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STATE OF MAINE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 5 IN RE: APPLICATIONS BY STATE OF MAINE BUREAU OF GENERAL SERVICES FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE JUNIPER 6 RIDGE LANDFILL * 9 October 19, 2016 1.0 Cross Insurance Center Bangor, Maine 11 12 CHAIRMAN: JAMES PARKER 1.3 BOARD MEMBERS: Alvin Ahlers Kathleen Chase Mark Draper 15 Thomas Dobbins 16 Thomas Eastler 17 Jonathan Mapes OTHERS PRESENT AT PANEL TABLE: 1.8 19 Mary Sauer, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Bertocci, BEP Executive Analyst Ruth Ann Burke, BEP Administrative Assistant 20 21 22 DEPARTMENT STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: 2.3 Kathy Tarbuck Victoria Eleftheriou David Burns Richard Behr James Beyer

Lynn Caron and Victoria Eleftheriou may be here. I don't see her in her seat but she's here, I believe. This hearing is being recorded and transcribed by Joanne Alley from Alley & Morrisette Reporting.

This is day two of the hearing and today we're going to begin with Mr. Spencer, who is an intervenor. If there are any members of the public here today that would like to ask a question of a witness, you may submit your questions to me in writing. Paper is available at the water station at the back of the room. Please leave your questions on the table and staff will collect them periodically. I will review the questions and make a determination as to their relevance and ask the questions as time permits.

At this time I ask all persons testifying who have not already been sworn in to stand and raise their right hand. I think most of you were sworn in yesterday, I believe, but thank you, and again, I'm going to ask the testimony -- to speak clearly and slowly so that Joanne can stay with us. Okay. Mr. Spencer, the floor is yours.

MR. SPENCER: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Make sure the mike is

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(This hearing was held before the Board of

2 Environmental Protection, Cross Insurance Center,

Bangor, Maine, on October 19, 2016, beginning at 8:30

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CHAIRMAN PARKER: Good morning. I now call this session of the public hearing of the application by the State of Maine Bureau of General Services for a 9.35 million cubic yard expansion of the Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town and Alton. My name is Jim Parker, I'm from Veazie, I'm the chair of the Board of Environmental Protection and I'm the presiding officer for this hearing. Other members of the Board are Tom Eastler from Farmington, Kathleen Chase from Wells, Jonathan Mapes from Springvale, Alvin Ahlers from Yarmouth, Tom Dobbins from Scarborough and Mark Draper from Caribou. To my right is Mary Sauer, she's the assistant attorney general assigned as counsel for the Board. To my left is Cindy Bertocci, she's the Board's executive analyst and far to the left is Ruth Ann Burke, the Board's administrative assistant. DEP staff present today are Richard Behr, Steve

Farrar, Kathy Tarbuck, David Burns, Jim Beyer and

on.

MR. SPENCER: Can you hear me? Now? CHAIRMAN PARKER: We got you.

MR. SPENCER: What I plan on doing here is just summarizing my written testimony. I may pull a couple of paragraphs out of my rebuttal testimony as well, but I plan on just sticking mostly with my pre-filed written testimony.

So let's start with Maine State Waste Hierarchy in regards to construction and demolition debris and oversize bulky waste. One of the primary issues we need to be concerned with as the State Bureau of General Services contemplates an expansion of our Juniper Ridge Landfill is how our State Waste Hierarchy is applied to waste entering JRL. The Department of Environmental Protection is charged with evaluating an expansion and in so doing, consults laws and rules that set regulatory procedures and standards for landfills. Only in the past several years has our waste hierarchy become a criteria governing how we handle waste in Maine and this expansion procedure is the first time DEP will fully implement the hierarchy as a rule of the

State of Maine in regard to waste disposal

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According to MRS 2101, Maine Solid Waste Management Hierarchy mandates that from the --4 from most preferred to least preferred, we should first strive for waste reduction at the source, then reuse, recycling, composting, waste processing, then waste to energy and then land disposal. JRL is, therefore, the least desirable outcome for waste in Maine.

In addition, under recycling and source reduction determination rules set forth in 38 MRS 1310-N5A, it says that "an applicant for a new or expanded solid waste disposal facility shall demonstrate that, one, the proposed solid waste disposal facility will accept solid waste that is subject to recycling and source reduction programs voluntary or otherwise at least as effective as those imposed by this chapter and other provisions of state law."

Without identifying where the material coming into JRL actually became a waste, it is impossible for DEP, as regulator, to truly ascertain if that waste has been fully reduced at the source as well as being subjected to other requirements of our hierarchy before being

have been of major concern to regulators. 1

2 Also contained in the conclusions of the public benefit determination it directs the State 393

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Planning Office, now the Bureau of General

Services as owner, and Casella to amend their

Operating Services Agreement. This was in

7 response to her concerns that there were large

amounts of CDD and CDD residues coming into JRL in

2013 -- oh, excuse me -- it should say CDD

10 residues coming into JRL, including oversize bulky

waste through Casella's KTI processing facility 11

12 in Lewiston. This facility was sold to ReEnergy

13 in 2013 and still accounts for most of the CDD

14 imports into JRL. ReEnergy has made some progress

in reducing the percentage of its waste inputs 15

16 that are imported from out of state but still the

17 vast majority of waste entering the Lewiston

18 processor and continuing to Juniper Ridge were not

19 discarded in Maine. The original justification

20 for these imports was to provide fuel for the mill

21 boiler in Old Town. Commissioner Aho noted in the

22 PBD that the Old Town boiler was not functioning

23 and this continues to be the case today.

24 November 2nd, 2006, second amendment to 25 the OSA's fuel supply agreement allowed CDD

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landfilled. It is absolutely vital that these provisions of state law be fully enforced given

that permitted landfill space is extremely 3

valuable. CDD and its derivatives have accounted 4

5 for roughly half the waste coming into JRL from

6 its beginning in 2003; in fact, for the last five

7 years, 2011 through 2015, waste categorized as

8 construction and demolition debris, oversize bulky

9 waste and C&D process fines have, when combined,

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accounted for over 57 percent of Juniper Ridge Landfill inputs.

12 In 2010 and 2011, OBW, that's oversize

bulky waste, inputs to JRL are listed at 96,500 13

14 and 98,888 tons respectively. This may well be

15 why DEP Commissioner Aho attached condition three

to her public benefit determination partial 16

17 approval in 2012. DEP could see that this

18 category of JRL waste was increasing at an

19 extremely rapid pace with volumes of OBW amounts

20 from 2000 -- 2007 being 9,649 tons, 2008 OBW being

21,405 tons, and 2008 OBW listed at 51,438 tons. 21

22 Were this increase from 2007 to 2010 to have

23 continued at this pace through 2015, just the OBW

portion of waste entering JRL would have eclipsed 24

the total tonnages into JRL by 2014. This had to

1 imports to be used for fuel for all boilers in

Maine, whereas up until that time, imports were

only allowed to provide fuel for the Old Town mill

boiler. Despite these changes, there is little to

no fuel from CDD being burned at any boilers in

6 Maine. I believe that this is why Commissioner

Aho mandated that the OSA be amended; however,

Casella and BGS refused to comply with the PBD

directive and their excuse is that, quote, it is

10 not an enforceable obligation, end quote.

11 My opinion is that until the applicants 12 comply with all the conditions and conclusions of 13 the public benefit determination, that any 14 expansion should be put on hold or denied until

there is compliance. CDD in its various forms has 15

16 been coming in to Juniper Ridge for almost 13

17 years without adequate assurance of source

reduction and the public has had to rely on 18

19 accounting (sic) for accounting -- to rely on 20 Casella for accounting with no help from our state

21 agencies discernible.

22 In the DECD letter of July 11th, 2016, 23 which is our Exhibit #3, Spencer 3, which was signed by Michael Barden of BGS and Jeremy Labbe 24

of Casella, here is how they described oversize 25

- bulky waste and its relationship to the economy. 1
- Quote, OBW generated by a CDD processing facility 2
- 3 is a material that is generated as a result of
- 4 recycling CDD. This is an activity that should be
- 5 encouraged. As economic activity increases, CDD
- 6 volumes increase, resulting in an increase in
- 7 oversize bulky waste generation as evidenced in
- 8 the volume shown on the attached chart. Applying
- an arbitrary limit on OBW acceptance in the JRL 9
- 10 expansion could have the direct result of limiting
- CDD recycling or causing an increased financial 11
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- burden for CDD processing facilities in Maine, end
- 13 quote. They seem to be arguing that higher
- volumes of oversize bulky waste into JRL is a very
- positive thing for Maine's economy. If this were 15
- 16 the case, then why were OBW inputs into JRL at
- their highest in 2010 and 2011 while the economies 17
- of the United States and Maine were struggling to 18
- 19 pull out of the steepest recession since World War
- 20 II. What's more, overall combined categories of
- CDD varied little during these years but OBW 21
- 22 deliveries to Juniper Ridge were at their highest
- levels; therefore, oversize bulky waste volumes
- did not correspond with higher CDD outputs 24
- 25 overall. Mr. Barden should be prepared to explain

- overall comprehensive portrait of Casella's
- network of landfills throughout the northeastern
- United States. We have heard that Casella either
- owns or operates 13 landfills in their network.
- How many of these are licensed to accept CDD?
- What are the volumes at those facilities? What
- 7 are the volumes of oversize bulky waste at
- Casella's non-Juniper Ridge landfills? Do they
- also use CDD fines for daily cover and where do
- 10 these fines come from? Where does the CDD that
- comes to Juniper Ridge actually become a waste? 11
- 12 Where are the points of discard? What are the
- rules on source reduction and recycling where 13
- 14 these materials are discarded and do they meet or
- exceed the standards and effectiveness of waste 15
- 16 required in Maine?

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The DEP needs a lot more information from Casella and BGS before they can confidently assure the public that our rules on waste hierarchy are being fully implemented both currently and in the future at the Juniper Ridge Landfill.

This is under my section design and operation of the proposed expansion. The standards for landfill construction -- the standard for landfill construction is that there

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1 must be a six-year travel time to sensitive

- receptors. It sounds like that is how long it
- would take for any escaped toxins to get into an
- aquifer, etcetera. This does not inspire
- confidence. It is as if we are planning for a
- leak. If the liner system is breached, it is 6
- 7 difficult or impossible to fix it with all the
- waste in place. From the beginning of a leak, it
- may take six years to get to drinking water
- sources but once that leak starts, it will leak 10
- 11 basically forever. So while the Juniper Ridge
- 12 Landfill is called a secure landfill, at the same
- time plans are in place that anticipate failure of
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the systems. 15

On April 10th, 2008, at a landfill site assessment hearing before the Board of Health in 16 17 Southbridge, Massachusetts, David Bonnett, a civil 18 engineer, landfill site professional and expert witness for Casella Waste testified under oath 19 20 that, quote, all liners leak, end quote. That's 21 my exhibit Spencer 5. This information is 22 relevant to an expansion of Juniper Ridge landfill. 23

Stormwater management, the public and 24 25 environmental systems may be at risk from

his statements at the public hearing this fall, if not before. Furthermore, Barden and Labbe in that same letter say that landfilling of oversize bulky

waste was the best way to handle OBW according to 4 the Maine DEP Maine Materials Management Plan, 5

6 January 2014, Appendix C.

they were discarded.

