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3 WITNESS: Maurice Quillen PAGE	2	PROCEEDINGS
CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. DAWSON	3	DIRECTOR NURU: I will call this hearing to
WITNESS: Dan Negron	4	order. Good morning, everyone. I am Mohammed Nuru,
5 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. PEARCE	5	Director of the Department of Public Works for the City
CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. DAWSON		
WITNESS: Minna Tao 7 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. PEARCE	6	and County of San Francisco.
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8 MITNESS, Maurice Orillan (contd.)	8	Director's Hearing on Recology's Application for an
WITNESS: Maurice Quillen (cont'd) 9 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. HUGHES 194	9	Increase in Residential Refuse Collection and Disposal
CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. DAWSON 208	10	Rates. Today's Wednesday, March 15th. The addenda for
10 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. HUGHES		today is on the front table. As in every hearing, we
11 EXAMINATION BY MR. JONES 221		will reserve the last period for public comment.
12 WITNESS: Dan Negron (cont'd) EXAMINATION BY MR. JONES		
13	13	You may also convey your comments to the
PUBLIC COMMENT BY MARC CHRISTENSEN 231	14	Ratepayer Advocate, Mr. Dwayne Jones. I appreciate your
PUBLIC COMMENT BY TOM WILLIAMS 235	15	patience as we review the details of the application.
PUBLIC COMMENT BY DAVID PILPEL 236	16	Based on the progress we've made last week, the order of
16	17	business this morning is as follows:
17 18 EXHIBITS	18	We'll start the hearing with some followup
19 NO. PAGE		questions from City staff, followed by Recology's
20 1A Recology 2017 Rate Application Binder 135		
[Recology] 21 22 RPA Directors Hearing 1 Presentation 133	20	presentation of program changes and capital
[Ratepayers]	21	improvements. City staff and the Ratepayer Advocate may
22 23 RSF Historical and Projected Head Count 140 [City]	22	have questions on any of the items covered to date.
23 24 Route Modeling Methodology 150	23	We will then open the hearing to public comment.
[Recology] 24 25 Today vs. Future Routes	24	Today's hearing is scheduled to end at around
[Recology]	25	11 o'clock, so I'll keep things moving along to make
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1	sure we cover all of the topics on the agenda. Before	1	application; so I've made several copies of the disc of
2	we start cross-examination, I believe the Ratepayer	2	the entire rate application. I'd like to offer it as
3	Advocate has an item to enter into the record.	3	Exhibit 1A.
4	MR. JONES: Good morning, Director Nuru.	4	MR. PRADHAN: Admitted. Thank you.
5	Again, Dwayne Jones, Ratepayer Advocate.	5	(Exhibit 1A, "Recology 2017 Rate Application
6	I'd like to introduce into evidence the	6	Binder [Recology]," was admitted into
7	PowerPoint presentation that we made at the first	7	evidence.)
8	ratepayer hearing. And let's see that's it.	8	MS. DAWSON: I believe those are all the
9	MR. PRADHAN: That would be Exhibit 22 entered	9	corrected exhibits we have.
10	into evidence.	10	DIRECTOR NURU: Okay, thank you.
11	(Exhibit 22, "RPA Directors Hearing 1	11	Okay. I believe Ms. Dawson has a couple of
12	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	12	follow-up questions for the Company. Please proceed.
13	Presentation [Ratepayers]" was admitted into evidence.)	13	MS. DAWSON: Thank you, Mr. Nuru.
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14 15	DIRECTOR NURU: Okay. Thank you.		Julia Dawson. I'd like to ask Mr. Maurice
	Okay. Also, I believe the Company wishes to	15	Quillen to come back up for some follow-up questions.
16	offer several corrected versions for the items entered	16	(Mr. Quillen steps up to the witness stand.)
17	into the record last week. If you could, please	17	MAURICE QUILLEN,
18	identify them and give them to the clerk.	18	having been previously duly sworn,
19	MR. PRADHAN: And excuse me.	19	was examined and testified as follows:
20	Counsel, as we go through these, just to make	20	CROSS-EXAMINATION
21	the record clear, if you could specify any ways in which	21	BY MS. DAWSON:
22	the exhibits are different.	22	Q. Good morning. Okay, so I'd like to start our
23	MS. PEARCE: Absolutely. Thank you.	23	morning with some follow-up questions on Recology
24	Yes, we have a couple of corrected exhibits.	24	San Francisco projects and operations.
25	The first one is Exhibit 2. I believe that I think	25	So in your testimony last week, you said that
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1	the 17th or 10th page of the old sybibit included a note	1	with the installation of new equipment at Beautic
1	the 17th or 18th page of the old exhibit included a note	1 2	with the installation of new equipment at Recycle Central, Recology can now process up to 45 tons per
2	that was inadvertently left in there; so that has been removed. This is the Rate "2017 Rate Application	3	
4	Technical Workshop Presentation." I will hand that up.	4	hour; correct? A. Correct.
5	And the next exhibit we'd like to correct is	5	Q. Okay. So I'm trying to clarify some of the
6		6	back-and-forth we had last week. So I'm looking for
7	Exhibit 9, which I believe page 3 and 4 of the original or 2 and 3 of the original letter were	7	an estimate of the daily processing capacity of Recycle
8	-	8	Central. So if Recology were to operate two shifts a
9	inadvertently left off of that exhibit; so now I have a		
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Which adds about 30% to 50% capacity to process recyclables. Are there any other constraints that we should consider that would prevent Recology from being able to achieve that kind of throughput at **Recycle Central?**

