. 3, this notion that
- 5 Stericycle is entitled to this information so that
- 6 the -- to know its generators have expressed a need
- 7 for it. Well, to the degree that we are relying on
- 8 generators' expressed needs, we have already stated
- 9 what those expressed needs are, both in our discovery
- 10 responses and in our direct testimony.
- 11 JUDGE KOPTA: Well, I have not reviewed
- 12 the testimony, Ms. Goldman. Is this particular
- 13 service one that Waste Management is proffering as a
- 14 service that is currently not being provided in the
- 15 state of Washington in those areas for which you are
- 16 seeking to extend your authority?
- 17 MS. GOLDMAN: Yes and no. None of the
- 18 generators have addressed that issue. It is certainly
- 19 a service that Waste Management contends is different
- 20 than what is currently offered in the market. None of
- 21 the generators who are supportive of Waste
- 22 Management's prima facie case have addressed that
- 23 issue.
- JUDGE KOPTA: All right. Well, let me
- 25 ask you, Mr. Van Kirk. The first part of this, when

- 1 you are asking when and how frequently have you
- 2 collected material for this service, are you talking
- 3 about from the generators?
- 4 MR. VAN KIRK: Yes.
- 5 JUDGE KOPTA: All right. Well, I think
- 6 that is a legitimate question that describes this
- 7 particular service, how often it is collected, whether
- 8 it's weekly, monthly, you know, however. I think
- 9 that's a legitimate question. In terms of how it is
- 10 stored and how frequently it is transported to
- 11 California, I think that goes farther than we need to
- 12 know at this particular point.
- I will require that Waste Management let you
- 14 know how frequently they collect it, but the remainder
- 15 of this I'm not going to require that they provide a
- 16 response to.
- 17 MR. VAN KIRK: May I make one more
- 18 comment, please, I think will help us as we go forward
- 19 here?
- JUDGE KOPTA: All right.
- 21 MR. VAN KIRK: I don't think I entirely
- 22 agree that the scope of discovery on services that we
- 23 are entitled to receive depends strictly upon the
- 24 specifics of the generator needs that they put
- 25 forward. The question here, as in all discovery is,

- 1 is Stericycle having a fair opportunity to prepare a
- 2 defense in this case. When it comes to generators,
- 3 although we will -- we don't necessarily need to
- 4 question the wisdom of the need they do express, it is
- 5 appropriate, I think, to put generators on notice of
- 6 the full scope of services before them, especially
- 7 areas in which they may not know about or may not have
- 8 considered, and determine whether the full scope of
- 9 the service meets the need. Because the question for
- 10 public need isn't has a generator expressed a need for
- 11 service that comes at least once a week, for example,
- 12 the question is does the generator express a need that
- 13 will be met by, for example, the ecoFinity service.
- 14 JUDGE KOPTA: I appreciate that,
- 15 Mr. Van Kirk. I don't disagree with you, which is why
- 16 I asked Ms. Goldman the question that I did; which is,
- 17 is this a service that is at issue. I didn't ask
- 18 whether it was something that was addressed by any of
- 19 the generator-need testimony. If it has been put into
- 20 issue, then I think that you are entitled to
- 21 reasonable discovery about the service itself. But as
- 22 I said earlier, I think there are limits.
- I think certainly what a customer perceives as
- 24 what the service is, is certainly within the realm of
- 25 discoverable evidence. What they do on the back end,

- 1 I'm less inclined to require that they provide,
- 2 because I don't -- I don't see that as something --
- 3 again, the Commission is consumer-focused and that is
- 4 where my focus is as well. I am looking at it from
- 5 the point of view of what's going to be of interest,
- 6 what is a consumer going to see as what this service
- 7 provides, not necessarily how they string together the
- 8 different piece parts of this to provide the
- 9 particular service. That's where I'm coming from,
- 10 just to let you know, so that you understand what my
- 11 rulings will be on the remainder of these requests.
- 12 So let's --
- MR. VAN KIRK: I'm not going to push
- 14 anymore on No. 3, but I think this goes to probably
- 15 the next one or the one after. I think when it comes
- 16 to ecoFinity, a lot of what is being put at issue is
- 17 what you call the back end. What is done with this
- 18 waste? Is it recycled, does it meet -- does it help
- 19 meet sustainability goals? Those are the sorts of
- 20 issues that I think are being put in play by Waste
- 21 Management by raising this service.
- JUDGE KOPTA: Certainly to the extent
- 23 that they are claiming that this is a service that has
- 24 benefits beyond specific customers, as in
- 25 environmental-type benefits, then I would agree with

- 1 you, that a demonstration of what those benefits are
- 2 is legitimate. What their trucks look like, where do
- 3 they take it after it leaves the state of Washington,
- 4 I think is a little bit farther afield than I'm
- 5 willing to push at this point. That's where I'm
- 6 coming from.
- 7 MR. VAN KIRK: I'll move on to No. 4,
- 8 then.
- 9 JUDGE KOPTA: All right.
- 10 MR. VAN KIRK: So this one -- the
- 11 previous discovery we've gotten was basically generic.
- 12 I think you saw in Ms. Goldman's response, she talked
- 13 about there was lots of promotional materials that
- 14 ecoFinity put out. This one goes directly to the,
- 15 quote, pilot program that's being offered here in
- 16 Washington. When I wrote these requests, and I think
- 17 to this point in time, we don't know whether it's
- 18 identical, whether it's different, which services have
- 19 been offered here versus which services are touted
- 20 nationally. We really want to know about the program
- 21 here in Washington, because we think that's the best
- 22 reflection of what they are offering to Washington
- 23 customers.
- JUDGE KOPTA: Ms. Goldman?
- MS. GOLDMAN: Well, Your Honor, I just