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7 It needs to be pointed out that rules on 8 Maine's waste hierarchy have changed since that 9 date. Most of the materials in mattresses can be recycled into metal, wood and fabric. Appliances 10 have metal components and the copper linings in 11 12 their motors are among the most valuable of recycled materials. Furniture, likewise, can be 13 14 taken apart and largely recycled. So we need to 15 know how much effort was actually put into recycling at the true source of the oversize bulky 16 17 waste which may well be beyond Maine's borders. It is also possible that waste coming into Maine's 18 CDD processors are sent there to avoid stricter 19

rules on landfilling in the jurisdiction where

To fully understand construction and demolition debris waste volumes into Juniper Ridge in the past and predict them in the future, should JRL be expanded, it is necessary to develop an

- insufficient preparations for extreme 1
- precipitation events at JRL after an expansion and 2
- 3 at present. Not long after Casella started
- 4 operating Juniper Ridge in 2003, there was a very
- heavy rain that washed out the stormwater control 5
- 6 systems and spread sediment off the landfill
- 7 footprint. There is a conflict in DEP regulations
- 8 because the criteria only calls for building for a
- 9 25-year precipitation event. An event of this
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- magnitude, I'm referencing to a large, you know,
- extreme rainfall event, an event of magnitude will 11
- 12 surely happen at Juniper Ridge and it could be at
- 13 any time. The earlier event at JRL must have
- 14 violated at least some of the Natural Resource
- Protection Act NRPA standards. In the BEP handout 15
- 16 from May 19th, 2016, that's exhibit Spencer 1,
- some of the experts -- excerpts affected at that 17
- time and in a future storm would include soil 18
- 19 erosion, harm to habitats and fisheries, and lower
- 20 water quality. There is a conflict because rules
- only call for a 25-year flood threshold and at the 21
- same time, building for that lower standard will 22
- 23 not adequately protect the environment and prevent
- harm to public welfare. 24

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Monitoring ground and surface water

- contract with the owner of the Old Town mill in
- April. So three months after the fact, they
- reveal this contract. During that period of time,
- there were meetings on expansion where Barden,
- Labbe, other Casella personnel and attorneys were
- present, along with DEP staff and never mentioned
- 7 that the leachate disposal contract had changed.
- 8 This reminds one of back in November of 2006 when
- Casella signed new contracts for fuel supply and
- 10 leachate disposal and incorporated them into the
- second amendment to the Operating Services 11
- 12 Agreement. They never disclosed these changes
- 13 which drastically expanded CDD deliveries to
- 14 Juniper Ridge. Only through citizen inquiry were
- these changes made public and not until 2008. 15

The Old Town mill has not operated since

- 17 last fall, 2015. At bankruptcy court it was sold
- 18 to a group that tries to sell off individual mill
- 19 assets and scraps the rest. Beginning last
- 20 November, about 800,000 gallons of Juniper Ridge
- 21 Landfill leachate per month were taken to the
- 22 wastewater treatment plant at the Old Town mill.
- 23 The new contract says that Casella will get the
- leachate pH between 5 and 9 before putting it into 24
- 25 the mill system. This is a wide range of pH and

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- leachate and landfill gas, if one reads through 1
- the Juniper Ridge annual reports and the comments 2
- of DEP personnel such as Richard Behr, there's a 3
- commonly repeated event, a monitoring well will 4 5 show some abnormal results and the monitors will
- 6 conclude that it is due to construction activity
- 7 at the landfill. Landfills are always under
- construction. Juniper Ridge grows every day 8
- 9 year-round. Why aren't there more objective
- 10 measurements of water quality that are not
- influenced by construction activities? What if 11
- 12 DEP staff was to go back and for every result
- where construction activity was blamed for unusual 13
- 14 results, instead look at what could be happening
- 15 to cause aberrations. Experts say that all
- landfills leak and any delay in tracking down 16
- 17 possible breaches in the liner systems just
- reduces the opportunity to remedy the situation. 18
- Leachate disposal is especially troubling in 19
- 20 regard to an expanded JRL. Casella and BGS has
- 21 been extremely lax in reporting changes to
- 22 leachate disposal agreements. In their July 11th,
- 23 2016 letter to DEP, that's exhibit Spencer 3,
- Michael Barden and Jeremy Labbe revealed that 24
- Casella had signed a new leachate disposal

1 only tested twice a year.

> 2 Alternatives analysis, central to the NRPA

- application as well as the U.S. Army Corps of
- Engineers application is something called an
- alternatives analysis. Sean Mahaney of the Corps 5
- 6 explained to me that to them this is an attempt to
- 7 determine if this activity, expanding room for
- waste at Juniper Ridge Landfill, is unavoidable
- and has any alternatives to disposal and its
- accompanying destruction of wetlands. Now, in 10
- 11 Chapter 310, wetlands and waterbodies protection,
- 12 in Section 5, general standards, A, avoidance,
- quote, the activity will be considered to result 13
- 14 in an unreasonable impact if the activity will
- 15 cause a loss in wetland area functions or values
- and there is a practicable alternative to the 16
- 17 activity that would be less damaging to the
- environment. That's in the BEP handout Spencer 1 18
- 19 exhibit. Obviously if there was less waste in
- 20 need of disposal at Juniper Ridge there would be
- 21 less pressure to expand and any expansion would
- 22 last longer. During the period of time between
- 23 the expansion application being submitted and
- accepted as complete for processing, DEP staff 24
- 25 analyzed waste streams into Juniper Ridge. In a

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letter from Michael Parker of DEP to Casella and 1 BGS on January 22nd, 2016, that's exhibit Spencer 2 3 7, DEP staff presented Chapter 400.4.N, solid 4 waste management hierarchy.

5 After looking at seven categories of waste 6 into Juniper Ridge, they commented, quote, of 7 these seven categories, front end process residue 8 and municipal solid waste ash currently have no 9 other viable management option, end quote. This 10 was for 2014. Front end process residue, 57,000 11 tons and municipal solid waste ash, 54,000 tons 12 comprised only 19.8 percent of the total from 13 these seven waste streams, the total was 559,000 14 tons and once again this is for 2014.

DEP staff did not say where else these 15 16 wastes could go, but it sounds like at that point in time there was considered to be a, quote, 17 practicable alternative to the activity, end 18 19 quote, of bringing most waste to Juniper Ridge. 20 In addition, the PERC incinerator in Orrington 21 where the FEPR and ash come from is committed to 22 burning one-third less municipal solid waste after March 2018. Remember also that DEP's stated goal is to reduce statewide waste by five percent every 24 25 two years.

considered carefully and alternatives discussed. 1

2 I think I just want to add, if I could, 3 one paragraph on page 3 of my rebuttal testimony.

4 This was in reference to Ms. Toni King's

5 testimony. On page 6 of her testimony it says,

quote, the ultimate decision on the waste 6

7 management technique used by the generators is not

8 within the control of either BGS or NEWSME, end

9 quote. Instead of making sure that waste into

10 Juniper Ridge Landfill are being fully reduced at

the source before they get to Juniper Ridge, 11

12 Casella and BGS rely on the generators of that

13 waste to comply with provisions of our hierarchy.

14 This has been the practice at JRL to date but

moving forward and certainly at an expanded 15

16 Juniper Ridge, the hierarchy should be strictly

17 enforced and the true sources of waste need to be

18 revealed so that the DEP as regulator can

19 ascertain whether source reduction and recycling

20 has actually been, quote, at least as effective as

21 those imposed by this chapter. Failure of waste

22 generators to furnish Casella and BGS with

23 information about the true source or point of

24 discard of all waste should result in exclusion

25 from JRL. It is no secret that a high percentage

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of Juniper Ridge Landfill wastes were discarded

2 out of state but have been admitted using

seemingly legal but creative definitions and

practices. Wastes discarded beyond our borders

should not be exempt from our waste hierarchy. 5

6 Thanks. I think I'll leave it at that.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Thank you, Mr. Spencer.

8 We'll open it up now for some cross. First will

9 be the applicant.

MR. DOYLE: Good morning, Mr. Spencer.

11 MR. SPENCER: Good morning.

12 MR. DOYLE: Could you tell us where you

live in Old Town?

14 MR. SPENCER: I live on property bounded 15 on one side by the Kirkland Road and the other

side by Pushaw Stream approximately a mile and 16

17 three-quarters from Juniper Ridge Landfill.

18 MR. DOYLE: So what is your address?

19 MR. SPENCER: 1140 Kirkland Road.

20 MR. DOYLE: Can you point out on the 21 Exhibit 10, which is a site map of the Juniper

22 Ridge Landfill and the surrounding area, where you

23 live on that map?

24 MR. SPENCER: This would be Pushaw Stream. I think we might need another map. I can't tell

Summary, essential considerations before

2 any expansion of Juniper Ridge should be -- any 3

expansion of Juniper Ridge should be permitted should remember the basics. 38 MRS 1310-N1, 4

5 licenses, this is Exhibit 1, page 11, the

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6 Department shall issue a license for a waste

7 facility whenever it finds that facility will not

8 pollute any water of the state, contaminate the

9 ambient air, constitute a hazard to our welfare or

10 create a nuisance. Volume of the waste and the

11 risks related to its handling and disposal have 12

been reduced to the maximum practical extent by 13 recycling and source reduction prior to disposal,

14 and practices are consistent with the state's

15 Solid Waste Management Hierarchy. Juniper Ridge

16 Landfill should not be issued a permit for

17 expansion until Casella and BGS have fully

18 complied with the conclusions and conditions of

19 the public benefit determination license from

20 January of 2012, including placing a limit on

21 oversize bulky waste deliveries, amending the

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Operating Services Agreement to reduce CDD imports

23 from out of state and conducting independent

third-party audits of large CDD processing 24

25 facilities. All concerns of the public need to be

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that rule?

you see the words "point of discard" anywhere in

from this if -- actually I think we would be right 1 there. 2 3 MR. DOYLE: So off the map? 4 MR. SPENCER: Off this map. MR. DOYLE: Okay, and I think you said 5 6 about one and three-quarter miles away? 7 MR. SPENCER: I think so approximately. 8 MR. DOYLE: And the expansion is moving to 9 the north of the landfill, of the current 10 landfill, correct? MR. SPENCER: Yes. Can you hear me okay? 11 12 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Go back to the --13 MR. EASTLER: You're welcome to use this 14 pointer right here if you'd like to. CHAIRMAN PARKER: That's all right, go 15 16 back to the table. I want you on the microphone. MR. SPENCER: Yeah, sorry. 17 MR. DOYLE: And the guestion was, and the 18 19 expansion is actually slightly further away from 20 your -- from your house than existing JRL, 21 correct? 22 MR. SPENCER: Not all of it but most of 23 it, you're right.

MR. DOYLE: On page 2 of your direct

testimony, you propose a way to interpret the

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you'd like to.

3 MR. SPENCER: I'll say this, I use the word "point of discard" synonymously with source. 4 5 MR. DOYLE: On pages -- if they don't own or control the generators of waste, how can BGS or NEWSME control what generators do with the waste 7 8 after it's been generated? 9 MR. SPENCER: That's kind of the crux of 10 the matter. I think given the current way things are set up it's really hard for them to do but I 11 12 also know that as part of the Operating Services 13 Agreement, it does say that the state shall control the landfill. So you can't deny that there is a burden to control the waste coming in. 15 16 There has to be some standards. For example, 17 there's standards on hazardous waste. 18 MR. DOYLE: Yeah, you've made that 19 statement a number of times that the OSA savs that 20 the state shall control the landfill. Where in 21 the OSA does it say that? 22 MR. SPENCER: I'm not sure, but I'm very 23 confident its in there. 24 MR. DOYLE: Isn't it true that you're not 25 sure because it's not there?

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Exhibit 47.

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Waste Management Hierarchy. Isn't it true that 1 DEP has adopted a rule, Chapter 400.4N, the rule 2 Toni King highlighted yesterday in her testimony, 3 that describes how it will apply the hierarchy to 4 solid waste facilities, including landfills, 5 6 incinerators and waste processing facilities? 7 MR. SPENCER: I don't have 400.4 in front of me, but is this the most recent addition to the 8 9 hierarchy rules? 10 MR. DOYLE: Yes. 11 MR. SPENCER: Okay. 12 MR. DOYLE: Here is -- I'm handing you Chapter 400.4N. Isn't it true that nowhere in 13 14 Maine law does it state that the Waste Management 15 Hierarchy must be applied at the, quote, point of discard, closed quote? 16 17 MR. SPENCER: I'm not a lawyer, okay, and 18 I really can't afford legal advice so as far as your wanting to make me -- have me make a blanket 19

statement, isn't this true, I -- I -- I'm kind of

torn. I don't know that it is true and I don't

know that it's false and I don't want to take your

word for it, but we could proceed on that basis if

MR. SPENCER: Actually, all right, can I make an amendment to my statement then? It's either in the Operating Services Agreement or it's in the request for proposals for an operator of the landfill. MR. DOYLE: Doesn't the agreement control between two parties? MR. SPENCER: With the understanding that everybody who replied to the request for proposals to operate the agreement (sic), that this is under one of the conditions that the state shall control the landfill. MR. DOYLE: On pages 3 and 4 of your direct testimony you raise questions about the source of waste into Juniper Ridge. Jeremy, can we get up Exhibit 47? Could you enlarge the -enlarge it a little bit? So this is Exhibit 47 which you've seen since you've reviewed the pre-filed testimony I assume, correct? MR. SPENCER: I -- I can barely read that from this point but yeah, I've looked at the waste streams.

MR. DOYLE: So here's a closer copy of

MR. SPENCER: Okay, thank you.

MR. DOYLE: Take a look at the rule. Do

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13 reports are sent to DEP, BGS, the Landfill Advisory Committee and the City of Old Town on a 14 monthly basis and have been since 2005? 15 16 MR. SPENCER: Correct, I assume. 17 MR. DOYLE: I wanted to ask you about your testimony on oversize bulky waste. Mattresses and 18 furniture make up a good component of oversize 19 20 bulky waste, don't they?

MR. DOYLE: Isn't it also true that these

21 MR. SPENCER: Yes. I think that's -that's in the -- in the industry definition, isn't 22 it? 23

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MR. DOYLE: On page 5 of your direct 24 25 testimony, you state that most of the materials in

mattresses, furniture and appliances can be

MR. SPENCER: Yes.

recycled into metal, wood and fabric, correct?

MR. DOYLE: Are you aware of any business the size of mattresses and incinerating them and 12 that would be at the PERC plant. There was discussion about that yesterday as well. 13 MR. DOYLE: So they're burning mattresses? 14 15 MR. SPENCER: Correct. 16 MR. DOYLE: Okay. That's what they do at PERC, they burn things? 17 18 MR. SPENCER: They -- they pull the metal out and they burn the rest. 19 20 MR. DOYLE: Are you aware of any business 21 in New Hampshire that is currently disassembling mattresses on a large-scale economic basis? 22 23 MR. SPENCER: No. 24 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Excuse me, stop asking 25 compound questions. Ask a question and then a

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414 1 second question if you choose to so we understand really what you're asking. 2 MR. DOYLE: Have you ever disassembled a 3 MR. DOYLE: Have you ever disassembled a sofa or a recliner? 4

mattress? MR. SPENCER: I know what the inside of a mattress looks like, yes.