A. I'm fairly confident that we can operate the facility with two shifts of approximately 14 hours of time. Running the facility for three shifts could be a bit challenging.

Right now what we do from the operation 15 standpoint is we generally focus our 3rd shift on maintenance. The equipment is fairly complex and requires quite a bit of care to keep it operating properly.

19 Generally, we have a lot of disc screens, 20 vibrating screens, vacuum systems, mechanical pieces 21 of equipment that need regular maintenance; so I'm very comfortable that we can operate this system for 23 two hours -- excuse me, to two shifts during the week.

24 And then we can sometimes stretch those shifts a few

25 hours into the overtime realm.

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1 A. Yeah. I think from the tonnage standpoint is 2 to say it's been relatively flat. But I think what we 3 need to understand is that we're really not processing tonnage insomuch as we're processing volume. 5

When we talk about the Amazon Effect or all the small bits of cardboard, I think it's more of an anecdotal type of a situation where when we first built the facility and you'd step back and look at the pile on the tipping floor, it was this gray pile of 10 newspaper. It had a lot of glass and it had a lot of 11 cans and bottles.

Then you fast-forward 10-15 years, that pile literally is beige. It looks like the cover of our rate application. And what's happened during that period of time is there's quite a bit less newspaper in the waste stream than what we were experiencing.

17 The container industry has gone through 18 serious manufacturing changes. Lightweighting models, 19 the transition from glass to plastic and almost all 20 consumer products has become quite prolific. Also, 21 we're seeing the introduction of lighter containers such 22 the aseptics which are displacing heavier glass or 23 plastic containers. So while we may similar tonnage, we 24 have significantly more volume. 25

Q. Okay, thank you. So I'm going to move to a Page 139

But to assume a three-shift-per-day operation, 1 2 I think, would be highly unlikely given the nature of the equipment. 3 4

Q. Okay. So two shifts, we'd be at 630 tons per day; and you think you could maybe achieve a little more than that, but it would be limited to maybe an hour or two of overtime beyond that point?

Correct.

Q. Okay. All right. So in your earlier testimony, I think maybe you, Mr. Arsenault and Mr. Negron -- I think it was probability Mr. Arsenault more correctly, but I suspect you can speak to this. We were talking about the Amazon Effect that's contributing be to changes in the materials that are being received at Recycle Central.

But when we looked at the tonnage figures which were included in Exhibit 2 -- or are in Exhibit 2, I believe, part of the technical workshop had a tonnage chart and I reintroduced it later as, I think, Exhibit

21 So there's really not -- there's been almost 22 no growth in the total volume of recyclables that have 23 been collected over the last five years. Can you clarify why we're seeing this type of discrepancy in the data on recyclable tonnage?

slightly different topic. And actually at this time,

I'm going to want to talk a little bit about the changes in labor since the last application and some of the proposed new positions you have for rate year 2018. 4

So generally, according to the application, labor and benefits represent nearly 65% of operating costs to both Recology San Francisco and the companies.

Does that sound generally correct?

Generally, yes.

10 MS. DAWSON: Okay. So at that this time I'd actually like to introduce an exhibit. On head count, 11 12 our financial consultants at R3 have helped us prepare a summary that's based on Schedule G.1 in Recology 13 14 San Francisco's section of the application called. 15 essentially, "Historical and Projected Head Count."

16 And I'd like to offer this as the next

17 exhibit.

18 MR. PRADHAN: This document will be admitted 19 as Exhibit 23.

20 (Exhibit 23, "RSF Historical and Projected 21 Head Count [City]," was admitted into 22 evidence.)

23 BY MS. DAWSON:

> Q. Okay. So this table identifies positions by functional area that were approved in the 2013

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Director's Order, and then it shows -- compiles 2 the total head count from Recology San Francisco's 2 3 Schedule G.1 for rate years 2014 through 2018. So I'd like to make sure first that I 4 5 5 understand how total head count has grown from 421 in 6 rate year 2014 to an estimated 451 in rate year 2017. 6 7 Most of that growth has occurred in the last year 7 8 8 between rate years '16 and '17. 9 So I understand that the number of drivers 9 10 performing hauling services has increased as a result of 10 11 the longer driving distance to the new landfill 11 12 12 location. Can you explain the operational changes that 13 have been occurring at the transfer station and Recycle 13 14 Central that have led to the addition of more than 20 15 positions in the last year? 16 16 Well it needs to be, I think, looked at from 17 17

a business unit standpoint. And obviously, you've discussed the hauling component. As a result of the landfill, the iMRF is slightly down. Recycle Central is

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You know, it's difficult to sort of do this 22 type of analysis without really understanding what's going on in each of the business units. Generally the tonnage at the facilities is what's driving the increase in head count.

to guess right now, which I really don't want to do,

I would imagine that most of that transfer station

personnel would be driven by the tonnage associated with

our public reuse and recycling area.