- 1 don't think that's a fair statement of what it is that
- 2 we have provided. You know, if you just -- if you go
- 3 to Page 2 and Page 3 of my brief, we are talking here
- 4 about what's happening in Washington state. This is
- 5 the single ecoFinity program at issue, and all of this
- 6 information relates only to that program.
- 7 JUDGE KOPTA: I was just going to ask,
- 8 this is the one that I noted that you said that you
- 9 already provided responsive information to specified
- 10 data requests.
- 11 Mr. Van Kirk, did the information that they
- 12 provide not give you the information about this pilot
- 13 program?
- 14 MR. VAN KIRK: I think the information
- 15 we have about the pilot program in particular is -- we
- 16 do have a -- we do have the contract related to the
- 17 pilot program. What we don't have, and I -- again, I
- 18 don't -- I think these must exist, but I'm not sure,
- 19 we don't have them, is write-ups, internal write-ups,
- 20 documents related to this pilot program. I think on a
- 21 document level, what we really have are the general
- 22 descriptions of the ecoFinity program, and at least a
- 23 large portion of those are marketing materials.
- JUDGE KOPTA: Well, I think that you are
- 25 entitled to know which services they are offering as

- 1 part of the pilot program. I think asking them to
- 2 produce all records describing that service is overly
- 3 broad. I will say that to the extent that Waste
- 4 Management has not identified and given you a
- 5 reasonable description of the services that were
- 6 included in the pilot program, that you are entitled
- 7 to that information. I will require that they provide
- 8 that to you. I will not require that they provide all
- 9 records that relate to that.
- 10 MS. GOLDMAN: Your Honor, can I speak to
- 11 understanding your order? I'm not clear if you are
- 12 ordering -- that what we have provided is not
- 13 sufficient. We have described precisely, this is a
- 14 singular program. It does what it says -- what it
- 15 does is what we have described here. I'm not clear on
- 16 how much more information would be required to define
- 17 the program.
- 18 In addition, among the documents we have
- 19 produced is a citation to -- a reference to the
- 20 website of the company that handles the recycling end
- 21 of this, which has lots of detailed information, it's
- 22 got white papers. That is the program that is being
- 23 offered here in Washington state.
- 24 JUDGE KOPTA: I have not reviewed
- 25 everything that you have provided in response to

- 1 discovery. I am going simply on what I have in front
- 2 of me. To my mind, an acceptable answer would be for
- 3 you to say we have provided you a description of every
- 4 service and see these data request responses or this
- 5 information. That's fine by me, if you have already
- 6 done it. I don't know whether you have or you
- 7 haven't. I'm just saying that to the extent that you
- 8 have not, then you need to do so; to the extent that
- 9 you have, then you just need to identify to Stericycle
- 10 where you have provided that information.
- 11 MS. GOLDMAN: Okay, Your Honor, we will
- 12 submit a supplementation that cites to the information
- 13 that I have cited to in my brief.
- 14 JUDGE KOPTA: All right.
- 15 And Request No. 5.
- 16 MR. VAN KIRK: Now we move into a series
- 17 of requests I think gets to what you call the back end
- 18 sort of things here. The ecoFinity sharps recycling
- 19 service, as its name implies, and as it is being
- 20 promoted by Waste Management as a recycling service
- 21 both commercially and formally under Commission
- 22 regulation, implies that we are talking about
- 23 something that is an environmentally-friendly service
- 24 or an environmentally-beneficial service that meets
- 25 some need of a generator for environmental services,

- 1 environmentally-friendly services.
- 2 Here we are trying to get to -- since this is
- 3 the pilot, the first and only time this has been
- 4 offered in Washington, we are trying to get to what
- 5 are the results? Have these been beneficial? And has
- 6 that been studied? And what are the results of the
- 7 program? And are they meeting the -- are they meeting
- 8 what is being -- the scope of how the service is being
- 9 promoted? And so I think No. 5 is -- refers to that.
- 10 No. 6 is -- refers to that in general for the
- 11 national program. And in there, in that case, we
- 12 know, for example, that there is in fact a study that
- 13 we don't have access to, that we have asked for. And
- 14 then No. 7 and 8 ask for specific data to the extent
- 15 that such data is not included in one of these studies
- 16 we are asking for.
- JUDGE KOPTA: What I am hearing from you
- 18 is really focused on Nos. 6, 7, and 8. No. 5 is much
- 19 broader that what you just described. My inclination
- is to deny No. 5 and to focus on Nos. 6, 7 and 8.
- 21 Ms. Goldman, do you have anything to say in
- 22 response to what Mr. Van Kirk just said?
- MS. GOLDMAN: Well, I agree with your
- 24 order on No. 5.
- JUDGE KOPTA: What a surprise.

- 1 MS. GOLDMAN: Regarding No. 6, which he
- 2 has just described as regarding a national studies,
- 3 the national studies are referenced on this website.
- 4 They are available, I clicked on them myself. There
- 5 is both a white paper and a clinical study that
- 6 describes this lifecycle solution analysis that has
- 7 been conducted. That is the information that is
- 8 available regarding the national program, which is in
- 9 fact the same program that is being offered here.
- 10 MR. VAN KIRK: It's actually not
- 11 available. The white paper on mine is a summary of
- 12 the study. If you look into that white paper, it
- 13 refers to the larger study that it says is retained by
- 14 Becton Dickinson. It's just a summary that's
- 15 available on the web, not the full study.
- JUDGE KOPTA: Do you have an objection
- 17 to providing him with the entire study, Ms. Goldman?
- 18 MS. GOLDMAN: We don't have the entire
- 19 study. That is a study conducted by another company.
- 20 MR. VAN KIRK: It's a study commissioned
- 21 by your partner, Becton Dickinson.
- JUDGE KOPTA: Well --
- 23 MR. VAN KIRK: It's certainly within
- 24 your ability -- in the scope of your ability to
- 25 obtain.