8 MR. DOYLE: Have you ever disassembled 9 one?

10 MR. SPENCER: Sure.

MR. DOYLE: Can you identify any business 11 12 in Maine that is currently disassembling mattresses on a large-scale economic basis? 13 MR. SPENCER: That's kind of a loaded 14

15 question. Can you? I mean --16 MR. DOYLE: No, this is my time to ask you 17 questions.

MR. SPENCER: Okay, okay. I don't believe 18 there is one. I should say during a discussion 19 yesterday that someone in your group was talking 20 about doing just that, disassembling mattresses as 21 22 a recycling business.

MR. DOYLE: Isn't it true that ReEnergy 23 last night commented that they are looking into 24

the possibility of recycling mattresses? 25

MR. SPENCER: You know, I have.

6 MR. DOYLE: You have?

7 MR. SPENCER: Sure. In fact, I was

thinking about using the metal inside of an easy

chair. It's kind of in the shape -- I was

10 thinking about using that metal to make an outside

11 place to cook, like an outdoor barbecue, you know,

12 like, you know, so use masonry and use the metal

13 as a -- as reinforcement for doing something like

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15 MR. DOYLE: Can you identify any business in Maine that is disassembling used furniture such 16 17 as a sofa or a recliner on a large-scale economic 18 basis?

19 MR. SPENCER: I cannot identify any. That 20 doesn't mean that they don't exist, and I don't understand why large-scale has to be part of the 21 22 conversation.

23 MR. DOYLE: Isn't it true to handle the sort of wastes that are involved in OBW at Juniper 24 Ridge recycling of OBW has to be done on a 25

large-scale basis? 1

MR. SPENCER: Ideally it would be but 2 3 wasn't there discussion yesterday that if there

4 were collection points and if you could keep the

5 material from being commingled with other waste

6 then the materials contained in the mattresses

7 would have enough value perhaps to make a business

8 of it?

9 MR. DOYLE: On page 9 of your direct 10

testimony and page 5 of your rebuttal testimony,

you claim that the DEP and the state's stated goal 11

12 is to reduce statewide waste by five percent every

13 two years, don't you?

14 MR. SPENCER: Can you repeat those pages

15 please?

16 MR. DOYLE: Page 9 of your direct

testimony and page 5 of your rebuttal testimony. 17

MR. SPENCER: Yeah, I think I did say

19 that.

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20 MR. DOYLE: What's the basis of this

21 assertion?

MR. SPENCER: I've seen that in print.

23 I've seen that in writing. In fact, we had a

discussion about that at one of the -- one of our 24

25 -- I can't remember just what it was but I think

municipal solid waste tonnage by five percent 1

beginning on January 1st, 2009, and by an

3 additional five percent every subsequent two

4 years."

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MR. DOYLE: So it says reduce municipal

6 solid waste by five percent?

MR. SPENCER: Correct.

MR. DOYLE: It doesn't say all solid

9 waste, does it?

MR. SPENCER: No, but I think there are --

11 do you have a copy of the current waste reduction

12 goal?

MR. DOYLE: As a matter of fact, I do.

14 MR. SPENCER: I know I'm not supposed to

15 ask you questions.

16 MR. DOYLE: So could you read what was

17 adopted this legislative session?

18 MR. SPENCER: Why don't you go sit over

19 there, all right?

20 MR. DOYLE: I will.

21 MR. SPENCER: This is --

22 MR. DOYLE: Go ahead, Subsection 1.

23 MR. SPENCER: "State recycling goal, it is

24 the goal of the state to recycle or compost by

25 January 1st, 2021 50 percent of the municipal

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there was a Board member -- the topic of five

2 percent reduction every two years came up and I

think there was a Board member who was --3

obviously with some background in numbers like 4

5 this. I think he was talking about to be aware of

6 the compounding effects of every five years and

7 every -- you know, for not just the two-year

8 period but beyond that.

9 MR. DOYLE: I'm going to show you the 10

statute which is Title 38, Section 2132,

11 Subsection 1A. Could you read that, please?

MR. SPENCER: When was this last changed?

13 MR. DOYLE: Well, that's --

14 MR. SPENCER: Is this current in other

15 words?

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MR. DOYLE: Well, we'll get to that in a

17 second. That was the law in effect at the time

you wrote your testimony. Could you read the 18

19 Subsection 1A?

20 MR. SPENCER: I'm reading it. Do you want

21 me to read it out loud?

MR. DOYLE: Out loud please.

MR. SPENCER: Okay. State reduction --23

"state waste reduction goal, it is the goal of the 24

25 state to reduce the biennial generation of 1 solid waste tonnage generated each year within the

> 2 state."

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3 MR. DOYLE: That's the recycling goal.

MR. SPENCER: 1B, "state waste disposal

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reduction goal, it is the goal of the state to 5

6 reduce the statewide per capita disposal rate of

7 municipal solid waste tonnage to .55 tons disposed

per capita by January 1st, 2019 and to further

reduce the statewide per capita disposal rate by

10 an additional five percent every five years

11 thereafter."

12 MR. DOYLE: And so, again, in this recent 13 legislative change this session, that reduction

14 goal only applies to municipal solid waste,

15 correct?

16 MR. SPENCER: So my statement may be wrong

17 but if it's wrong, by how much of a factor would

it be wrong? That's what I'm trying to think of. 18

19 The statistic I would need for that would be what

20 percentage of total waste tonnages in Maine is MSW

21 and what the total waste is; in other words, this

22 is -- and I admit that I may have misspoke about

23 -- I may have confused municipal solid waste with

total waste, but without -- I can't really

25 apologize until -- unless I knew what percentage

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of the waste stream is MSW of the total. 1 2 MR. DOYLE: Juniper Ridge expansion isn't 3 proposing to take anything other than MSW bypass, 4 correct?

5 MR. SPENCER: And MSW for soft layer. 6 MR. DOYLE: Which has to be MSW bypass,

7 correct?

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MR. SPENCER: That's the proposal.

9 MR. DOYLE: On page 3 of your rebuttal 10 testimony you suggest that NEWSME and BGS are not

complying with the recycling and source reduction 11

12 provision standard in Section 1310-N5A which

13 states that, quote, the proposed solid waste

disposal facility will accept solid waste that is

subject to recycling and source reduction 15

16 programs, voluntary or otherwise, at least as

effective as those imposed by this chapter and 17

other provisions of state law, closed quote. What 18 19

recycling and source reduction provisions imposed

20 by state law do you believe are not being

21 followed?

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MR. SPENCER: I believe the requirement

for the material the first order of priority, the

highest level of our waste hierarchy, is reduction 24

25 at the source.

wastewater treatment plant was designed to accept 1

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24.4 million gallons per day?

3 MR. SPENCER: I will -- I don't think it's

right to comment on that without breaking down what those numbers mean but yeah, basically the

paper mill when it was functioning had this

7 license to dispose of 20-plus million gallons per

8 day, right.

9 MR. DOYLE: You raise questions about Mr.

10 Booth's testimony on stormwater management

11 leachate collection and liner leakage. Are you

12 aware that Mike has over 35 years of engineering

13 experience?

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14 MR. SPENCER: No. Where did I raise this 15 question? Was it in questioning yesterday?

MR. DOYLE: It was in your testimony, your

17 pre-filed testimony.

18 MR. SPENCER: Where?

MR. DOYLE: Stormwater management, page 7

20 of your direct --

21 MR. SPENCER: Excuse me one second, I'm

22 getting dry. Okay.

23 MR. DOYLE: Stormwater management was on

24 page 7 of your direct testimony, leachate is also

25 on page 7, you also raise questions about what he

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MR. DOYLE: Yeah, I understand your

argument about point of origin. Isn't it true 2

that the only recycling and source reduction 3

provision imposed by state law are the ones we 4

5 just reviewed with respect to MSW tonnage?

MR. SPENCER: Like I said, I'm not familiar enough with the entirety of Maine law to

8 make that statement.

9 MR. DOYLE: On page 4 of your rebuttal 10 testimony, you suggest comparing the annual

oversize bulky waste deliveries into Juniper Ridge 11

with the annual amounts into Juniper Ridge from 12

the PERC/MRC communities as the relevant metric 13

14 for oversize bulky waste with respect to the Waste

15 Management Hierarchy. Isn't Juniper Ridge

16 Landfill and the expansion a landfill for the

17 entire State of Maine not just a landfill for the

18 PERC/MRC communities?

19 MR. SPENCER: Yes.

20 MR. DOYLE: On page 8 of your pre-filed testimony, you state that 800,000 gallons of 21

22 leachate per month are sent to the Old Town mill

23 wastewater treatment plant?

MR. SPENCER: That's my understanding.

25 MR. DOYLE: Isn't it true that that 1 said in your rebuttal testimony on pages 5 and 6.

2 So my question is, are you aware that Mike has

3 over 35 years of engineering experience?

MR. SPENCER: I know that he is -- he's

been -- yeah, I wouldn't know about 35 years but 5

yeah, I read his resume and I have no issue about 6

7 Mr. Booth's qualifications.

MR. DOYLE: You're not a licensed

9 professional engineer, are you?

10 MR. SPENCER: I'm a father of a licensed

11 professional engineer, I was admitted to the

12 University of Virginia Engineering School, which

is very -- not easy to get into at the time and I 13

14 elected to pursue a different avenue of study but

15 not to mention my father-in-law, now deceased, was

16 a professional engineer, my daughter's boyfriend

17 is a professional engineer, a lot of my friends

are professional engineers, so but I -- am I 18

19 licensed? No.

20 MR. DOYLE: You raise concerns about

21 subsidence?

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MR. SPENCER: Yes, I did.

MR. DOYLE: Settlement? 23

MR. SPENCER: Yes. 24

25 MR. DOYLE: And groundwater movement?

1 MR. SPENCER: Um-hum. MR. DOYLE: Did you review Mr. Sevee's 2 3 testimony on these topics? MR. SPENCER: I may -- you know, I did, I 4 5 did; in fact, that's probably why I didn't just 6 mention it because -- but yeah, go ahead. 7 MR. DOYLE: You're not a geologist, are 8 you? 9 MR. SPENCER: No, no, I'm not. 10 MR. DOYLE: I have no further questions. CHAIRMAN PARKER: Next will be Mr. 11 12 Katsiaficas. 13 MR. KATSIAFICAS: The City has no

14 questions for Mr. Spencer.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Okay, Mr. Snowman? 15 16 MR. SNOWMAN: No questions.

17 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Mr. Laite?

18 MR. LAITE: No.

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CHAIRMAN PARKER: Board members? No

20 questions? How about the staff?

21 MS. ELEFTHERIOU: Mr. Spencer, in your 22 direct testimony you expressed frustration with

23 JRL's odor complaint management and response plan.

Do you have any recommendations for improvements 24

25 that could be made to the plan by JRL?

condition three which is the oversize bulky waste 1 2 limit.

3 MR. SPENCER: Right.

4 MS. TARBUCK: If the expansion project moves forward and a limit is to be established in 5 6 a license for oversize bulky waste, what would you 7 propose as the oversize bulky waste tonnage limit 8 and why?

9 MR. SPENCER: I would need to know what 10 the OBW inputs are to the other waste disposal

facilities in Maine, including EcoMaine, South 11

12 Portland, which serves a lot of that part of the

13 state, the MMWAC incinerator, Lewiston/Auburn

14 area, the landfill in Fort Fairfield, yeah, that

serves northern Maine and maybe the smaller 15

16 disposal -- you know, the municipal, Augusta,

17 Bath, and I would try to get a relative amount of

18 what is being produced by all these and make some

19 kind of a determination based on that on what the 20 total OBW output would be for a population the

21 size of Maine, 1.3 million, and I would take that

22 total and I would subtract all the totals. So I

23 would first gather the information, understand

their population base, and then based on that, use 24

25 their population they're serving as a basis for

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MR. SPENCER: I would -- if I was them, I

would invite the Old Town Police Department -- oh,

3 excuse me -- okay, can you hear me now? If I was the owner and operator of Juniper Ridge Landfill I 4

5 would take the high road on this and I would

6 invite the Old Town Police Department, which is a

7 full-time department, I would invite the Penobscot

8 County Sheriff's Department, which covers Alton

9 and may be in that area as much as Old Town

10 personnel, and I would invite the Maine State

11 Police to during the course of their duties, not 12

as a requirement, just during the course of their

13 duties, to make a note of the time and location of

14 any offensive smells in that area in the same

15 manner that if there was a dead animal in the road

16 smelling that they would just write down time,

17 location and that there is an odor and I think

18 that might help develop a pattern which would help

19 them as DEP has requested, that when we smell it,

20 to please call in because in a way we're -- you 21 know, we're the boots on the ground and people

22 that are there the most. So that's -- I guess

23 that's my response.

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MS. TARBUCK: I have a quick question.

25 You talked about public benefit determination 1 determining typical OBW output as a measure, you

know, by per capita in the State of Maine and I

would make the difference between the measurements

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at the other waste disposal facilities in Maine

and what the -- you know, the projected output of

6 all the population, 1.3 some million, and the

7 difference in that I would put as a limit at

8 Juniper Ridge. Am I making sense?

9 MR. FARRAR: I have just one question.

MR. SPENCER: Sure.