We've seen some fairly extraordinary tonnage through that facility over the last few years, and I would suspect that that tonnage is the predominant or primary factor for driving the change in the head count

of transportation.

Q. Okay. Well if you could --

A. I'll get back to you with that.

Q. Thank you. Okay. So let's move on to rate year 2018. You've requested another ten positions based

on head count; five more at Recycle Central, two to

handle household Hazardous Waste, and three more at the

transfer station. Can you please describe for us the

need for those positions?

18 A. Yeah. The Recycle Central operation, as part 19 of our new sorting equipment, we will be bringing on new

20 commodities -- textiles, film plastic, also metal and

21 wood. While we generally get all of these materials in

22 the mix right now, it was contemplated that we would

23 be -- as we roll out the new collection program,

advertising the acceptance of these products and

therefore getting that material across the line.

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1 In addition to the tonnage, we also have a workforce that ages. And as the workforce ages, we 2 accrue additional vacation liability and we need to replace positions for vacation liability. So as more 4 senior employees get their next bump in vacation, at the end of the day that can increase the number of employees 6 required to operate the lines. From the administrative 8 standpoint, we're dealing with things slightly differently. We've moved some head count around. 10 Also, when we look at the math issue you're

looking at here, this is generally the actual head

which really helps us show the allocation of the

count, whereas we performed sort of an FTE distribution

employees and what they do. So when you look at the

15 general head count like this and you've got the sick and 16 the vacation and all those factors driving this, whereas 17 the FTE numbers are slightly different. 18 Q. Are you able to speak at all to the change in 19 head count at the transfer station in particular? Or it 20 is it just you're trading off? I did note that the iMRF 21 numbers had gone down and I just wondered whether you'd 22 been transferring around. But it would be helpful to 23 understand a little bit more.

24 A. I would have to get back to you on that. 25 I honestly don't have that answer. I mean, if I had

We now have a 14-person pre-sort, whereas in 1 2 the past we had an 8-person pre-sort; so we need more people to staff the pre-sort, to deal with the textiles 3

4 and the film plastic. We also have an additional person

5 there to operate -- a maintenance operator to work on

6 the equipment.

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Q. Okay. And can you speak to the proposal around hazardous -- household Hazardous Waste and any other -- I know there's one particular transfer station.

10 I don't know if you know exactly what that is or whether you want to get back to us, which is fine. 11

12 A. The household Hazardous Waste is going be a 13 replacement for one individual. And also, we're

contemplating putting another collection truck out on

15 the route to collect the household Hazardous Waste from

16 the general public through our on-call collection 17 service

18 The Transfer Station, I do not have. But

19 that's a complicated business unit because the employees work across multiple functions. I don't know what that

21 position would specifically be.