- 1 MS. GOLDMAN: Your Honor, again I think
- 2 this is going quite far afield. When we last
- 3 addressed this issue with you, and Stericycle appeared
- 4 before you based on a claim of public need, same basis
- 5 as it now appears again. You know, the order
- 6 indicated that once we got to third parties providing
- 7 services and it being outside of the state of
- 8 Washington, that that was going too far afield.
- 9 I think they've got plenty of information as
- 10 to what the program is offering. I will certainly
- 11 advise them of that again in a supplement to the
- 12 discovery responses. And they've got information that
- 13 is available on this website. I think having looked
- 14 at it myself, it gives them plenty of detail.
- In the order that you issued regarding the
- 16 preliminary legal analysis, you made it clear that the
- 17 Commission was not going to be second-guessing
- 18 customer-stated needs, but that it would be deferring
- 19 to the judgments made by generators. It seems that at
- 20 this point, the information that is being sought by
- 21 Stericycle is going beyond even what the Commission
- 22 has indicated that it would consider.
- I would also again state that none of the
- 24 direct testimony that we have submitted by shippers
- 25 makes any mention of this program.

- JUDGE KOPTA: Well, have you, in your
- 2 other portions of your testimony, in discussing this
- 3 program, touted its benefits as being
- 4 environmentally-friendly or involving reclamation or
- 5 recycling or any of the things that are subsumed
- 6 within this data request in terms of the aspects of
- 7 this service?
- 8 MS. GOLDMAN: We have -- in the direct
- 9 testimony of the -- of a Waste Management
- 10 representative, it mirrors precisely what I have
- 11 quoted on Pages 2 and 3. That's exactly the
- 12 information that's been offered, precisely this level
- 13 of detail and explanation about how the process
- 14 functions.
- JUDGE KOPTA: That wasn't --
- MS. GOLDMAN: It is literally the exact
- 17 same --
- 18 JUDGE KOPTA: That was not my question.
- 19 My question is: Have you touted this service as being
- 20 environmentally-friendly as one of the benefits of
- 21 providing this service?
- 22 MS. GOLDMAN: I don't know that we have
- 23 actually touted it, other than describing it in the
- 24 terms here, as a sharps recycling program.
- 25 JUDGE KOPTA: Because what I'm saying

- 1 is, if you have put at issue the environmental aspects
- 2 of this service, then I think they are entitled to
- 3 this report; if you have not, then they are not.
- 4 That's why I asked the question.
- I ask again, are you now claiming that one of
- 6 the benefits of this service is that it is a more
- 7 environmentally-friendly way of disposing of this
- 8 material?
- 9 MS. GOLDMAN: Yes, we are.
- 10 JUDGE KOPTA: Then I think that they
- 11 are --
- 12 MS. GOLDMAN: We are, but none of the
- 13 shippers are.
- 14 JUDGE KOPTA: That's not my concern. My
- 15 concern is what you have said about this service as
- 16 part of what you are planning to offer within the
- 17 service territory that you are seeking authority to
- 18 operate in. If you are claiming that this is an
- 19 environmentally-friendly service, then I think that
- 20 they are entitled to any studies that you have or have
- 21 access to that examine the extent to which this is an
- 22 environmentally-friendly service.
- Now, the next question of course is, if this
- 24 is not in your possession, is it something that is
- 25 reasonably obtainable by you because of your

- 1 relationship with the person who conducted the study?
- MS. GOLDMAN: Your Honor, I'm sorry, but
- 3 I don't know the answer to that question. I would
- 4 assume that it is a highly confidential study, given
- 5 its competitive nature and the competition that it has
- 6 with Stericycle nationwide. But other than that
- 7 assumption, I'm sorry, but I don't know the answer to
- 8 that question.
- 9 MR. VAN KIRK: Just as a quick aside, in
- 10 the summary that is available, not the study itself,
- 11 they don't actually say it is confidential. What they
- 12 say is you can -- you can get it by calling this
- 13 number. Now, we've tried to do that and they haven't
- 14 provided it to us, but they do offer it for
- 15 promotional purposes.
- JUDGE KOPTA: I'm going to require that
- 17 this study be provided, the one that we are referring
- 18 to right now. All we have been talking about right
- 19 now is the study, and so I am only going to require
- 20 that. I think that given that Waste Management has
- 21 put this at issue in the proceeding, that Stericycle
- 22 is entitled to the information.
- 23 So on No. 7, it looks like you are asking for
- 24 information that is specific to this particular pilot
- 25 program. And then in 8, you are asking for all