11 MR. FARRAR: All right, is it just me or

12 is it -- okay, just one question for you, Mr.

Spencer. You expressed concern with the potential 13

14 for extreme precipitation events and possible

15 inadequacies of the 25-year/24-hour design storm

as published by NRCS. How would you recommend 16

17 going out and establishing what you would consider

18 an appropriate design storm for the proposed

19 expansion?

20 MR. SPENCER: Well, I notice that --21

excuse me if I think out loud here. 22

MR. FARRAR: That's fine.

23 MR. SPENCER: I notice that part of the system design for Juniper Ridge, the expansion, 24

25 parts of that I think we heard yesterday are being

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designed for a 100-year flood. I would -- I'd 1

probably start with that and I would try to talk 2

3 with reputable, independent weather people. I

4 would consult the -- I think NOAA does a lot of

5 work on that, does a lot of work on projecting

6 changes with climate change, and I think I would

7 just consult with them as to what -- what we

8 should really be preparing for and if you could --

9 but I'm not even sure if -- you know, it's hard

10 because you don't want to say it should be for

11 what just happened in Louisiana, for example,

12 necessarily, and you don't want to say it's just

13 for the worst event, you know, in the last 100

years in New England but I think we'd be getting

closer there but I think there's just so -- and 15

16 there's always uncertainty about the weather but I

think moving forward there's just -- I mean, I've 17

experienced personally in the last 20 years some, 18

19 you know, 20 inches in 24 hours, you know, amongst

friends and family. My son's location in Lyons, 20

Colorado, three years and a month ago was 21

22 devastated by -- and that's where I got the

23 question about the slopes because they're at the

foothills, you know, north of Boulder, northwest 24

25 of Denver, and, you know, they had -- and they 1 MR. SPENCER: Right.

MS. CHASE: So my question to you would be what would be the solution for that? Do you have

a solution for that and do we need to have better

communication on what the law actually says so

some of the people that are so concerned can have 6 7

an understanding?

8 MR. SPENCER: Thanks, that's a good 9 question. And I apologize because I should have

10 mentioned this. The law -- the definition they're

going by now I believe became law in 2007. The 11

12 state request for proposals happened in 2003, the

13 state took ownership in 2004, the Operating

14 Services Amendment was changed without notice to

DEP or anyone else in 2006 and the definition was 15

16 changed in 2007. So for starters, I think there

17 needs to be a discussion of that, and I think the

understanding that was in place when this plan was 18

19 presented to the public in 2000 -- late 2003 and

20 2004 and the first thing they said was there will

21 be no out-of-state waste, there will be no

22 out-of-state waste, even though they actually

23 had -- there was some permission to bring enough

CDD from out of state to pull burnable wood from 24

25 that for the Old Town mill exclusively, and that

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said that was, A, a 500-year flood and B, it could 1

happen again. So that's -- I think you'd have to 2

just -- do our homework and -- but if -- you've 3

got to remember, I don't want it to be expanded 4

anyhow, but I'm not sure if we said -- like I 5

6 wouldn't want to bet that building for a 100-year

flood would get it done, you know.

MR. FARRAR: All right, thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Kathy.

MS. CHASE: Thank you. Can you hear me?

11 MR. SPENCER: Yes.

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12 MS. CHASE: All right, thank you, Mr.

Spencer. I have a question. There seems to be --

14 you've brought it up a number of times in your

15 testimony and I've read your -- the ones that

you've given us for submission, and the overall 16

17 theme in a lot of the people that were concerned

at the public hearing yesterday is all about the

18 out-of-state waste that comes in. 19

20 MR. SPENCER: Right.

21 MS. CHASE: So my question to you is it

22 seems like there's a disconnect. We've been told

23 over and over again that the law says it comes --

if it comes from the person not -- it's the generator and if they recycle it, it's them. 25

was an agreement that Casella had with -- and the

State Planning Office had -- had signed, so they

were allowed to import even though we weren't told

that at time, but the whole idea -- the whole

premise of this was that we -- the mill -- the Old 5

Town mill was in trouble, there were 600 6

7 employees, it was a large part of the tax base,

and what can we do to help them. The solution

seemed to be the state will take ownership of the

landfill and somebody, it turned out to be 10

11 Casella, would furnish the mill with low-cost fuel

12 derived from construction and demo debris sources.

So did I -- is this an answer? So things have 13

14 changed since 2003 and 2004 as far as -- I'm not

15 sure there really was a definition of in-state

16 waste prior to that point.

17 MS. CHASE: Okay.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: I've got a couple 18

questions for you. 19

MR. SPENCER: Sure.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Apparently the way the

21 22 state law is interpreted, and perhaps not by you

23 the same way, is the argument is being made that

municipal solid waste reduction only applies to 24

25 MSW. Do you interpret it as applying to the total

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waste stream or just to the MSW portion, the 1 2 state's goals?

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MR. SPENCER: I think they do have a goal of reducing the overall amount of waste and -- but I know they have a goal of reducing, you know, basic citizen output, you know, non-industrial output.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Okay. Another thing you commented on, and I just want to see what your opinion of it is, you commented on the modified services agreement and apparently in your interpretation there's a failure in that agreement of directing the CDD to boilers other than Old Town and that apparently the only argument to not take it to the landfill is -- or take it to the landfill is if Old Town doesn't function. Is it your opinion that that agreement could be modified to direct more of that waste to other boilers? MR. SPENCER: Well, I think -- I think they already can. Did this go off? It's showing red. Have we got -- can you hear me now?

21 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Yup. 22 23 MR. SPENCER: Okay, I'm sorry. I think in the Operating Services Agreement now that the --24 25 any wood clean enough to be burned can go to any

once again, like if I was -- and there's no reason 1

-- I think like Old Town can send someone out

there to observe if they want and do some

accounting. I just think as a society citizens

are looking for transparency and some of that is

just independent accounting and as far as the CDD

waste streams, I really think at some level in 7

Maine we need to develop an idea of what -- where

9 really this stuff is coming from and what really

10 state policy should be towards it. In other

11 words, we don't want to become the repository for

12 every mattress or old sofa from the states beyond

13 our borders. I think -- even though it may be

14 legal, I don't think we want to do that because

space is just too precious. 15

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Would you extend the third-party inspections to the other processors; in other words, people who are receiving the waste to process?

20 MR. SPENCER: Absolutely.

21 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Okay, that's all my 22 questions. Any others? Yes.

23 MR. AHLERS: Mr. Spencer, would you categorize oversize bulky waste as a separate 24 25 category from municipal solid waste or a subset

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subset because, you know, it's basically

furniture, appliances, count mattresses as the

most likely. 5

6 MR. AHLERS: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Further questions?

MR. SPENCER: I think it should be a

8 Thank you. Any recross -- oh, sorry.

9 MR. SNOWMAN: Can I ask a quick question?

10 I forgot during my time.

11 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Are you all set?

12 MR. SNOWMAN: Yes, thank you. Yeah, I just wondered, while we have Ed here, he's done a 13

14 lot of work on this over the years and he's one of

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the very few people I know that have ever put pen

to paper and tried to figure out -- figure this 16

17 out, how much out-of-state garbage, and Ed, you

18 talked about the point of discard concept, and I

was wondering with your knowledge, you're the most 19

20 knowledgeable -- one of the most knowledgeable

21 guys I know about out-of-state garbage, that

22 aspect of it. What would you say if someone came

23 up to you and said how much of that pile up there

originated out of state or was discarded out of 24

25 state, what percentage of that seven million or so

boiler in Maine. I think that's the way it is now already.

3 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Okay, I sort of misunderstood what you were saying.

MR. SPENCER: Right. 5

CHAIRMAN PARKER: One more question that's sort of come up is the -- I guess sort of what your argument was that -- or I guess in the testimony I've heard somewhere that Casella claims

10 they can't really control the waste that's coming to them.

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MR. SPENCER: Right.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: And you suggested in your testimony that some way some third-party inspection be involved. What do you really -what are your thoughts along that line? MR. SPENCER: I think at the landfill, for

one thing, there should be auditors present not full-time but third-party just, you know, kind of observing and comparing the information that the regulators -- I don't know why, I'm not doing anything.

23 CHAIRMAN PARKER: It just shut off. MR. SPENCER: It just shut off. Is this 24

25 better? I think there's a gap in information and

cubic yards that are currently in there originated 1 out of state and according to a lot of people 2 3 shouldn't be in there? Anyway, you understand 4 what I'm saying.

5 MR. SPENCER: Yeah, I do. I think what I 6 would do is, you know, look at the sources, the 7 primary generators, and I don't mean to pick on 8 ReEnergy here or the Lewiston facility because 9 there's others, I would look at what their sources 10 are and total CDD is -- has been running 55 or 57 percent of what comes in here, and so I would take 11 12 that -- what that number is and if the -- the 13 number from ReEnergy is what, 85 percent out of state, I would take 85 percent of 57 percent but that would assume that they are the only one. So 15 16 in other words, I would -- I would look at all of them and if I had to put a number based on the 17

19 confidently 40 percent. MR. SNOWMAN: Okay. 20 21 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Redirect? 22 MR. DOYLE: Recross. 23 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Recross, I'm sorry, 24 recross. How's that? 25 MR. DOYLE: Mr. Spencer, isn't it true

information, I -- you know, that we have, I think

CHAIRMAN PARKER: I think when you turn 1 2 that one on, it turns this one off.

3 MR. SPENCER: Oh. Excuse me, could you 4 ask that again?

5 MR. DOYLE: The policy -- the Department's policy about treating the residues of processing 7 facilities, including incinerators, as in-state 8 waste has existed for over 25 years, long before 9 the Juniper Ridge Landfill?

MR. SPENCER: I don't accept the part you said about processing facilities. I -- I accept the part about incinerators, waste to energy. MR. DOYLE: No further questions.

14 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Thank you, Mr. Spencer. 15 MR. SPENCER: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Now we'll turn the floor 17 over to the City of Old Town. Why don't we take a five-minute break just to rest up our -- and then 18 19 we'll start with Old Town.

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21 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Okay, the floor now 22 belongs to the City of Old Town.

23 MR. KATSIAFICAS: Chair Parker, Members of 24 the Board, good morning. My name is Jim

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Katsiaficas, I'm counsel for the City of Old Town

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and we're here to present our testimony this

morning. We have two witnesses and if you indulge

us, we'll just have each witness speak first and

then we could open it up to cross examination of

the panel if that's the most efficient way to do 5 6 that.

7 CHAIRMAN PARKER: That's the way we'd like 8 to do it.

9 MR. KATSIAFICAS: Thank you. Our first

10 witness will be --11 CHAIRMAN PARKER: The only exception would

12 be if something really critical came up and 13 somebody wanted to ask a question but I have

14 encouraged the Board to wait and ask questions.

15 MR. KATSIAFICAS: I have no doubt that it 16 would be appropriate if it were critical and 17 that's not a problem. City Manager Bill Mayo will

18 speak first and then Denis St. Peter, president of

CES, our review engineer, will speak and you have 19

20 their pre-filed testimony and their exhibits and

21 I'll turn this over then to our witnesses.

22 MR. MAYO: Good morning, Board members, 23 Chairman Parker. My name is William Mayo. 24 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Pull that a little

closer.

that for over 25 years Maine DEP has interpreted

in-state waste to include out-of-state waste 2

3 brought to a Maine processing facility such as

PERC, MMWAC, EcoMaine, and the resulting ash and 4

5 residues from that process as in-state waste?

6 MR. SPENCER: I don't know for -- for 25 7 years and you said processing facilities in

8 reference to the waste-to-energy plants. I -- it

9 appears to have been the practice and I'll be 10 neutral on that, that the -- once the materials

11 come into PERC or MMWAC that the byproducts of

12 that should become Maine waste and the -- the --

my qualifying -- you know, you could debate 13 14 whether -- yeah, I -- I think that has -- your

15 statement may not be specifically true but I think

16 generally that's from the incinerators but not

17 from the processing facilities because I think the

18 processing facility rules and practices have 19 probably changed a whole lot in that 25-year

20 period.

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MR. DOYLE: But this rule and this policy of the Department has existed long before Juniper

23 Ridge Landfill, correct? 24

MR. SPENCER: I think -- this thing just

25 died. 25

MR. MAYO: Can you hear me now?
 CHAIRMAN PARKER: I can if everybody else
 can.

4 MR. MAYO: I'm the duly appointed city manager for the City of Old Town. Among my duties 5 6 as city manager is monitoring issues regarding the 7 operation at Juniper Ridge Landfill, operator 8 NEWSME Landfill Operations, LLC, compliance with 9 municipal ordinances and reporting requirements 10 and JRL's use of municipal infrastructure and advising the Old Town City Council on those 11 12 issues.