Q. Okay. Well, if you could --

23 I'll get back to you.

2.4 Yeah, do a little more research on Transfer

Station, and then I'll have you come back and answer

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those questions at a later hearing. blue bins to see if we gain some operational 2 MS. DAWSON: Those are all the guestions I 2 efficiencies there. 3 3 Q. So by a "dual-tipper," you mean it can tip two have for now. (Mr. Quillen steps down from the 4 4 bins at one time? 5 A. That's correct. witness stand.) 5 6 DIRECTOR NURU: Okay. Let's have the Company 6 Q. And what were the key takeaways from this 7 proceed with your presentation of program changes and 7 pilot program in the Sunset District in 2015? 8 A. We learned quickly that the driver times were capital improvements. I believe when we left off, we 8 9 left with Mr. Negron of Sunset Recology. a big factor. We learned that when we put the original 10 Mr. Negron, come back up to the stand. 10 six single-stream blue recycling routes, although our 11 (Mr. Negron steps up to the witness stand.) 11 computer system RouteSmart has suggested that we go with 12 12 DAN NEGRON, seven, I wanted to see if the operations can handle six. 13 having been previously duly sworn, 13 It moved those guys to significant hours of 14 was examined and testified as follows: 14 10 to 12 hours days. And in some cases we couldn't 15 DIRECT EXAMINATION 15 finish the routes, so we had to send auxiliary help to 16 BY MS. PEARCE: get those customers picked up for the day's service. 16 17 17 Q. Good morning, Mr. Negron. We also learned -- also kind of learned that I 18 A. Good morning. 18 trusted RouteSmart. So I'm an operational guv. I've 19 Q. Last week we were leaving off -- when we left 19 been doing it all my life and with a no. 2 pencil and 20 20 crayons. And then when I introduced this technology, off, we were discussing the changeover in truck 21 configurations, the changeover proposed to use the 21 we wanted to trust, but verify. 22 2.2 single-chamber trucks to collect blue bin material and And so in this case we trusted the system and it hat produced seven routes, which was what the 23 split-chamber trucks to collect the black and the green 23 material. And I was starting to ask you about what sort 24 original plan was, although I told the guys to do six. 25 of research did you do to explore how this configuration So I learned that we need to build these routes very Page 147 Page 145 1 precisely and very tight. 1 would actually work out in the field. 2 2 A. Yes. So in 2015 we ran about 11 existing We also learned routing efficiencies. 3 black/blue routes and converted them to black/green, We learned that when we put the trash with the compost, 4 we learned that the guys -- the split-body guys were 4 specifically in the Sunset District. And we also tested 5 5 six single-chamber -- converted six single-chamber running around 41 hours per week. They dropped to 6 organic trucks and made them blue recycling routes. 6 between 32 and 34 hours. And so there is some 7 7 And we ran them for a couple of reasons. efficiencies there as far as them picking up two out of 8 We needed to understand how many stops the drivers can every three on the green, and allows me to really upload make in this new configuration. their tonnage capacity -- load capacities for the trucks 10 10 so they can pick up as much as they can on the trash We needed to understand the capacity as far as 11 putting the black and the compost in the split-bodies 11 12 And we also learned that it's really nice for 12 and then putting the recyclables -- the bulky items that 13 the split-bodies to go to one location. They don't need 13 Maurice talked about earlier as far as the 14 composite-type of materials that we're getting today in to go 12 miles to Pier 96 or Recycle Central and turn around and drive to the transfer station. The drivers 15 15 the single-chamber collection vehicles. 16 We needed to understand the compost as far as 16 are real happy to just go one-stop-shop and dump in both 17 the setouts. You know, we're seeing that for every 17 chambers. 18 Q. So let me just make sure I understand that 18 three customers, two of them are setting out; so we understand that dynamic as it mixes -- as it's 19 last point. When the split-body collection trucks are 19 20 collecting blue and black bin material together, they co-collected with the trash in the split-bodies. 21 21 And we also wanted to test out a dual-tipper have to make two stops in order to dump those materials? 22 system. So the single-chamber recycling -- the organics 22 A. Yes, yes. They have to -- once they're done, 23 23 they have to travel down Cargo Street to Recycle routes were originally picking up -- had just one tipper assembly dumping one toter. I wanted the operational Central, dump their recyclables, and then double back to the Tunnel and Beatty facility to dispose of the trash. guys to experience a dual-tipper system for the single

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Q. And under the new proposed configuration, the We have "Service Time" components where 1 2 black and the green will be collected together and they 2 specifically for service time, it's the time that the 3 will only go to Tunnel Road; is that right? 3 person -- the driver gets out of the vehicle, services 4 A. That's correct. 4 the customer, and returns to the vehicle and proceeds to 5 Q. I understand that Recology's proposing adding 5 the next stop. 6 23 new routes. If this configuration -- this new truck 6 We have "Travel Time," the distance that it 7 configuration goes forward. How did you come up with 7 takes from leaving the main yard to the first stop, the 8 8 number 23 routes? distance that it travels when the route's complete and A. A lot of people ask me that question. 9 it goes to dump, and then the distance back to the 10 I can tell you routing, generally speaking, is a 10 facility. very challenging process for 140,000 customers or 11 The "Facility Time," which is basically 12 accounts, dealing with both apartments, commercial and when they're at the facility, either at Pier -- excuse 12 13 residential. But the simple answer with is we collected 13 me, Recycle Central or Tunnel and Beatty, the process of 14 key information. We ran it through our RouteSmart 14 dumping the vehicle, and then getting it back to the 15 software and came up with some new route proposals. 15 park-and-stall. 16 Q. And I understand this is a complicated 16 And then the "Idle Time." Those requirements, 17 process. I want to try to walk through it just a little 17 two 15-minute breaks, 30-minute lunch, along with the 18 bit from a high level. I understand you put together 18 required DOT -- Department of Transportation safety 19 something to try explain this process; is that right? 19 pre-trip inspection and post-trip inspections. So those 20 20 A. Yes. are specific to times. 21 21 (Exhibit 24 is displayed.) Then we considered the weights. And we 22 BY MS. PEARCE: 22 considered -- we took a rolling average of what we're Q. And is this something that you've prepared to 23 23 doing today as far as collection tonnage, and we divide 24 help explain the route-modeling methodology that you've 24 that by the number of customers, and then we look at 25 used? their service type -- 32 gallon, 64, 96 gallon -- and we Page 149 Page 151 1 come with an average weight so that the system can A. Yes. 2 2 really calculate for us on the back end what they think MS. DAWSON: Counsel, that's hard to see that. 3 3 the load's going to be at the end of the optimization Do you also have --4 4 MS. PEARCE: I do, yes. And I'll introduce process. 5 this as an exhibit, Exhibit 24. 5 Then we looked at the legal capacity. We need 6 MR. PRADHAN: 24 is right. 6 to make sure that our vehicles are in compliance with 7 MS. PEARCE: All right. I move to admit 7 gross vehicle weight. 8 Exhibit 24. 8 And then we look at the collection vehicle 9 MR. PRADHAN: Admitted. 9 type. And we have two main types of vehicles. We have 10 (Exhibit 24, "Route Modeling Methodology 10 those vehicles, basically 9 tons, 28-yard big collection 11 [Recology]," was admitted into evidence.) 11 trucks that are out in the avenues; and then we have the 12 little bit smaller vehicles that are for the tight 12 BY MS. PEARCE: 13 Q. All right. If you could explain a little bit 13 streets in Chinatown and the Mission and those areas. 14 about what this slide shows. 14 We take all those variables, we run it through 15 15 A. So the left side shows the information that we RouteSmart. In the back end, the system will tell me, gathered prior to inputting it in RouteSmart, and then 16 "Okay Dan, this is what you need: You need X amount of 17 we run it through the RouteSmart system or the advanced 17 blue single-chamber vehicles based on those variables," 18 18 optimization software, and then we end up with the the number of black and green split-bodies, and it gives 19 19 output. Specifically, there are five main components to me the estimated service times, travel times, all those 20 the input side. We identify the customer types; so "R" 2.0 components. It tells me the number of vehicles and represents residential accounts, "A" is apartments, and 21 tells me the number of drivers. "C" is commercial. And each one of those have unique 22 Q. Do you have the capability in RouteSmart to, 23 23 for example, try to see if you can complete the routes collection and time and distance and time motion requirements based on inside service all the way to 24 that you need to complete with only 20 new routes as opposed to 23 new routes, for example? 25 100 feet or greater with apartments and/or commercial. Page 150 Page 152