- 1 material in Washington or all that they have collected
- 2 everywhere?
- 3 MR. VAN KIRK: It's the same question.
- 4 It's No. -- it is the same question. No. 7 goes to --
- 5 I think of these as sort of the recycling results, the
- 6 results from Washington waste and the results from
- 7 waste overall in the program. The reason we ask for
- 8 this is because the promotional materials for the
- 9 program tout up to 75 percent, or 75 percent or more,
- 10 depending on which document you read, conversion, if
- 11 you will, of waste into recyclable materials, where
- 12 the earlier Waste Management response points to
- 13 something quite a bit lower. I don't know whether
- 14 that's a difference between the Washington program
- versus the program overall, whether there's
- 16 inaccuracies in one or both of those sets of data. I
- 17 think it's relevant if we are talking to -- if we are
- 18 talking about what Waste Management is going to be
- 19 saying are the benefits of the recycling program.
- 20 JUDGE KOPTA: The problem is, at least
- 21 as I'm looking at this, you are asking a very narrow
- 22 question in 7 and a very broad question in No. 8.
- 23 Neither of them seem to go to the state of Washington,
- 24 which is the Commission's primary concern.
- MR. VAN KIRK: Well, No. 7 goes to the

- 1 state of Washington, because it is only asking for
- 2 data on material collected from Washington, which is
- 3 St. Joseph Medical Center. That's the only customer
- 4 to date that we know of in Washington that's being
- 5 offered in this program.
- JUDGE KOPTA: Is that accurate,
- 7 Ms. Goldman, that the only collection of this material
- 8 is occurring from St. Joseph Medical Center in
- 9 Washington?
- MS. GOLDMAN: In Washington, that's
- 11 correct.
- 12 JUDGE KOPTA: And did you have a
- 13 response?
- 14 MS. GOLDMAN: Yes, Your Honor. I think
- 15 that -- Mr. Van Kirk and I had a meet-and-confer
- 16 regarding this issue, that Stericycle is confused
- 17 about these numbers that are generating as the basis
- 18 for this data request. It references the 75 percent
- 19 recyclable number that is offered by Becton Dickinson,
- 20 and then a much lower percent of 17 to 28 which is
- 21 offered by Waste Management.
- 22 As I explained to him, they are two totally
- 23 different things that are being categorized. The
- 24 75 percent refers to the amount of the waste. If you
- 25 take the entire unit of waste that is generated,

- 1 75 percent of that can then be sent through this
- 2 recycling program. It doesn't have to do with how
- 3 much is then recycled product at the end, which is --
- 4 indeed, when you look at the number we have offered,
- 5 which is referenced on Page 3 of my brief,
- 6 Paragraph 8, in the block quote, where we indicate
- 7 that in May and June of 2012, 17 percent to 28 percent
- 8 of these specific products that were sent through
- 9 ended up being recyclable.
- JUDGE KOPTA: And --
- 11 MS. GOLDMAN: So as I explained to him,
- 12 we are talking about two totally different
- 13 percentages.
- 14 As to the information here that is sought,
- 15 this is a burdensome request, because this
- 16 information -- you know, St. Joseph Medical Center's
- 17 waste is not treated individually. Is it goes into --
- 18 you know, it is treated with many hundreds of
- 19 thousands of tons of other waste. To split out this
- 20 information, to give the particulars on this, as
- 21 distinct from the information which you have now
- 22 directed me to produce -- you know, this report
- 23 referenced in Data Request No. 6, specifically
- 24 addresses the information that is available regarding
- 25 the program as a whole.

- 1 We think this is really burdensome and quite
- 2 far afield and not justified by the confusion that
- 3 Stericycle continues to profess about the difference
- 4 in these numbers, which is leading it I think to
- 5 distrust our data responses.
- 6 JUDGE KOPTA: And have you provided
- 7 information about how you calculate those two
- 8 different percentages and what they mean?
- 9 MS. GOLDMAN: Well, one of them is not
- 10 ours. The 75 percent is Becton Dickinson's number
- 11 that Stericycle has seen referenced, and is
- 12 consistently referenced in the Becton Dickinson
- 13 materials and on its website, that of sharps waste,
- 14 75 percent of that waste can be recycled, can be
- 15 processed through.
- 16 The other we have explained in our -- which
- 17 has to do with our data responses, we have explained.
- 18 That would be in our response to the first data
- 19 request, No. 18, Subpart G.
- 20 JUDGE KOPTA: And, Mr. Van Kirk, are
- 21 you --
- 22 MR. VAN KIRK: Yes, if I may. I think
- 23 if -- Ms. Goldman did explain the second of the
- 24 numbers, the Waste Management numbers to me on the
- 25 phone, and that was as I expected them to be. We

- 1 didn't really talk about the 75 percent number.
- 2 If there's confusion on my part, I think it's
- 3 justifiable confusion, and this goes precisely to the
- 4 issue. Those documents or materials imply quite
- 5 strongly in my mind that that number is basically the
- 6 recycling benefit to customers. To the extent that
- 7 that's what customers are seeing when they are
- 8 thinking about whether they want this service and
- 9 whether it is something that is otherwise not
- 10 available, they need to be disabused of that notion,
- 11 and that the recycling benefit is in fact much lower.
- 12 That's really why I'm getting at -- what I've gotten
- 13 at these questions. So that's No. 1.
- No. 2 is to the extent that the waste is
- 15 commingled with other waste, the Washington waste is
- 16 commingled with other waste once it gets to
- 17 California, that's also precisely why I included Data
- 18 Request No. 8 there, so that my bases were covered if
- 19 they weren't able to produce Washington's specific
- 20 numbers.
- 21 JUDGE KOPTA: Well, let me ask you this,
- 22 Ms. Goldman. In your testimony in this case, are you
- 23 producing either of those numbers in support of this
- 24 particular service?
- 25 MS. GOLDMAN: I believe -- no. Not the