13 The City of Old Town, Maine, is the host 14 community for Juniper Ridge Landfill. As the host community for JRL, the City primarily is concerned 15 16 with the health, safety and welfare of its residents and any impacts, positive or negative, 17 18 that JRL and its proposed expansion have on its 19 residents; therefore, the City offers the 20 following comments in the matter of the 21 application for Maine Hazardous Waste, Septage and Solid Waste Management Act and Natural Resources 22 Protection Act permits and water quality certification filed by NEWSME and the Maine Bureau

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3 raised the concern that NEWSME/Casella Waste

4 Systems uses CDD fines as alternate daily cover in

5 the operation of JRL as an alternate to soil that

6 it otherwise must purchase and yet, does not pay

7 the City for disposal of CDD fines under the host

8 community compensation and facility oversight9 agreement.

10 We have resolved this concern with the applicants. At a meeting with Casella we explored 11 12 the situation and after discussion and review, the 13 City and Casella concluded that under state law and the host community agreement the use of CDD 14 15 fines as alternate daily cover is permitted and 16 encouraged. State law requires a solid waste 17 processing facility that generates residue for 18 disposal to recycle or process into fuel at least 19 50 percent of that waste and recycling includes 20 use as ADC. Section 3.1A of the host community agreement exempts from the per ton fees charged 21 22 for solid waste disposed of at JRL other materials 23 that Casella accepts for beneficial use and for 24 tipping fee of \$5 per ton or less. Casella's use 25 of CDD fines is for beneficial use, does not

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1 The application proposes the addition of a total of 9.35 million cubic yards of solid waste 2 3 disposal capacity to JRL, which will extend its useful life approximately until 2030. My comments 4 5 concern the public health, safety and welfare 6 issues that the expansion and the continued 7 operation of JRL raise and how the applicants have addressed those issues. The issues raised by the 8 9 City during the course of this proceeding include 10 the use of and payment for construction and 11 demolition debris fines, the use of and payment 12 for soft layer waste, road and traffic impacts and 13 general compliance with solid waste statutes and 14 regulations.

As of the date of the filing of this pre-filed testimony, the applicants have satisfactorily addressed the City's issues and on one issue the City will take additional steps to help ensure that the applicants will operate without harm to the public health, safety and welfare.

Approximately 20 percent of the projected waste volume for the expansion consists of CDD fines, the residue from the processing of CDD waste at KTI facility in Lewiston, which is now

1 require a written determination of beneficial use

2 from DEP and Casella represents that it receives

3 \$4 per ton for this material. Casella also

4 demonstrated that it uses less CDD fine, 20

5 percent, than comparable landfills at 24 percent

6 so that it is not taking undue advantage of free

7 disposal of this material at JRL.

8 The City's Solid Waste Facilities Review Committee and the City Council had also raised the 9 10 concern that NEWSME/Casella was not paying the 11 City under the host community agreement for 12 municipal solid waste disposed of at JRL as part 13 of the soft layer. NEWSME and BGS sought and 14 obtained from DEP a license amendment to permit the use of municipal solid waste as a soft layer 15 16 on the bottom of new landfill cells at JRL to 17 protect the landfill liners. A concern for the City was whether Casella has been paying the City 18 under the host community agreement for disposal of 19 that soft layer MSW. Casella followed up with me 20 21 and has explained that Casella has been paying the 22 City for the disposal of the soft layer MSW. 23

The City also raised concerns regarding the impact of JRL-related truck traffic following the expansion of JRL and the condition of the

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- Bennoch Road, State Route 16. These concerns go 1
- to the ability of the roads in the vicinity to 2
- 3 safely and conveniently handle traffic
- 4 attributable to the solid waste facility as
- 5 required by Chapter 400(D)(1) and (2) of the
- 6 Department's rules. Although Casella strongly
- 7 encourages the use of Route 95 to access JRL,
- 8 there's been a tendency for truck drivers to avoid
- 9 the weigh stations on that road when it is open by
- 10 using the Bennoch Road between Exits 193 and 199.
- The Bennoch Road is a state highway, Route 16, and 11
- 12 the southerly portion of this road is within the
- 13 City's urban compact area, and so it is maintained
- 14 by the City. The northern portion is maintained
- by the Maine Department of Transportation. The 15
- 16 City's concern is that the tractor-trailer
- traffic, particularly swinging empty trailers on 17
- vehicles leaving JRL, is causing deterioration of 18
- 19 the Bennoch Road. The City is aware that other
- 20 trucks use Bennoch Road but dump truck use does
- not appear to have the same degree of road impact 21
- 22 as the landfill-related tractor-trailer use.
- 23 Although MDOT installed a one-inch overlay over
- part of the road, the overlay is insufficient to 24
- 25 repair the state portion, and while the City

An additional City concern is that once

- MDOT repairs the northern half of Bennoch Road and 2
- 3 the City addresses the southern half, something be
- done to discourage tractor-trailer use on that
- road so the current state of the road disrepair
- does not reoccur. The City understands that
- Casella is doing what it reasonably can to 7
- discourage such use and appreciates Casella's
- efforts which include the recent installation of
- 10 two signs, one at the weigh station at JRL and
- another plainly visible from the exit road 11
- 12 instructing drivers to use Interstate 95 to leave
- 13 JRL.

14 In addition, BGS has approached MDOT about

15 this concern and MDOT has agreed to install two

16 signs in the area of the JRL exit road directing

17 exiting trucks to use Interstate 95 only. Thus, the City, applicants, Casella and MDOT have 18

19 reached agreement as to how to address the truck

20 traffic impacts of the proposed JRL expansion and

21 the City understands that MDOT will implement that

22 agreement.

23 With their application, NEWSME and BGS has

24 offered a Declaration of Covenants and

25 Restrictions as part of the wetlands compensation

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- receives an annual host community payment of 1
- \$50,000 for several purposes, including roads, 2
- emergency response, staff training for monitoring, 3
- consulting monitoring and an offset for City 4
- 5 revenue loss due to effects on property values,
- 6 neither the City's annual host community payment
- 7 nor the state road maintenance reimbursement is
- 8 sufficient to finance repairs to the City portion
- of road. 9

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The City asked BGS to discuss with MDOT

actions it can take on the northern part of the 11

- 12 Bennoch Road to improve it as part of this
- expansion. BGS has done so and tells us that 13
- 14 MDOT's work plan for 2016 included in Alton and
- 15 Old Town preservation paving work on Route 16 beginning 3.2 miles south of the Alton/Lagrange
- 17 town line and extending southeasterly 5.89 miles,
- and for 2017/18, includes in Old Town highway 18
- rehabilitation work on Route 16 beginning at the 19
- 20 Interstate 95 northbound off ramp and extending
- 21 southerly 4.63 miles. This does not improve
- 22 additional monies -- this does not provide
- 23 additional monies for the City to use in its
- repair of the southern portion but does improve 24
- 25 the northern half.

1 package. This Declaration places protections on

- 266 acres of the JRL parcel which effectively is
- the same as a conservation easement intended to
- keep the protected property in its natural state.
- Under that Declaration, the City would be the
- third party with third-party rights of 6
- 7 administration and enforcement. The City had
- raised concerns about the potential cost of its
- administrative and enforcement responsibilities
- under the Declaration; subsequently, Casella and 10
- 11 the City negotiated an agreement regarding
- 12 allocation of costs for implementation of the
- 13 Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions to
- address those concerns. On July 28, 2016, the 14
- 15 City Council approved both the Declaration and the
- allocation of cost agreement. 16

17 The City has hired the firm of CES,

Incorporated, to review the application for 18

compliance with state and federal regulations, 19

20 particularly with regard to the Natural Resources

Act, Title 38, Section 480-A through 480-JJ, Maine 21

- 22 Hazardous Waste, Septage and Solid Waste
- 23 Management Act, Title 38, Section 1301 through
- 1310-AA, as applicable, Title 38, 2101 and DEP 24
- Rules Chapters 300, 305, 310, 315, 335, 400, 401 25

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and 405, which is traffic, odor, noise, air 1 quality, vectors, litter, leachate management, 2 3 stormwater and groundwater, in order to protect 4 the health, safety and welfare of the City's residents. As to these regulatory compliance 6 concerns, the City is presenting testimony of 7 Denis St. Peter, PE, of CES, Inc., and written

materials prepared by him and issued by CES to the

Board as part of this proceeding.

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10 Mr. St. Peter's report contains two basic recommendations regarding hydrogen sulfide 11 12 generated by MSW and CDD fines at JRL. One 13 recommendation is that NEWSME/Casella institute 14 the use of acute exposure action level for concentrations exceeding the 15 and 30 parts per 15 16 billion levels, with the Old Town code enforcement officer to be contacted if hydrogen sulfide 17 18 concentrations exceed the 30 ppb level. The 19 applicants have agreed to incorporate these action 20 levels and the notification protocol into the 21 Operations Manual, Appendix K, Odor Control Plan for JRL. 22

23 The other recommendation is that because the City remains concerned with the effects of 24 25 possible chronic exposure to hydrogen sulfide, but 1 the City's roads and traffic concerns. Thank you. 2 MR. ST. PETER: So far it sounds like it's still on. Good morning, Chairman and Board members. My name is Denis St. Peter. I'm a licensed professional engineer in the State of 5 Maine, approximately 26 years of experience. I'm going to summarize my testimony. I understand the testimony has been provided as well as our backup

10 As Bill said, we reviewed the application, response to comments, the DEP comments as it 11 12 relates to the solid waste management regulations 13 and statutes as well as Natural Resource 14 Protection. CES was asked to advise the City on 15 issues related to compliance with the technical 16 standards outlined in the applicable statutes and 17 regulations. The application was reviewed by a 18 team of scientists, geologists and engineers at 19 CES, we talked about whether or not to have the 20 whole team attend but based on our filed 21 testimony, felt just I could represent the team.

As of the date of the pre-filed testimony, CES believes the applicant has satisfactorily addressed the City's concerns and on one issue we recommended to the City to take additional steps

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the Maine Department of Environmental Protection has yet to adopt a chronic exposure standard, the

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City may implement its own evaluation protocol on 3 an annual basis; therefore, the City will use a 4

5 portion of the host community funding supplied to

6 it each year to hire a consultant to evaluate the

7 NEWSME/Casella hydrogen sulfide data to evaluate

8 the chronic exposure, which is a one-year duration

9 scenario. If analysis determines this data

10 demonstrates the presence of hydrogen sulfide

levels that exceed typical health-based guidance 11

12 levels and so pose a potential health or safety

13 risk to members of the public, including abutters,

14 the City will report those findings to

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NEWSME/Casella and to DEP. The City does not object to and does not oppose the application. Applicants have listened to the City and its concerns and issues and have satisfactorily addressed those concerns and issues. Applicant NEWSME/Casella has been responsible when issues and questions have arisen regarding landfill operation and has been a responsible community business contributing to civic organizations and events in Old Town.

Applicant BGS has assisted in the resolution of

1 to help ensure the applicants operate without harm to public health, safety and welfare. 2

In general, CES finds the applicant's application and responses adequately meet or exceed the referenced state statute and regulations. Of particular note, the proposed expansion design includes the leak detection and secondary liner system that was discussed and the graphics are up here. This design will greatly enhance its performance in containing leachate and minimizing releases to the environment.

11 12 Our final two recommendations are related to the offsite monitoring, reporting and 13 14 evaluation of hydrogen sulfide. Due to the type 15 of waste and in general the CDD fines and how they're used, the concentration of hydrogen 16 17 sulfide within the landfill gas is relatively high. Hydrogen sulfide can be harmful to human 18 19 health above certain concentrations as well as 20 emit offensive odors. The applicant's proposed landfill gas collection and treatment system, as 21 22 well as the monitoring equipment, appear to be very robust and adequate to prevent human health 23 hazards and nuisance odors as long as it's 24

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1 The first recommendation is to put an additional

2 gas action level to coincide with offsite acute

3 exposure and odor prevention. Reporting

4 requirements would be instituted for

5 concentrations exceeding both 15 and 30 parts per

6 billion and the Old Town code enforcement officer

7 would be contacted if hydrogen sulfide

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8 concentrations exceed the 30 ppb action level.

As we understand, the applicants have agreed to incorporate these action levels and notification protocol within their Operations Manual, Appendix K, Odor Control Plan.

The other recommendation is based on concerns with the effects of possible chronic exposure of hydrogen sulfide. We have recommended to the City that they implement their own evaluation protocol on an annual basis by hiring a

18 qualified consultant to evaluate the operator's

19 hydrogen sulfide data for chronic exposure, one

20 year duration scenario. The evaluation would

21 include reviewing the hydrogen sulfide monitoring

22 data, performing statistical analysis of the data,

23 establishing proper procedures for analysis of

24 non-detect values, performing comparison of

25 relevant acute and chronic exposure guidelines and

1 other two subsets of CDD are -- do pay the City?

MR. MAYO: Correct, yup.

MR. SPENCER: And the basis for beingexempt is at least in part due to the fact that

5 Casella gets \$5 or less to dispose of it?

MR. MAYO: Yes.

MR. SPENCER: Okay, and yesterday we

8 heard -- or in testimony there was a statistic

9 about the revenues that Casella pays to Old Town.

10 It was something -- something on the order of

11 about a million dollars a year, and I'm just

12 curious, I don't mean to put you on the spot and I

13 know I'm enough of a pain in the neck the rest of

14 the year, but as a percentage of, you know, what

15 the City gets from Casella, would you venture any

16 guess of a percentage of what the -- of that --

17 what the costs are associated with having a

18 landfill within our borders as compared to, you

know, a town that didn't have a landfill?