1 A. We have the capability of looking at some of the drivers are working more efficiently because there's 2 2 less setouts as far as the green -- the under ton that I the variables and try to run it as lean as possible, and 3 we did the run this exercise. We have been working on described earlier, 32 hours. this model for six months or greater. 4 So I was able to reduce it to 13 and really 5 5 And so right now with the 23-route model, repurpose those vehicles for single-stream in support of 6 the future single-chamber recycling. 6 we're running at about 8.03 hours is what we're 7 7 Q. Right. And I'm -- under the bottom half, it estimating is going to be the future for the drivers 8 from start to finish. But if we were to run a scenario looks like you've got 48, currently, single-chamber 9 like to your question, a 20, I'd have to go back, run organics routes. In the future, you're proposing 83 single-chamber recycling routes. So you still need to 10 the analysis, and most likely the drivers will be out 10 increase the number of recycling routes above the 11 there much greater than 8 hours. 11 12 12 Q. I'd like now to take a look at what your current single-chamber routes; is that right? 13 overall collection operations will look like after the 13 A. Yes. We still need to increase -- to my 14 proposed migration is complete. point earlier, that the recycling stops are going to 15 15 (Exhibit 25 is displayed.) grow significantly where basically everyone puts their 16 **BY MS. PEARCE:** 16 materials out. But we're also -- because I modeled it 17 17 Q. Again, this is a slide. And I believe -as far as the dual-tipper, we're able to service two 18 have you prepared this slide to summarize today's 18 blues at the same time. I still believe the system is 19 collection processes versus the future collection 19 showing me that we need significantly less 20 20 operations? single-chambers than we do split-bodies for servicing 21 A. Yes. 21 the same accounts. 22 22 Q. Right. You've got 106 split-chamber routes MS. PEARCE: I'd move to admit this as 23 Exhibit 25. 23 planned and only 83 for --24 24 A. And only 83. Because there are some MR. PRADHAN: Admitted. 25 25 efficiencies that we are going build into the (Exhibit 25, "Today vs. Future Routes Page 153 Page 155 [Recology]," was admitted into evidence.) single-chamber collection system. 1 1 2 2 BY MS. PEARCE: Q. Let's talk about the tonnage changes that are Q. All right. Just very generally first, can you featured on this slide as well. Specifically on the 3 3 "Future Tonnage Projections," I see that for the trash 4 tell me what the left side and the right side of this 4 5 slide depicts? and composting tonnage, together you're projecting that A. The left side represents what we're actually 6 6 you'll have an average of 4.47 tons of trash collected. 7 doing today, and these are average -- our rolling 7 Is that per route? 8 averages over the previous 12 months leading up to 8 A. That's correct. today. And the right side is with RouteSmart 9 Q. And 3.67 of compost per route as well. 10 optimization. This will be the future. 10 What's the capacity of those vehicles and how does Q. So the right side -- well, you've got sort of 11 11 that tonnage compare to the capacity? 12 12 four areas here. The left side on the "Today" shows, A. So in general, those -- that truck would for example, 119 split-chamber blue/black recycling 13 13 probably bring in about 9 tons -- at legal capacity, 14 routes. And it looks like under the "Proposed Changes," 9-9.5. In this case, our model's saying they're going 15 you are proposing 106 split-chamber black/green routes. 15 to come in around 8 tons; so we do have built-in 16 Why are you able to lower the number of 16 capacity of a ton or slightly greater. 17 17 split-chamber routes? But honestly, we're going to be -- when the 18 18 A. Well, going back to the pilot, we learned --16 gallon, the focus is on trash. So when we roll the 19 19 so we reduced the split-body chambers by 13 collection 16 gallon out, we estimate that the trash tonnage will 20 vehicles. And that's just optimizing as far as two main be reduced and give us even greater capacity as far as 21 21 components. Like I said earlier, when you put the the gross vehicle weight for the vehicle to be able to compost together with the trash, you gain efficiencies 22 collect the same materials on the other side of the as far as reaching the capacity of vehicle. And so 23 chamber. 24 Q. And then let's look at the tonnage that you're you're really optimizing that maximum -- let's just say 9 tons per load with the more dense material. Also, estimating for the recycling. "Single-chamber vehicles, Page 154 Page 156