- 1 75 percent, no. The only number that we have included
- 2 I believe is the 17 percent and 28 percent that is
- 3 referenced in that Paragraph 8 of my opposition brief,
- 4 which looks exactly like what you are seeing there.
- 5 JUDGE KOPTA: And you have provided
- 6 Stericycle with the basis for your calculation of 17
- 7 and 28 percent, or whatever those numbers are?
- 8 MS. GOLDMAN: Do you mean documentation
- 9 of it? I'm not sure what you mean.
- 10 JUDGE KOPTA: Have you provided them an
- 11 explanation of how that number is calculated with
- 12 supporting documentation?
- MS. GOLDMAN: We have not.
- 14 JUDGE KOPTA: All right. Well, I think
- 15 that they are entitled to that. If you put those
- 16 numbers at issue, they are entitled to know how you
- 17 came up with them. The 75 percent, I think if it's
- 18 not your number and you are not relying on it, then
- 19 that's not something that I think you are responsible
- 20 for, to how that is calculated. I think the issue
- 21 there becomes one of customer confusion, in which case
- 22 none of these data requests go to that particular
- 23 issue.
- I will require -- whether it's -- I don't
- 25 think that it's -- whether it is No. 7 or No. 8, I

- 1 will require that Waste Management provide Stericycle
- 2 with the basis for its calculation of the percentages
- 3 on which it relies, but the rest of it I'm going to
- 4 deny.
- 5 MR. VAN KIRK: May I ask for one
- 6 clarification?
- 7 JUDGE KOPTA: Yes.
- 8 MR. VAN KIRK: The percentage numbers
- 9 that have been -- that we have been talking about, the
- 10 17 and 28 percent, therefore just to select two select
- 11 months, and I understand from -- in general from our
- 12 earlier conversation in the last hearing that we were
- 13 looking at sort of the relevant time period being
- 14 2011, 2010. So the other thing that we haven't talked
- 15 about, that these requests were getting to, we were
- 16 trying to get a more comprehensive sample of a
- 17 whole -- a whole year's worth of data, rather than
- 18 just a month here and month there. Some kind of data
- 19 that's consistent with the time period that's under
- 20 consideration.
- 21 JUDGE KOPTA: I think to the extent that
- 22 they are relying on particular information or
- 23 quantities, or I don't know what it is that they are
- 24 relying on, then I would agree that that should be
- 25 provided for the last two years, just as everything

- 1 else that I have required be provided. Not just --
- 2 MS. GOLDMAN: Your Honor, we're not.
- 3 There's no mention of any time frame other than May
- 4 and June of 2012. There's no claim as to the
- 5 performance in any other time frame besides those two
- 6 months, neither in this -- in any of the testimony, of
- 7 Waste Management included. There's no reliance on
- 8 that.
- 9 MR. VAN KIRK: I still think it is
- 10 important information for understanding the nature of
- 11 the recycling that is being offered. I think that's
- 12 useful for the Commission, useful for understanding
- 13 generator need and useful for preparing our defense.
- 14 JUDGE KOPTA: Ms. Goldman, are you
- 15 representing that those percentages are representative
- 16 of the amount of recyclable nature of the materials
- 17 that are collected, or are you saying that that is
- 18 just those two months?
- 19 MS. GOLDMAN: If I look at the actual
- 20 words we have used, we have just reported on what
- 21 those two months were.
- JUDGE KOPTA: And that's why I asked the
- 23 question. If you are claiming that that -- or
- 24 suggesting or implying that that is representative of
- 25 the amount that the public can expect to be the result

- 1 of this program, then I think Mr. Van Kirk is correct,
- 2 you should provide data for the last two years. If
- 3 all you are saying is that in these last two months it
- 4 was those two numbers, and we don't know what it is
- 5 for any other time, then I would limit it to those two
- 6 months.
- 7 So what is it that --
- 8 MS. GOLDMAN: Well, I think it -- I'm
- 9 sorry.
- 10 JUDGE KOPTA: I'm asking what is it
- 11 that -- I assume that you are claiming that those
- 12 numbers are representative of what customers can
- 13 expect.
- MS. GOLDMAN: Your Honor, I think that's
- 15 implicit.
- JUDGE KOPTA: Then I will say that for
- 17 the last two years, just as with all the other data,
- 18 that you need to provide the backup information for
- 19 calculating those numbers.
- 20 Does that address your request for
- 21 clarification, Mr. Van Kirk?
- MR. VAN KIRK: Yes, it does.
- JUDGE KOPTA: All right, then let's move
- 24 on.
- MR. VAN KIRK: No. 9 is a document

- 1 request that basically asks for any documents that
- 2 essentially report the information asked for in 7 and
- 3 8. They report some kind of reports that are
- 4 generated. I don't have access to their documents, I
- 5 don't know if those reports exist.
- 6 JUDGE KOPTA: I have required that they
- 7 provide you with the backup information.
- 8 MR. VAN KIRK: I understand, that's why
- 9 I said No. 9 is quite quick.
- 10 JUDGE KOPTA: Right.
- 11 MR. VAN KIRK: I anticipated what you
- 12 were going to say.
- JUDGE KOPTA: Well, that's good. Just
- 14 to be clear, that one is denied.
- MR. VAN KIRK: Okay.
- JUDGE KOPTA: No. 10.
- MS. GOLDMAN: I'm sorry, was that 8 or 9
- 18 that was --
- 19 JUDGE KOPTA: No. 9 was denied. And 7
- 20 or 8, I'm not sure which one it is, where you base
- 21 your numbers on, whether it's just Washington-specific
- 22 or whether it's broader than that, but whatever that
- 23 information is, then that's where it needs to go.
- MS. GOLDMAN: And, Your Honor, just to
- 25 be clear here, since I know there's a lot of