MR. MAYO: I really don't. It -- itcertainly has an impact. I mean, you know,

22 there's been some discussion here about possibly

23 having the police departments invited up there.

24 Casella does do that. They bring our public

25 safety departments up there, fire and police

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providing conclusions and recommendations based on this evaluation.

If the evaluation determines that this data demonstrates the presence of hydrogen sulfide levels that exceed typical health-based guidance levels and so pose a public health or safety risk to members of the public, the City will report these findings to the applicant and the DEP.

In conclusion, CES generally finds the applicant's application and responses adequately meet or exceed the referenced state statutes and regulations.

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CHAIRMAN PARKER: Are you all set?

MR. KATSIAFICAS: We are.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Okay. We'll open it up for cross by the applicant.

17 MR. DOYLE: No questions.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Mr. Spencer?

19 MR. SPENCER: Thank you. This is for Mr.

20 Mayo. So the -- there's basically three

21 categories of CDD coming into Juniper Ridge which

22 is kind of straight CDD, oversize bulky waste and

23 fines for daily cover. So I think you just said

24 that the -- the fines for daily cover are exempt

25 from the tip fee but the other two types -- the

1 departments, our code enforcement officer is

2 invited up there. We certainly have a very open

3 working relationship with them, but as I said in

4 my testimony, a lot of -- a lot of the impact for

5 us would be more related to roads and followup

6 for, you know, any type of noise complaint or odor

7 complaint if there are any.

MR. SPENCER: Right. So part of that ismoney out of pocket for like roads and part of itis just a portion of the already salaried or

11 already being paid Old Town personnel, right?

MR. MAYO: Correct.

MR. SPENCER: Okay, thank you. For Mr.

14 St. Peter, the -- there is a difference in opinion

15 between your firm CES and Sevee and Maher on the

16 groundwater divide as it relates to just where

17 this line would be in relation to the landfill.

18 Could you comment some on that?

MR. ST. PETER: Yes. I think you'rereferring to page 2 of our general comments, and

21 this comment was made by our team of

22 hydrogeologists and hydrologists. I've gone over

23 it with them. I'm not the expert that is the

24 source of this comment but I've gone over it with

25 them and in general it speaks to the uncertainty

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1 in geology subsurface conditions. It was a very

2 definitive statement that we identified in the

3 application, specifically in quotes, there is not

4 a direct hydraulic connection under existing

5 conditions between the shallow and deep

6 groundwaters beneath the expansion and the water

7 supply wells along Route 43. Now, we don't -- in

8 our opinion, it doesn't relate to whether or not

9 they've met the permitting conditions, we believe

10 they do, it just relates to our recommendation

11 that the statement shouldn't be used to prevent

12 monitoring in this area; and as I understand it

13 from Mr. Sevee's testimony yesterday, he agreed

14 with that conclusion as well.

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MR. SPENCER: So as a follow-up, and this is -- this may be a little too general of a question, you know, just considering the limited

18 amount of time your firm had to spend on this, but

19 do you agree with the or concur with the remainder

20 of the applicant's conclusions as far as water

21 movements in regard to the landfill?

MR. ST. PETER: Yeah, we did spend quite a

bit of time with the application. We -- the team

-- the part of the team that did review this part

25 of application stated to me that they did agree

1 the community or communities from the towns

themselves. Am I correct in your thoughts on

3 that?

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4 MR. MAYO: I believe that's accurate.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Okay. The second item,

6 in the opinion of the City, you're speaking

7 somewhat for yourself but for the City as well, is

8 it your opinion that each cubic yard of space up

9 there has value and wouldn't it be appropriate for

10 the City to get some return for the space that's

11 being utilized for I guess you'd say the fines,

12 the daily cover? There's a -- I understand

13 there's a \$5 fee. It's just sort of surprising to

14 me that it only costs \$4 to get rid of it.

15 There's trucking and everything else involved in

16 it so I'm sure that there's some cash flow that's

17 generating for the haulers out of there. Wouldn't

18 it be appropriate for the City to get some

19 reimbursement for that space that's being used

20 which could be worth a lot of dollars a yard and

21 now it's being given up for \$4 a yard?

MR. MAYO: We've asked that question

23 multiple times. Yes, I agree with that, but the

24 other side of that is in our Operating Services

25 Agreement it's pretty clear in there how that's --

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that they met the conditions of the permit requirements.

MR. SPENCER: Okay, thank you. Excuse me,

4 one thing I forgot to ask. This is for Mr. Mayo

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \bf 5 & again, and I think I know the answer. The City's \\ \end{tabular}$

6 municipal ordinances in relation to Juniper Ridge,

7 are they in effect now?

MR. MAYO: With this application -- with

the approval of this -- if -- if this application is approved, it would go into effect.

MR. SPENCER: So they aren't in effect now

12 you don't think?

MR. MAYO: Correct.

14 MR. SPENCER: Okay, thank you.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Mr. Snowman?

MR. SNOWMAN: No.

17 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Board members? I've got

a couple questions and this would go I guess to

19 Mr. Mayo. My understanding is that under the

20 current tipping fee arrangement you get a

21 percentage of the tipping fees for municipal solid

22 waste going in, and I would assume that in your

23 definition of municipal solid waste it would

24 include everything except commercial and

25 industrial, which would include OBW and stuff from

1 how that's been written in.

2 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Okay, so -- because it

3 appears to me the space is being used, money is

being made, the City of Old Town should share. In

5 the land that's been set aside for mitigation

6 purposes, which is 200-plus acres, which is going

7 to be retained by the City of Old Town, is the

8 City receiving anything in lieu of taxes which it

9 would be losing from that property?

10 MR. MAYO: We do receive a payment in lieu

11 of taxes on the entire landfill itself. It's a

12 fairly complicated income approach to value, so

13 all that land is also included within that. I

14 guess without getting into all the details of

15 that, in simple terms, the landfill -- I would

16 compare it to the same thing as appraising a

17 gravel pit. It's a diminishing asset. You know,

18 if you go out and appraise a gravel pit day one,

19 that's when it's at its most valuable. It's the

20 same thing with the landfill. If you looked at

21 our payment in lieu of taxes when it first opened

22 up, I believe the payment in lieu of taxes was

around \$250,000 a year, but it also had all that

capacity sitting there and as it fills up overtime, then the value of the landfill drops and so

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now at this time that payment in lieu of taxes is 1 down to about \$50,000 a year, which I don't 2 3 dispute the value.

4 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Okay. What I'm getting 5 at, I understand the complexity of that and it's a 6 tough thing to deal with, but prior to the 7 mitigation, the City had 2, 300 acres or a couple 8 hundred acres of maybe only forest land under tree 9 growth protection; you received benefits from 10 that. 11

MR. MAYO: Yup.

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12 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Are those going to abate 13 with this or were you still getting something in 14 lieu of taxes?

MR. MAYO: No, that excess acreage is 15 still going to be assessed. 16

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Okay. That's all my 17 18 questions.

MS. BERTOCCI: I have a question.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Cindy?

21 MS. BERTOCCI: I have a question about the 22 hydrogen sulfide monitoring, and has the City assessed the number and the placement of those 23

monitors and are you comfortable if they're --24

25 that they're providing adequate monitoring of

point. You noted at one point that CES had concerns about the way Juniper Ridge Landfill was calculating the non-detects, and did you get that resolved and if so, how?

MR. ST. PETER: Yeah, we did work with the applicant on our concerns about that. That's part of our recommendation that the City hire someone independent to do that evaluation. It speaks to the use of non-detects and what -- what would be a statistically valid approach to how to handle those non-detects.

11 12 MR. FARRAR: Okay, so it really hasn't been resolved yet but it's on the table to be 13 14 resolved?

15 MR. ST. PETER: In my opinion it hasn't 16 been resolved yet.

MR. FARRAR: Okay. Another point in your written testimony, you talked about cost estimates for potential remediation and/or corrective actions during the post-closure period. What sort of remediation corrective actions were you envisioning?

23 MR. ST. PETER: Our comment was in general 24 to make sure that there was enough remediation 25 funds and post-closure funds set aside for the

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hydrogen sulfide emissions?

MR. ST. PETER: Yes, we have assessed that. As part of our review, we went out to the site and met with Jeremy and got a tour of those locations and we're satisfied with both the equipment and the locations.

MS. BERTOCCI: Okay, and I have one more question and this is with respect to residential wells along Route 16, 43 and the Old Stagecoach Road. Was there baseline monitoring done of a portion of those wells or all of those wells so that you would know what the current state of the water quality is at those residences?

MR. ST. PETER: That would have been reviewed by someone else on our team so I can't recall. I believe the answer is yes, but I just can't -- can't speak definitively about it.

19 20 staff?

21 MR. FARRAR: I don't know if this is going 22 to work, but I'll try. Am I on? I just had a couple questions for Denis St. Peter. I initially 23 had several more about hydrogen sulfide but 24

they've been answered I think already at this 25

17 MS. BERTOCCI: Thank you. 18 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Anymore questions from

462 1 future, and we reviewed that and felt that it was 2 adequate. I think that's in general what we were --3

MR. FARRAR: Did you have any particular 4 types of remediation that you had in mind?

MR. ST. PETER: I think some of the things we talked about was the -- the potential for the hydrogen sulfide long-term and we talked -- talked that over with the applicant and became satisfied that the funds were adequate to address those situations. I can't remember the specifics about 12 what types of remediation but it was just a long-term -- the long-term left over situation of hydrogen sulfide.

MR. FARRAR: Okay, thank you.

than later and should it perhaps be done

MR. BEHR: I want to ask another question regarding the regional groundwater flow and this would be for Mr. St. Peter. Just to clarify the advice in your testimony that you've given the town, you suggest that in the event there is a release of leachate at the facility that would it be reasonable to sample the wells on Route 43 and given that recommendation, do you think that it's necessary to complete baseline monitoring sooner

periodically? 1

2 MR. ST. PETER: All right. So this is a 3 question for maybe one of our technical reviewers 4 in this area. So I -- I don't recall what the baseline monitoring has been so far on those 5 6 residential wells. With the -- with the leak 7 detection system that they're proposing and the

8 secondary liner system, I think that's something

9 to consider in that decision of when that happens

10 and how much of it is required, but essentially

for the expansion area, was what we reviewed this 11

12 for, was you're going to have an early warning

13 system with the leak detection system, and I'd

have to kind of kick the can to the other experts

in my company if there's more detailed questions 15

16 about that.

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MR. BEHR: Thank you.

MS. TARBUCK: So this question will sound very familiar and this can be for anyone on the panel, but oversize bulky waste, if the expansion project moves forward and a limit is to be established in the license for oversize bulky waste, do you have suggestions or an opinion on a proposed oversize bulky waste tonnage limit?

MR. KATSIAFICAS: Do you want a legal

MS. ELEFTHERIOU: Would you please clarify 1 the origin of the 24 percent? 2

3 MR. MAYO: The 20 percent I got from --4 from the table 5-1 from Casella's report, which it was actually 19.7.

6 CHAIRMAN PARKER: You're not on right now. 7 MR. MAYO: Am I on now?

8 CHAIRMAN PARKER: It's a little better but 9 still not good.

MR. MAYO: Okay, sorry about that. The 20 percent came from table 5-1 from Casella's information they submitted. It was actually 19.7, around the 20 percent value on fines.

14 MR. KATSIAFICAS: That's BGS Exhibit #4. 15 MR. MAYO: And I'm trying to find here 16 where I had my 24 percent.

17 MR. KATSIAFICAS: It's included in the 18 application materials.

MR. MAYO: That too came out of the application. I don't have that page number right in front of me though.

MS. ELEFTHERIOU: Okay, thank you. In your direct testimony you stated that Maine DOT will be performing some paving work in Alton and Old Town during 2016. If known, would you please

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answer or -- I don't mean this as testimony. All

I'm going to say is what's in our host community 2

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receives a tip fee for, a portion of the tip fee. 4

5 An acceptable waste includes in its definition

6 oversize bulky waste. That's in the appendix to

7 the host community agreement. The City receives

8 revenues for this oversize bulky waste and really

9 whatever the Department determines is appropriate

10 the City is prepared to live with. The City has

11 no position on this, as I understand it, and I 12 will be kicked under the table by the manager if I

have that wrong, but the City has no position and 13

14 will abide by the Department's determination on

15 this, but it is something for which it does

16 receive revenues under the host community

17 agreement. I hope I haven't overstepped my bounds

18 in answering that.

19 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Any questions?

20 MS. ELEFTHERIOU: I have two questions for

21 Mr. Mayo. In your direct testimony you stated

22 that Casella demonstrated that it uses less CDD

23 fines as alternate daily cover at 20 percent than

comparable landfills at 24 percent? 24

25 MR. MAYO: Yup. 1 give us a status update on that work?

> 2 MR. MAYO: Yup, that's basically -- I

drive that road every day so I can tell you it's

4 been completed.