4.07 tons per route." 1 Exhibit 26. 2 What would be the capacity for those 2 MR. PRADHAN: Exhibit 26 will be admitted. 3 3 single-chamber vehicles to collect recycling? (Exhibit 26, "Weight Migration Slide 4 4 A. So it's same vehicle, technically; so they [Recology]," was admitted into evidence.) 5 5 would technically be able to bring in 9 tons. But what (Exhibit 26 is displayed.) 6 6 we learned in the pilot is when you're dealing with the BY MS. PEARCE: 7 Q. All right. Mr. Negron, if you could describe recyclable materials that we're picking up today, the 8 best that we were going to get was, in the test, was this slide for us and what it depicts. 6 tons. And that's really a cube that's coming out the 9 A. So on the left side is what we're averaging as 10 10 back side of the truck. So we had built capacity into far as per-day collections, again, rolling over the 11 the system. We averaged the system saying 4 tons; so we 11 previous 12 months. And then the future with the new 12 have about 2-ton capacity in the system to support any 12 system that we're proposing, we're looking at a 10% 13 migration or any growth. 13 reduction in trash, which is really our main focus is to 14 Q. All right. I'd like to talk about how and 14 really drive trash downward. And then as a result of 15 15 when the changes that you're proposing on the default the trash reduction, we're estimating a 7% increase in 16 bins and truck's configuration, how will that be rolled 16 recycling and another 9% in compost for the future. 17 out and when? 17 Q. And what's the effect of that -- these 18 18 A. We have been planning for a July 1 rollout. changes, as far as trips to the landfill? 19 Again, we partnered with San Francisco Environment and 19 A. Well, accommodation -- focusing on the 20 Public Works. It's a two-year rollout plan. We have 20 improvements that were made at Recycle Central in 21 identified the neighborhoods that we think we can roll 21 addition to improving our collection model so we can get out the first quarter. We will have folks on the ground 22 as much source separated at the curb as possible, we not only working with our drivers, but really reaching believe that we can save up to four long haul trips to 24 out to the customers to make this as transparent as 24 the landfill daily. 25 25 possible. Q. All right. I'd like to shift gears a little Page 157 Page 159 We've started -- actually, we built the bit and talk about two other programs -- two other 1 2 prototype 16 gallon toter and the team feels real 2 collection programs. 3 Let's talk first about the Abandoned Materials 3 comfortable it's going to be a good, sturdy toter or bin 4 4 to support the needs of the city. We've actually talked Collection Program. Can you describe Sunset Scavenger's to the truck manufacturer and we're designing specs now role in the Abandoned Materials Collection Program? 6 so that we can get these trucks on order. It's going to 6 A. We are -- both Sunset and Golden Gate, we both 7 7 take about 11 months from the time go to get them are chartered to support the City's 311 system for 8 delivered. 8 abandoned materials. That comes through the hub and 9 We're doing everything that we can to really straight to Recology. We use rear loaders for the bulky 10 10 prepare and anticipate any of the issues that may be items as well as what we call "box trucks" for 11 thrown at our operations team. I'm actually in the mattresses, appliance and electronics. 12 process of trying to interview and hire a project We also provide any support that's required 13 from the City for special events or special occasions, 13 manager that can really take this rollout for the next 14 two years. as far as surges in the city. 15 Q. When did Recology take responsibility for the Q. Have you reached any estimates about what will 15 16 be the practical effect of these changes? That is, the 16 **Abandoned Materials Collection Program?** 17 changes to the default bin and the changes to the truck 17 After the 2013 rate application. 18 18 configuration as far as its impact on reducing landfill Q. Describe for us if you could, in the years 19 trips or increasing diversion. 19 since 2013, how has this collection program worked? 20 A. I have. 20 A. Well, the program has been very, very 21 Q. And I understand you've prepared a slide as 21 successful. Their response times have been well in 22 well that sort of summarizes these estimates; is that 22 compliance with the City's service level agreement. 23 correct? 23 (Exhibit 27 is displayed.) 2.4 24 A. Yes. Mm-hmm. MS. PEARCE: I'm going to show -- this is 25 MS. PEARCE: I'd like to move into evidence actually taken directly from the rate application. Page 158 Page 160