- 1 information, and we are going to be relying on this
- 2 oral ruling. The information we are talking about is
- 3 the information that is reflected in my Paragraph 8 on
- 4 Page 3 of my opposition brief, which is the
- 5 description of the percentages of the recycled product
- 6 yielded in May and June of 2012. It is my
- 7 understanding that you have ordered us to produce
- 8 equivalent information regarding that subject for all
- 9 of 2011 and 2012.
- 10 MR. VAN KIRK: And to explain how you
- 11 get the numbers.
- JUDGE KOPTA: That's correct, with
- 13 Mr. Van Kirk's clarification.
- 14 MR. VAN KIRK: Sorry if I jumped the gun
- 15 there.
- JUDGE KOPTA: No, that's exactly what I
- 17 said. So whether that's in response to No. 7 or No. 8
- 18 or a little bit of both, I will let you all decide.
- 19 That's all I'm going to require in 7 and 8.
- 20 So No. 10.
- 21 MR. VAN KIRK: No. 10 goes to the issue
- 22 of whether -- whether they provide any reports of
- 23 these benefits back to clients. You know, is there
- 24 some kind of reporting procedure -- is there some kind
- of reports that exist that say to clients, hey, here's

- 1 how much you have saved, environmentally speaking,
- 2 over the last month. If there are such reports, we
- 3 would like to see at least a representative sample of
- 4 them. The point here is -- yeah, I actually said
- 5 representative sample in the request. We would like
- 6 to know if they report back the results for customers.
- 7 JUDGE KOPTA: Ms. Goldman?
- 8 MS. GOLDMAN: Again, Your Honor, we
- 9 think that is far afield and it is burdensome. They
- 10 don't need this level of detail, particularly given
- 11 that there's no reference by anybody to any such
- 12 reports, in any of the testimony that Waste Management
- is relying on for its prima facie case.
- I can tell you I'm not even aware of any
- 15 existing. It is both as a matter of objecting on
- 16 principle and objecting to something I'm not aware
- 17 exists. In any event, nobody has even mentioned such
- 18 a report or such information being sent back to the
- 19 single Waste Management customer in Washington state.
- 20 JUDGE KOPTA: I think I have already
- 21 required you to provide the information that you need
- 22 to provide. I don't see that this is -- this is just
- 23 another way of getting at the same information. I
- 24 don't think that is -- I think that is duplicative and
- 25 burdensome. I am going to deny No. 10.

- 1 MR. VAN KIRK: Is it too much to find
- 2 out just whether they do or don't offer such reports
- 3 without actually producing your report? I ask because
- 4 I know we do. I think for public interest purposes,
- 5 it's relevant to know whether the services are
- 6 comparable or different in that way.
- 7 JUDGE KOPTA: I am not going to get down
- 8 to that level of detail. If there were a generator
- 9 that said that they really thought this was the
- 10 greatest thing since sliced bread, then I might want
- 11 to know what kind of information they are providing to
- 12 customers. At this juncture, I don't think that
- 13 that's something that -- given the nature of how much
- 14 they have placed this at issue, I think that is more
- 15 than is necessary.
- MR. VAN KIRK: Okay.
- JUDGE KOPTA: No. 11, I'll tell you
- 18 right now, you are asking for them to create evidence,
- 19 not provide it. I will deny that because I think
- 20 that's an improper request.
- 21 MR. VAN KIRK: I'm not going to offer
- 22 anything else on that one.
- JUDGE KOPTA: No. 12. Again I think
- 24 this is -- that I have already ruled on an issue that
- 25 is similar to this. I am not interested and the

- 1 Commission is not interested in agreements between
- 2 affiliates on how the service is provided. I don't
- 3 think that is a reasonable thing to look for in
- 4 discovery. I am going to deny No. 12.
- 5 MR. VAN KIRK: If I can just briefly put
- 6 my position on record there?
- 7 JUDGE KOPTA: You may.
- 8 MR. VAN KIRK: With no hope that I am
- 9 going to change your mind on this.
- 10 JUDGE KOPTA: That's all right, you can
- 11 put it on the record.
- 12 MR. VAN KIRK: I do think, especially
- 13 given that all that's been offered so far is a pilot
- 14 program, and there's no, as far as we can tell,
- 15 discernable commitment for this program to continue
- 16 into the future at all, or in the same form, it is
- 17 relevant both to whether generators want this service
- 18 and to whether it's in the public interest to know
- 19 what the obligations are of the parties involved in
- 20 the service to continue offering it. We think that's
- 21 useful and relevant to preparing our defense in this
- 22 matter.
- JUDGE KOPTA: All right. You're
- 24 right --
- MR. VAN KIRK: That's what I have to

- 1 say.
- JUDGE KOPTA: You're right, it doesn't
- 3 change my mind. Thank you.
- 4 We will move on to No. 13.
- 5 MR. VAN KIRK: So now we switch to sort
- of the second grouping of these things, which go
- 7 pretty laser-like to evidence of an expressed
- 8 generator need. I will say in the beginning they --
- 9 they each go to a very specific service feature, and
- 10 those were taken from Waste Management's earlier
- 11 discovery responses where they said this is something
- 12 we offer that is different or better than Stericycle.
- 13 Our simple question is, who out there has said that
- 14 they need those? And now in their responses they have
- 15 said -- they have listed people, listed companies,
- 16 generators. First of all, the responses are ambiguous
- 17 as to what exactly the communications were, other than
- 18 that they were oral.
- 19 I think we need more information on what's
- 20 the -- what's the need that was expressed out there.
- 21 And I don't think -- I know that this is becoming
- 22 preliminary remarks, so my pardon. I don't think it
- 23 is sufficient just to say here are specific remarks
- 24 that people made at the hearing. I think it is
- 25 relevant to understanding generator need to know