MR. BURNS: Mr. St. Peter, I have one

question for you regarding utilities. In your 6

7 testimony you reference that you looked at the

8 leachate outlets being the Expera Specialty

9 Solution Mill in Old Town or the Brewer Wastewater

10 Treatment Plant. Did you carry that analysis

11 through to look at the effluent and compliance

12 with treatment standards and specifically at the

13 Old Town facility?

14 MR. ST. PETER: No, we did not. We just

15 looked at the licenses and saw that they were

16 licensed.

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MR. BURNS: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Any other questions from 18

19 the Board? Recross?

20 MR. DOYLE: Just a couple. Mr. Mayo,

21 Chairman Parker asked you a question about PILOT,

22 the payment in lieu of taxes, and you explained

23 that it started out large and as capacity

increases, it gets smaller. If the expansion is 24

25 approved, doesn't the PILOT balloon up again?

467 1 MR. MAYO: Yes, it does, yup. the Chapter 400 standards, and the Appendix G, the 1 2 MR. DOYLE: And I believe it was Victoria 2 Epsilon report, and within that report the specs 3 asked you a question about the use of CDD fines at 3 are Appendix B as in boy. 4 JRL versus at another facility and you were asked 4 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Okay. So everyone 5 about the source of that 24 percent number in your 5 should have that including the intervenors then, 6 testimony. Isn't it true that during the public 6 right? The next item is Monday, the 17th, Monday 7 benefit determination process the DEP itself did 7 of this week, a new wastewater treatment plant 8 an analysis of CDD fines used at JRL and at Waste 8 license was issued for the Old Town facility and 9 Management's Crossroads facility and that's the 9 I'd like to make sure that that with its letters 10 source of that comparison? 10 or e-mails that came to the Department, along with 11 MR. MAYO: I believe that's correct. 11 compliance, are entered into the record and 12 MR. DOYLE: Thank you. 12 everybody receives a copy of that. So the 13 13 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Any recross? Mr. Department has it but I want to make sure everyone 14 Spencer? 14 is aware of it so that the intervenors and the --MR. SPENCER: (Shakes head.) the applicant probably has it by now, I'm not 15 15 16 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Mr. Snowman? 16 sure, and make sure everybody has that so that the MR. SNOWMAN: (Shakes head.) 17 actual application is being based on the current 17 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Just a comment, my license, not on a prior license, okay? 18 18 19 comment didn't relate to the value of the 19 And this is a question for the Board, 20 landfill. I know that's a negotiable item. I was 20 okay, the applicant wanted to have one more 21 individual present some information regarding the 21 just concerned about more land being set aside 22 22 that's totally tax free, okay, because the OBW limit. Is this something the Board wants to 23 citizens pick up that cost. My understanding is entertain or not? that's not the case with the mitigation land. 24 MS. CHASE: Yes. 24

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MR. DOYLE: Correct. CHAIRMAN PARKER: I think we're all set now. Let's take a five-minute break and then we've got a couple more things to clean up and then we'll --(OFF RECORD)

There's still going to be a tax acquired to it.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: We've got a couple of things that we want to clarify and get cleaned up

9 a little bit. One of them, yesterday in the

10 testimony it talked about the specs for the new

sound equipment that Casella is using and we'd 11

like to see those actually submitted into the 12 13

record so everybody has them. So if we can get

14 those submitted to the record and to the

15 intervenors and whatever, then we'd appreciate 16 that.

MR. DOYLE: This is Rob O'Neal from Epsilon. He's telling me that they're already in the record. They're in Appendix G of what -- so it's Appendix G, the sound level assessment report of Epsilon and within that report it's Appendix B

21 22 in that sound report.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Okay, so the staff 23 24 should have that.

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MR. DOYLE: So it's probably in volume 1,

yes, it's a yes. So we're going to have the applicant present the information but I'm also

going to open it up after the presentation so the

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes,

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4 intervenors can cross if they choose to.

5 MR. DOYLE: Thank you. Toni and Mike,

6 would you come forward? 7

So yesterday morning I think it was --8 afternoon -- afternoon during cross examination,

9 Ms. King was asked principally by Assistant

10 Attorney General Sauer about commenting on an OBW

11 limit, and Toni commented to some length and she

12 would like to -- she has some additional comments

13 about the issue of an OBW limit.

14 MS. KING: Thank you, Tom. For the 15 reasons stated in my pre-filed rebuttal and

16 hearing testimony, we firmly believe a limit on

17 oversize bulky waste received at Juniper Ridge

18 Landfill is not required. It is inappropriate to

attempt to regulate other facilities through 19

20 landfill licenses but that is exactly what the

21 public benefit determination attempted to do with

22 both Maine Energy Recovery Company and KTI

23 Biofuels, Inc., due to a common parent entity. It

is even more inappropriate at this time as the 24

25 circumstances have changed with the change in

- ownership and compliance of ReEnergy Lewiston with 1
- 2 the processing facility recycling rule standards.
- 3 The OBW material is a recycling residual whose
- 4 most appropriate end destination is landfill
- 5 disposal. Limiting residual volumes results in
- 6 limiting recycling initiatives themselves contrary
- 7 to compliance with the Maine Solid Waste
- 8 Hierarchy. Moreover, as stated yesterday,
- 9 limitations reduce the flexibility of businesses
- 10 to adjust to market changes and changes in
- 11 technologies and processes as evidenced by the
- 12 increase in OBW from PERC due to operational
- 13 adjustments. Having said that, a review of the
- 14 record, rather than having an arbitrary limit
- imposed upon us, we would offer our conclusions as 15
- 16 to a potentially acceptable limitation that may
- tend to minimally disrupt Maine's solid waste 17

18 management. 19

Our 2011 annual records indicate our

20 greatest level of acceptance of OBW being

21 approximately 99,000 tons per year. Utilizing a

22 three percent CPI from 2011, this would result in

23 a capacity need of 118,000 tons per year. We

believe this would allow some breathing room that

25 would serve to not hinder businesses and economic

have an outlet for their residues. So it's going 1

to have to go -- and if they keep their capacity

3 the same, it's going to go to another facility.

4 So you're just shifting it from a state-owned

landfill that's licensed to take state waste and

there's only probably one other facility that

7 would agree to take that and it's going to be at a

8 higher tipping fee than it is now because there

9 was a reason the state in the Operating Service

10 Agreement put a cap on tipping fees and that was

11 because at some point the state recognized that

12 there was probably only going to be one landfill

13 in the state and that was going to be state owned.

14 So there was going to be no competition, and if we

have a contract operator, that contract operator 15

16 could charge whatever they want for tipping fees

17 at least in the state and that's going to redirect

18 state -- either state waste out of state if they

19 can sort of cover the transportation costs that

20 that's going to be, it means a higher cost to

21 municipalities, to businesses. So if there's a

22 cap on Juniper Ridge and the processing facilities

23 are still processing the same amount they are now,

24 it's going to go to another commercial landfill

25 until that commercial landfill's capacity has run

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growth and would allow for flexibility to meet the

2 needs of potential changes in technology and

3 market changes that might increase recycling

4 residual disposal requirements. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Thank you. We'll take a

6 couple minutes so they can digest what you said.

7 MR. DOYLE: Mike may have something to

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9 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Stay at the table.

10 We're not going to take that long.

MR. BARDEN: Thank you. Mr. Laubenstein

12 and I have been talking with Casella about this a

13 little bit. We agree with Casella that -- I think

14 it's okay.

15 MR. DOYLE: Is it? It says red.

16 (Referring to microphone).

MR. BARDEN: It's okay, right? So our

18 position is that there should not be a limit and

here's a couple reasons. First of all, this is 19

20 kind of a zero sum game. So either processing

21 facilities are going to reduce their capacities so

22 they're not generating as much revenue, so that

23 means that there probably would be a reduction in

employment and there will probably be no new 24

25 processing facilities coming on line if they don't 1 out and that commercial landfill is going to know

that JRL can't take anymore of that waste so they

can jack up their tipping fee to whatever they

want it to be and Maine businesses and communities

are going to have to pay that higher tipping fee

6 and that's why we don't think it's justified to

7 have a limit on OBW at JRL.

8 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Mr. Spencer, do you have

9 any comments or cross I guess you'd say?

10 MR. SPENCER: Thank you. What's the --

11 this oversize bulky waste, it only comes through a

12 couple of facilities to Juniper Ridge, so what's the approximate percentage of that OBW that

13 14 originates beyond our borders?

15 MS. KING: Oversize bulky waste is a

16 residual from a processing facility. 17 MR. SPENCER: Correct.

18 MS. KING: So the processing facilities

that we accept OBW from are located in Maine and 19

20 OBW is a Maine state waste.

21 MR. SPENCER: Okay. The waste inputs to 22 this or these processing facilities, isn't it true

say, the former KTI originated from out of state?

23 that over 80 percent of that waste stream into,

25 MS. KING: I don't have their annual

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report in front of me, but it's an exhibit to my 1 2 testimony.

3 MR. SPENCER: Am I off by a large amount 4 by saying at least 80 percent?

MS. KING: I don't know.

6 MR. SPENCER: So -- and also, when Casella 7 owned KTI, was -- how did that work? Was there a 8 sorting pile set aside like, you know, you pull

9 the burnables out of it, so was there oversize

bulky waste pile at the facility?

MS. KING: Yes. So ReEnergy has changed the processing techniques since they've taken over the facility from we used to do a positive pick and they do essentially a negative sort, and it's just a different way of obtaining the recyclable commodities from the waste stream. The oversize bulky waste, when we owned KTI Biofuels, it's -it's essentially a larger fraction of front-end

18 19 process residue that PERC would generate. So it's

20 things that are too big and too difficult to

21 manage to put through the processing equipment

22 that are picked out initially from the waste

23 stream that is tipped.

24 MR. SPENCER: Okay, another thing is, you 25

want to use for your baseline for a limit the

give us the most flexibility to meet the solid 1

waste disposal needs of the State of Maine.

3 MR. SPENCER: Do you consider yourself to

be -- not yourself -- Casella and BGS to be in

5 full compliance with the public benefit

6 determination from 2012 at this point?

7 MS. KING: Yes.

MR. SPENCER: Okay, thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Mr. Snowman?

MR. SNOWMAN: Yes. I'd like to ask Ms.

King I guess. This 294 tons, I got -- I got with 11

12 my math 294 tons were generated by PERC. I'll

13 just let you go through my thinking here. In the

14 four years 2010, '11, '12 and '13 I got 294 tons.

I was wondering what percentage in your estimation 15

or how much more OBW was generated in the PERC 16

17 communities that's not accounted for in that 294

18 tons?

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19 MS. KING: So I think we're mixing the 20 different waste types between PERC and KTI 21 Biofuels. So PERC takes primarily municipal solid

22 waste, MSW, and any OBW that comes in in a

23 municipal solid waste load, you know, carpet rolls

or couches or mattresses or appliances, are 24

25 incidental to that load. People have managed to

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99,000 tons a year of OBW that came into Juniper

2 Ridge in 2011, is that right?

3 MS. KING: Yes.

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6 MS. KING: Again, I don't have that in

7 front of me.

> MR. SPENCER: It was 98,000 tons I think the year before. I think two consecutive years it was 98 and 99. Why do you choose the highest year

11 for a baseline?

MS. KING: We're not choosing a baseline.

13 We're choosing a cap, remember.

MR. SPENCER: Okay. We are using a cap but shouldn't the cap -- if a cap is in place, to set some kind of a limit, shouldn't the limit be somewhere between the all-time highest and the

18 all-time lowest?

MS. KING: I don't believe so.

20 MR. SPENCER: So you think -- well, 21 obviously you -- so you think that's fair, that

22 the --

23 MS. KING: Well, let's get this straight.

We don't think that it's fair to have a cap at 24

all; however, this is the cap that we think will 25

1 stuff a roll of carpet into an MSW container or a

load and it's not supposed to be there because

PERC cannot process construction and demolition

debris, they can only process municipal solid

waste. Oversize bulky waste from a facility such 5

as KTI Biofuels or ReEnergy Lewiston which 6

7 processes construction and demolition debris,

quite regularly they receive oversize bulky waste

in a construction and demolition load. It is not

just incidental to their process; it's a portion 10

of their process. 11

12 MR. SNOWMAN: So where would the majority, 13 say, of oversize bulky waste be processed for

14 residents that live in these PERC communities?

15 MS. KING: It's not processed.

16 MR. SNOWMAN: Or -- or -- okay, let me 17 rephrase that. Essentially I want to know how

18 much oversize bulky waste in your estimation is --

I believe there's about 200,000 people that live 19

20 in the PERC communities, if I'm not mistaken, that

21 was some number that -- I could be wrong about

22 that. How much oversize bulky waste is generated

23 by the residents just in -- I won't go to MERC

because I think there was a lot more out-of-state 24

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3 there was less out-of-state garbage going into 4 PERC. That's what I've been told anyway. So I'm

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6 numbers and I'm seeing how low they are and I'm 7 trying to figure out what -- what do these --

MS. KING: Again, the OBW that PERC reports is not representative of the construction and demolition material that is generated by those PERC communities because PERC does not take construction and demolition debris.