1	This is I have copies as well.	1	which we respond. So we're very responsive to the
2	MR. PRADHAN: Is there a page you can	2	requests. It's just a challenge, because it's really
3	reference?	3	competing against another program of ours, a very
4	MS. PEARCE: Yes. It's page 5 of I'm	4	successful program. It's called the "Bulky Item
5	sorry, page it can be found on page 7 of the Recology	5	Recycling," where folks will make appointments for the
6	Sunset Scavenger/Golden Gate Summary of Assumptions.	6	same request.
7	Looks a little different because when I put it into this	7	Q. Before we talk about the Bulky Item Recycling
8	PowerPoint, it changed the format. But it's actually	8	Program, I wanted to have you summarize, if you could,
9	the same exact information.	9	what changes Recology's proposing for the Abandoned
10	I think it would probably be easiest if we	10	Materials Collection Program in this rate application.
11	actually just enter this as an exhibit. So I move to	11	A. In order to continue meeting the City's needs
12	admit this as Exhibit 27.	12	as far as the service level agreements for the response
13	MR. PRADHAN: Thank you.	13	time, in order to continue partnering with Public Works
14	It's admitted as Exhibit 27.	14	on supporting them with litter patrol, field support
15	(Exhibit 27, "Abandoned Materials Collection	15	in order to continue supporting their Radio Room
16	[Recology]," was admitted into evidence.)	16	requests, which is all the information that their
17	BY MS. PEARCE:	17	supervisors and superintendents are receiving from the
18	Q. All right. I believe this chart shows or	18	field, we're going to need an additional truck and
19	summarizes some of the information about the Abandoned	19	driver excuse me, two trucks and two drivers.
20	Materials Collection Program from rate year 2014 to	20	And understand it's a crew, so it's one
21	rate year 2017. Could you just highlight for us what	21	electronics/mattress/appliance vehicle and one
22	you were talking about the response times and how that	22	bulky item rear loader to support the needs for today
23	has gone over the years.	23	and the potential growth it's experiencing.
24	A. So we're required on Monday through Friday	24	Q. You mentioned in response to my last question
25	business hours to be collecting materials once it hits	25	the Bulky Items Recycling Program. Could you tell me a
	Page 161		Page 163
1	our data system within four hours. And then on	1	little bit about that program?
2	weekends, we're required to pick it up within eight	2	A. The bulky item recycling, it's available to
3	hours and we have crews working seven days per week.	3	all residential and apartment customers throughout
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us on this chart the increase in appointments that know whether you have any other comments about 2 you've seen since rate year 2013. 2 programmatic changes where you've shifted head count 3 3 A. So you can see rate year 2013, we had between one program and another. approximately 36,000 bulky item request appointments. 4 It looks like there's kind of a little bit of That's nearly doubled going into this rate year right 5 growth in a lot of places, but there's been decreases in now. Up to 67,000 is the projections. Overall, it's 6 some including -- it looks like Abandoned Materials 7 actually may have gone down a little bit and is now probably about a 17% increase -- gradual increase, but 8 it's almost doubled since 2013. The tonnages have going back up. There's reductions in the "Dedicated almost doubled as well. And with the overtime that's Fan. 3." I don't know if you think you can maybe speak 10 a little bit to the programmatic changes that we're 10 involved in taking care of these appointments, our 11 full-time equivalent has gone up considerably, almost seeing that can talk about why we've seen an increase in 11 12 doubled as well. 12 the head count over the last four years. 13 Q. So what changes is Recology proposing for the 13 A. Let me see if I can go by category. If I 14 **Bulky Item Recycling Program in this rate application?** 14 can't answer, I can definitely do a quick analysis and 15 15 get back to you at the next hearing. Again, to support this very popular program, 16 we're proposing one additional crew, which would one box 16 Q. Mm-hmm. 17 17 truck and one bulky item rear loader; two trucks and two A. So the Abandoned Materials Collection, I'm seeing 2017. Let's go -- oh, this is a full-time 18 18 19 MS. PEARCE: Thank you, Mr. Negron. 19 equivalent. Okay. 20 20 I don't have anything else for you. So Abandoned Materials, they're running at 21 12.09. There's only ten crew -- ten drivers out there; 21 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 22 22 so that's just the overtime that's involved. DIRECTOR NURU: Do you want to cross-examine? 23 MS. DAWSON: I do have a few questions. 23 Q. Okay. 24 24 DIRECTOR NURU: Please proceed. A. Them staying out later than 4:30, we'll calls 25 25 MS. DAWSON: I guess you're not too surprised. at 4:29 and then we have to get it serviced in four Page 165 Page 167 Okay. So I have a couple of questions about 1 1 hours; so it's almost a standard that they're going to 2 2 some of the collection items that you've talked about. be out there doing the overtime. 3 3 And before we get there, I'm going to go ahead and The Bulky Item Recycling is running slightly 4 4 request to submit into evidence an additional exhibit above their head count of ten, and that's the overtime 5 5 that relates -- kind of summarizes head count both by based on the increase that I talked about earlier. 6 program and kind of by labor category. 6 The Public Refuse Receptacles, we are running 7 7 MR. PRADHAN: So this will be admitted as ten. That is -- that is actuals. We did put one in 8 Exhibit 29. It's a two-page document. 8 this year. 9 (Exhibit 29, "RSS/RGG Historical and 9 There's been a big push with the Fix-It 10 Projected Head Count [City]," was admitted 10 program, and we're noticing that they want microcosm 11 into evidence.) 11 service, attention to city cans in certain commercial 12 **CROSS-EXAMINATION** 12 corridors. I believe Sandra Zuniga's been piloting or 13 BY MS. DAWSON: 13 leading that effort. But we ended up adding one route 14 Q. Okay. So in the exhibit, you'll notice it's 14 because it got to the point where we made all the 15 actually a double-sided exhibit. The first side shows 15 adjustments and we couldn't service all of it; so we 16 the "Historic and Projected Head Count" by operating 16 ended up adding it in the Mission and the Castro 17 unit, and then if you turn it over, it shows Historic 17 District. That's the plus one. 18 and Projected Head Count kind of by labor category. 18 Commercial Composting is static. 19 19 Okay. So since rate year '14 and moving Commercial Recycling -- I'd have to go back 20 forward, I'm going to go ahead and just look at the 20 and look at an analysis on the Commercial Recycling. 21 programmatic view. Hopefully that might be a little bit 21 The Fantastic 3 -- obviously, the big bump to 22 easier to speak to. 22 2018 is the black/green split. 23 So we see an increase of 39 positions, and I'm 23 Dedicated Collection -- I'm not sure what wondering -- I think you've probably described some of 24 vou're classifying as a "Fan. 3 Dedicated Collection." them, but if you want to just look at this and let me I'd have to look at the analysis, see what that business