- 1 anybody's expressed -- what they said so that Waste
- 2 Management isn't put in the position of being able to
- 3 pick and choose what the expressions are out there,
- 4 and just pick the best ones, for example.
- 5 Let's do this in a -- to concretize this,
- 6 let's talk about No. 13. One of the -- one of the
- 7 things they said they did that was better about the
- 8 Waste Management services was their processing
- 9 facility will be closer to at least certain
- 10 generators. Every time you move a processing
- 11 facility, you move it closer to some and farther from
- 12 others. And that that's good, because generators can
- 13 then audit the facility without driving as far, I
- 14 guess.
- 15 We want to know what people have said on that
- 16 subject. Their answer was, they have communicated
- 17 orally with representatives of many of Waste
- 18 Management customers, including -- without saying that
- 19 this is inclusive, so they are still making a
- 20 selection here -- including, and then it lists a few
- 21 names. We don't know, and they have refused to
- 22 provide us what are the contexts of those
- 23 communications, when did they occur, what was said.
- 24 It just says, We have communicated about this subject.
- 25 It doesn't say they have expressed a need. There's

- 1 all these ambiguities and little holes left open where
- 2 we don't -- we don't know what the expressed generator
- 3 need is. I think it is really important to know that.
- 4 JUDGE KOPTA: Ms. Goldman?
- 5 MS. GOLDMAN: Yes, your Honor. Sorry to
- 6 appear here like a broken record. We are delighted
- 7 that Stericycle is so concerned about generator need
- 8 and what their expressed needs are. We would simply
- 9 again direct Stericycle to the prima facie case which
- 10 we filed on Monday. Those are the generators'
- 11 statements that we are relying on that show a need for
- 12 distinct or additional service in this market. To the
- 13 degree that any single generator said no, we don't
- 14 think competition is good, that is not information
- 15 that in any way takes away from the fact that there
- 16 are generators who think it is, and that there are
- 17 generators who believe that this statewide service is.
- 18 Frankly, I'm not aware of a single generator ever
- 19 having made a statement that they didn't welcome
- 20 competition, et cetera.
- 21 In any event, Stericycle can look very
- 22 precisely. We have 12, I think, or so statements of
- 23 generator need. They speak in their own words and
- 24 express what it is that they -- the reasons why they
- 25 believe it is important that this application be

- 1 granted. What specifically was said on any given day,
- 2 what day of the week that was, what day of the
- 3 calendar year was, why that is even possibly relevant,
- 4 I can't say. It is burdensome. All of these
- 5 communications happened orally. These communications
- 6 happened between Waste Management salespeople and
- 7 customers.
- In any event, we have been required to submit
- 9 our prima facie case and we have. That's what --
- 10 that's what is the statement of generator need upon
- 11 which we are relying. That should be sufficient to
- 12 understand the basis why Waste Management contends
- 13 that there is a need for this service.
- 14 MR. VAN KIRK: If it's my turn now, I
- 15 think -- and now we are talking about Stericycle's
- 16 ability to prepare a defense to these cases. I
- 17 think -- I disagree to some extent. I think it is
- 18 important to understand whether it is only a single
- 19 generator expressing a need or not. I'm not saying
- 20 there's a cutoff or there's some kind of rule that
- 21 says if it's only one person it doesn't count.
- 22 However, depending on what the statement is, it could
- 23 be relevant whether it's only one person or whether it
- 24 is a series of people. It is also relevant where
- 25 these people are and who they are because it depends

- 1 on what services are available in the current
- 2 territory.
- 3 Again, I think to the extent that
- 4 Stericycle -- and I -- I'm in your camp, Judge Kopta.
- 5 I have not been able to review all of the testimony
- 6 that has been put out there yet. But I think it is
- 7 important to -- to the extent that Waste Management
- 8 has information -- I'm not asking them to go out and
- 9 interview generators. They said they have information
- 10 at their disposal as to communications from these
- 11 generators, that may or may not match up with what the
- 12 people have said that they have put in -- in
- 13 declarations for the court. I believe it is relevant.
- 14 JUDGE KOPTA: First of all, all of these
- 15 requests are not specific to the service territory
- 16 that Waste Management is seeking authority to provide
- 17 service in. That's one problem that I have with these
- 18 requests, that they are overbroad.
- 19 The second problem I have, I think Ms. Goldman
- 20 sums up quite well, and that is whatever these
- 21 generators may think, the ones that they are putting
- 22 on in front of the Commission that say that there is a
- 23 need, is where the focus of the Commission is.
- 24 If Stericycle, and presumably the other
- 25 generators in this service territory where Waste

- 1 Management is not providing service, are either
- 2 Stericycle customers, or whoever the WRRA member is
- 3 that is providing service in that territory, then you
- 4 can certainly interview those people and have them
- 5 testify.
- 6 I do not want to be in a situation where we've
- 7 got hearsay and second and thirdhand information
- 8 provided as to whether or not there is a need. We are
- 9 going to be looking at people who come into the
- 10 hearing room or provide a sworn statement. I don't
- 11 want to get into a he said/she said kind of back and
- 12 forth.
- I don't think that that information is likely
- 14 to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. That
- 15 is what I am saying is the standard. I don't see that
- 16 as what is going to happen as a result of these
- 17 requests. I also agree that it would be burdensome.
- 18 I'm sure that there are a number of conversations that
- 19 have gone on. To ask them to go back and try and
- 20 document them posthoc and accurately transcribe what
- 21 someone said, I just don't think that that information
- 22 is going to be useful or anything that's going to be
- 23 beneficial to the Commission's evaluation of the
- 24 issues in this proceeding.
- 25 That goes, actually, to 13, 14, 15 and 16.