MR. SNOWMAN: Okay. So where is it going? Where is the oversize bulky --

MS. KING: It depends on the municipality. 16 So, for instance, a couple weeks ago our Pine Tree Waste hauling companies did a curbside bulky waste collection in Orrington. That went through the Old Town transfer station, which we operate, and it went to -- I believe it went to Juniper Ridge as construction and demolition debris because that's what it is. It's not a processing residual. Being able to do that affords us the opportunity to source separate and recycle some of

MS. KING: No, I don't believe so. It pertains to the expansion which has not yet been approved, one, and two, the audits are supposed to be initiated by DEP not by us. We have agreed to finance those audits as requested in the PBD but we have not received any word that the audits are going to be performed.

MR. KATSIAFICAS: Thank you. We have no position on the amount of the -- I just mentioned what was in the order. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: I've got a question. Maybe you can help me solve a conundrum, I guess. When does municipal solid waste exempt itself from mattresses and from refrigerators and stuff that you're now determining basically are construction and demolition -- construction waste, because in the definition of municipal solid waste, basically municipal solid waste includes everything but the commercial and industrial waste which is produced in the community. If I put a mattress out at the end of my driveway, I think at that time it's a municipal waste, and when does it become nonmunicipal?

MS. KING: So that varies by regulatory subsets, so different states and different

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MR. SNOWMAN: Yeah, I'm just trying -- I'm just trying to get a handle here. There's been no -- I've been at this for many years --

MS. KING: Again, I appreciate the question because I think we're mixing waste streams and what oversize bulky waste exactly is, which is a processing residual from construction and demolition debris processing facilities.

9 MR. SNOWMAN: Okay, thank you. That's it 10 for now.

11 CHAIRMAN PARKER: City of Old Town? 12 MR. KATSIAFICAS: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, we weren't really prepared to talk 13 14 about the public benefit determination seeing as 15 how that was supposed to have been done and behind 16 us. Page 20 of that has the commissioner's 17 findings and it talks about the commissioner 18 stating that if and when a license is issued for the construction and operation of an expansion, 19 20 the Department will calculate such a limit. It

21 also said that if they were shipping over 10,000 22 tons per year OBW to Juniper Ridge there will be

23 an audit. My question would just be, has an audit occurred on the two-year cycle with regard to OBW 24

as seen on page 20 of the commissioner's decision?

1 communities have their own definitions and in the

2 last few decades, those definitions have gotten

tighter and whittled down. As things are able to

be recycled and beneficially reused, they're taken

out from the waste stream definitions. A perfect example is universal and electronic waste, which 6

7 used to be a part of your trash bag, and now

they're not able to be picked up in your trash

9 bag. You're not supposed to put a car battery in

10 your trash bag, for instance. That's a universal

11 waste that needs to be handled differently. So I

12 -- I'm not sure what community you reside in, but

I would hazard a guess as to say that whoever 13

14 picks up your curbside trash is not also going to

15 pick up a mattress on the same day. Typically our

16 communities in Maine have -- if they have curbside

17 pickup, they have separate bulky waste cleanup

days, they have separate leaf and yard waste 18

pickup days and they have ordinarily a place to 19

20 drop off source separated materials like universal

21 and electronic waste, construction and demolition

22 debris, another -- other various subsets of your

23 waste stream.

24 CHAIRMAN PARKER: I hear what you're 25 saying but my community may decide it's going to

have a time to pick up the large items which you 1

can't put in a packer truck but that doesn't 2

3 change its definition from being a municipal waste

4 to a construction or demolition debris waste or to

a commercial waste. It's still a municipal waste

6 that's generated, and my community may choose not

7 to put it in the same truck because it may not fit

8 but that doesn't change the definition of it and

9 that's what I'm trying to toy with is when a

10 definition comes in to the OBD being something

separate from municipal waste which I don't think 11

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MR. DOYLE: I think if you look at the definitions in Chapter 400 of the Department's rules, there are separate definitions for municipal solid waste, construction and demolition debris and bulky waste. They are separately defined.

18 19 CHAIRMAN PARKER: I've been reading the 20 definitions and I will I guess politely disagree with you, okay, in my interpretation of how it's 21 worded but I just wanted to see what your thoughts 22 were on it as to how you define it, okay? Because that's something we're going to have to probably 24 25 discuss of how we deal with the OBD and the OBD is

refrigerator, your couch or your mattress. That 1 is oversize bulky waste which is a subset of 3 construction and demolition debris.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: I will disagree with you 4 and we'll move on because the definition doesn't 5 say that. When my refrigerator comes out of my 6 7 household, it's a municipal solid waste, okay?

8 MS. KING: I think that part of the 9 confusion is the way you're looking at municipal 10 and commercial. Just because it's not considered a municipal solid waste, construction and 11 12 demolition debris is not always commercial or 13 industrial. If we -- if we, you know, demo a 14 house, a residential house, it's still construction and demolition debris. It's not 15 16 necessarily commercial or industrial but it's not MSW.

17 18 MS. CHASE: Can I break in? 19 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Yes, please. 20 MS. CHASE: Right here I have on page --

21 it's number 5 and it's under the Maine Department 22 of Environmental Protection under solid waste 23 generation characterization, and the paragraph

24 clearly says "Maine's solid waste management

25 infrastructure includes municipal, commercial and

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a nice acronym because it tells you basically what

we're talking about but it's a different acronym 2

if it comes from a municipality or it comes 3

imported through a transfer facility where they're 4

5 handling commercial products. It's -- it's -- in

6 my opinion, and I'm only one person, okay? It

7 says -- just to follow up a little, municipal

8 solid waste means solid waste emanating from a

9 household and normal commercial sources. I

10 exempted commercial. I said my household. If I'm

going to throw out a sofa that comes out of my 11

12 household, it doesn't come out of an industrial

processor. So at that point it's a municipal 13

14 solid waste. How my municipality handles it, they

15 may prohibit me from putting it in one truck and

16 it has to go in another.

> MR. DOYLE: I think the way it's -- I think the way it's been interpreted under the rules -- is this on -- I believe the way it's been

20 interpreted under those rules and the Department's 21 historic interpretation is that the type of normal

22 household waste that you put out on the curbside

23 on a weekly basis, which is trash, and the type of

waste that will be generated at this -- at this 24

convention center today, does not include your

1 private industrial waste handling facilities," and

in this it says waste "MSW is waste that is

typically generated by household and commercial

businesses," which would include mattresses,

couches --5

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6 MS. KING: No.

MR. DOYLE: No.

MS. CHASE: Because underneath 8

9 construction and demolition is a completely

10 different category.

MS. KING: That's right.

12 MS. CHASE: No, I mean, different from what they're saying is municipal solid waste. 13

14 MS. KING: That's right.

15 MR. DOYLE: They separate them.

MS. KING: So the commercial portion of

17 MSW would be essentially the --

MR. EASTLER: Get closer.

19 MS. KING: Is it on? So the commercial 20 clause in that MSW would essentially be, you know

21 when you go to a business, you know, a nail salon

22 and they have -- they have a dumpster out back,

and that's where they walk outside at the end of 23

the day and throw their trash bag in. That's the

25 commercial portion of the municipal solid waste

definition. 1 2 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Any further questions 3 from the Board? 4 MS. CHASE: I would like a real clarification on that because it doesn't read that 5 6

way and I think it -- you know, clearly I think 7 somewhere along the line household goods gets mixed in with demolition, and I don't think that 8 9 -- I think that -- in order for us to continue, it's so confusing, I'm hearing two different

10 things, that it would be nice if we have a really 11 12 good clarification on that I would think. 13

MR. DOYLE: If you -- if you --

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Any other questions?

MR. DOYLE: If you look at the -- if you 15 16 look at the Maine Materials Management Plan, which

is the state's solid waste management plan issued

in 2014, on page 5 it gives a paragraph solid 18

19 waste generation and characterization. Table 1,

20 2012 Maine solid waste types and amounts, first

21 category, municipal solid waste, generation

22 1,307,787, second category, construction and

23 demolition debris, CDD, wood waste, land clearing

24 debris, 438,133.

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25 MS. CHASE: Right, I have that.

118,000 tons per year as a final cap? 1

2 MS. KING: We're suggesting 118,000 final.

3 MR. BURNS: All right. One other -- here

we go again. All right, here we go. My other

question regarding the 118,000 ton per year cap,

usually when I think of things like this there's

7 some sort of confidence interval or level of risk

associated with establishing a numerical limit.

Did you evaluate what the level of risk might be

10 to businesses wanting to bring material that maybe

puts you over the cap? 11

12 MS. KING: We did. I mean, we haven't had 13 a long time to take a look at this in any great

14 detail, but if you -- if you look at the

15 propensity for actual construction and demolition

16 debris recycling and other processing facilities

17 in the State of Maine, we're fairly comfortable

18 that we'll maintain enough flexibility underneath

that cap to be able to serve the needs of the 19

20 State of Maine.

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21 MR. BURNS: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Any further questions?

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23 No redirect, no recross or whatever?

24 MR. SPENCER: Thanks. We may be just 25

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MR. DOYLE: Two separate waste categories or two different types of wastes.

MS. CHASE: That's what I said. 3

4 MR. DOYLE: Well --

5 CHAIRMAN PARKER: I think at this time

6 we'll stop the debate and we'll ask the Department 7 to review the definitions because I'm certainly

8 not going to be convinced by your argument and

9 you're not going to be convinced by mine. So

10 let's move on and I think as Kathy said, let's try

11 to get a better definition of what is -- I guess

12 what is what, okay?

MR. DOYLE: Okay.

14 CHAIRMAN PARKER: Any further -- oh,

15 Alvin, he had a question.

MR. AHLERS: I think you're --

17 CHAIRMAN PARKER: You're all set? Okay,

18 he's all set. Staff?

MR. BURNS: I just want to ask a 19

20 clarifying question so that I can understand with

21 all due respect to you not wanting a cap on this. 22 You had proposed the 99,000 tons per year, and

then the Consumer Price Index associated with 23

that. Are you suggesting that that is an annual 24

moving cap or did you suggest that it would be

1 separate the issues somehow, but I heard about a

town pickup in Orrington or something of oversize

bulky waste that comes then to the Old Town

transfer station, if I heard it right. 4

MS. KING: No, you didn't hear that right. 5

It was a pickup of bulky waste. 6

MR. SPENCER: Bulky waste.

8 MS. KING: Yes.

9 MR. SPENCER: And what was the town again?

MS. KING: Orrington.

11 MR. SPENCER: Okay, Orrington. Bulky

12 waste and that goes to the Old Town transfer

13 station and then to Juniper Ridge?

14 MS. KING: For consolidation, yes.

15 MR. SPENCER: Okay. So there isn't any 16 processing done along the way? There's no waste

17 reduction?

18 MS. KING: No, no, there's removal of

19 recyclables at all of our transfer stations, yes. 20 MR. SPENCER: Right, but the -- but was

21 anything removed from it with the bulky waste? 22 Bulky waste comes in, does stuff come out of it?

23 MS. KING: So we obviously don't landfill

things like appliances, for instance. So the 24

25 appliances were removed from the bulky waste

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MR. SPENCER: Right, and then you said something -- I can't remember exactly what question prompted you but it was something about rules varying by state and I think I heard you say it has been tightened in some places, which has caused some changes?

MS. KING: I don't recall saying that but rules certainly do vary by state, yes.

MR. SPENCER: Okay, I'll get it off the transcript. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: I think that's all the questions. City of Old Town, do you have any?

MR. KATSIAFICAS: We have no questions.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Well, I believe if that's the case, we've pretty well concluded our business at this hearing.

First of all, I want to compliment everybody for being professional and straightforward and expressing their opinions because we have a difficult job to deal with and being civil is a very, very important part of how

MS. BERTOCCI: Do the parties -- I'm asking whether or not the parties feel they need to have a transcript available to them before drafting and submitting your brief.

MR. SPENCER: Speaking for myself, yes.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Okay.

MR. DOYLE: Sure.

MS. BERTOCCI: So the Chairman will take that all into consideration after we consult with Ms. Alley. Okay.

CHAIRMAN PARKER: Well, I think I've already concluded the hearing, so thank you.

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well your presentation is received, and I want to thank you all for that. At this time I would adjourn the -- yeah, adjourn the public hearing.

MR. SPENCER: Were we going to set a date for -- were we going to set a date for final briefs? One question possibly related, about when will the transcript be available?

MS. BERTOCCI: I would respond that our intention was to set a date. I have not conferred regarding the time it's going to take to process the transcript so I think I will speak with Ms. Alley and the Chairman will then set a date for the submission of those briefs and we'll get back to you shortly on that.

MR. SPENCER: Would you hazard a guess if it's before or after Veterans Day weekend?

CHAIRMAN PARKER: We don't know.

MS. BERTOCCI: I will speak with Ms. Alley after she has an opportunity to look at the work in front of her and we will get back to you promptly. I am assuming that the parties are interested in having the transcript available before you have to submit your brief, is that -is that a request or --

MR. SPENCER: Excuse me?

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CERTIFICATE

3 I, Joanne P. Alley, a Notary Public in and for the State of Maine, hereby certify that on the 18th and 19th days of October 2016, personally appeared 6 before me the above witnesses who were sworn to 7 testify to the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in the aforementioned cause of action and that the foregoing is a true and accurate record as 10 taken by me by means of computer-aided machine 11 shorthand. 12

I further certify that I am a disinterested person in the event or outcome of the aforementioned cause of action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of November, 2016.

Joanne P. Alley

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