- 1 All of these are specific to particular topics, and
- 2 they all have the same infirmity from my view.
- 3 Mr. Van Kirk, if you would like to say one
- 4 more thing for the record, you may.
- 5 MR. VAN KIRK: I will.
- 6 I think -- first of all, we're not talking
- 7 about anybody transcribing conversations. Right now
- 8 we don't know anything. Right now we have no idea.
- 9 We don't even know whether -- because again, the
- 10 answers say we've had conversations on this subject.
- 11 We don't even know if any of these -- if these
- 12 providers said, well, gee, that's an interesting
- 13 service, but I already get that from some WRRA member
- 14 or Stericycle. We don't know if that was the response
- 15 to these conversations. Certainly if that was the
- 16 response, it would lead to the discovery of admissible
- 17 evidence. We could identify that generator, we could
- 18 talk to them, and maybe they will come and testify
- 19 after we have that information.
- 20 This is discovery, and it goes to the ability
- 21 to prepare our defense. And as far as admissibility,
- 22 your control over the admissibility of hearsay is
- 23 totally understandable, but I also think it is a
- 24 separate point from what we can gain to -- to help us
- 25 prepare a defense in this case, and not prepare it

- 1 solely on the basis of the limited declarations that
- 2 Waste Management has chosen to provide.
- JUDGE KOPTA: I understand that. I have
- 4 not heard you say that it would be an impossible task
- 5 for you to take the generators' statements that Waste
- 6 Management has filed, and look at your own customer
- 7 list in that service territory, and go to those
- 8 customers that you already serve and ask them the very
- 9 questions that you are asking of Waste Management. I
- 10 think you are in as good a position as they are to ask
- 11 those customers whether they think that Waste
- 12 Management's service is something that they need or
- 13 not. I think that is incumbent on you to do. I don't
- 14 see that as Waste Management's obligation or burden.
- 15 MR. VAN KIRK: Is your ruling based on
- 16 relevance or burdensomeness or something different,
- 17 just so I understand?
- 18 JUDGE KOPTA: It is based on everything
- 19 that I have just said; which is, I don't think that it
- 20 is likely to lead to the discovery of admissible
- 21 evidence, and I think that it is burdensome. I think
- 22 that you are in as good a position to find out what
- 23 other generators believe about this service as is
- 24 Waste Management.
- So what's the next one, No. 30?

- 1 MR. VAN KIRK: 30 and 34 are similar.
- 2 They were just -- they just -- the numbers weren't
- 3 consecutive, because they skipped some other questions
- 4 that we weren't contesting the answers for.
- 5 JUDGE KOPTA: Those are all the same
- 6 bucket of the requests that we were just discussing.
- 7 Are there any others?
- 8 MR. VAN KIRK: I think that's the end of
- 9 the motion.
- JUDGE KOPTA: All right.
- MS. GOLDMAN: Your Honor?
- 12 JUDGE KOPTA: Yes, Ms. Goldman.
- MS. GOLDMAN: I know you have
- 14 effectively ruled on 30 and 31, but can I, for the
- 15 record, also explain, since Mr. Van Kirk has not
- 16 reviewed our testimony, which frankly would have been
- 17 of great assistance to him in answering these
- 18 questions, but that there is no reference to either of
- 19 the services in 30 or 31 in anybody's testimony
- 20 submitted by Waste Management. Nobody.
- 21 JUDGE KOPTA: A little piling on, but
- 22 whatever. If you want to say something for the
- 23 record, I am happy to let you do so as well.
- 24 Again, just to be clear, I am denying the
- 25 motion with respect to those two data requests based

- on my ruling on the Requests 14 through -- or 12 --
- 2 what is it, 14 through 16?
- 3 MR. VAN KIRK: It is 13 through 16,
- 4 No. 30 and No. 34.
- 5 JUDGE KOPTA: Right. Those are all
- 6 denied on the same basis.
- 7 MS. GOLDMAN: And 31, I believe, also.
- 8 MR. VAN KIRK: I don't think I raised
- 9 31, unless I -- oh...
- 10 JUDGE KOPTA: Now is your opportunity.
- MR. VAN KIRK: Hang on a minute. It
- 12 does say --
- JUDGE KOPTA: You do say 31 --
- MR. VAN KIRK: You're right, I do. My
- 15 mistake. I raised 31 and I raised it in a different
- 16 context. I've forgotten there.
- Jessica, you have said that no one is
- 18 discussing farm ecology whatsoever in your testimony.
- 19 Is that what you just said with respect to 31?
- 20 MS. GOLDMAN: That is what I have said.
- 21 MR. VAN KIRK: I won't -- I'll give up
- 22 on 31, then. You can include that on the list.
- JUDGE KOPTA: We will consider that
- 24 withdrawn from the motion.
- MR. VAN KIRK: Yes.

JUDGE KOPTA: I think that is everything, unless someone has another issue that they need to raise at this point. (Pause in the proceedings.) JUDGE KOPTA: Hearing nothing, we are adjourned. Thank you. (Hearing adjourned 3:57 p.m.)

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