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the number of new routes that you would have. unit is. I'm not sure what the 44 represents. 2 Front-end Load Collection is static. 2 A. So it's like the magic -- it's the crystal 3 Rear Load Collection for 2017 has gone down. 3 ball. And so we do have capacity if this really takes 4 I'd have to get back to you on that classification. 4 off. And like I said, I can repurpose vehicles and 5 The Waste Zero Specialists & Sales, I'd have 5 continue managing the materials that we're already 6 to get back to you on that. That's gone from 4 to 1. 6 picking up. 7 The Roll-Offs went up slightly, but that's 7 Q. So I have a little bit of a follow-up question 8 8 based on the volume of C&D material coming in. That's on the Abandoned Materials and the Bulky Item program. 9 9 still holding static. Have you considered whether those two programs 10 General Admin went plus two. 10 could be combined or integrated in some way to achieve 11 11 greater efficiencies? And if so, what would that So if you don't mind, I can run a resolution 12 combination of these two services look like? 12 on this easily for the next hearing. 13 Q. That's fine, thank you. 13 A. That's been talked about. They're very 14 14 A. Okay. identical as far as the vehicle types and what they're Q. Okay. So you did talk a little bit already in 15 15 really picking up. I think if we were to go back and do 16 some of your exhibits. I've tried to kind of summarize 16 an analysis, I can give you a better idea. 17 17 The question will be, "Do you still want a little bit of what your tables have shown. 18 So in terms of your exhibits, you were 18 to" -- I'm a little concerned about the Abandoned 19 showing, you know, the 10% reduction and then 7% 19 Material Collection and the four-hour response. That's 20 increase and 9% increase. And you spoke a little bit 20 really the driver. So if there was a consideration 21 21 in your testimony about your excess capacity. So I'm where we can pick up the abandoned material the next 2.2 interested in just understanding your weight migration, 2.2 day, then that would allow me to really meet the needs 23 23 of abandoned material and the BIR customers. does this assume that the changes that you're making to 24 24 the bins is going drive a certain amount of change in I guess we'd have to kind of talk through this 25 25 behavior? And what does that look like versus the and understand what you're asking for as far as the Page 169 Page 171 future, but we would have to talk about that four-hour capacity that you're projecting you'll have above what 1 1 2 2 you might have today? response. Because the four-hour response for the 3 abandoned materials is really the driver. That is the 3 A. Right. Good question. 4 4 limiting factor in combining the two programs. We're -- the trash reduction is going to drive the change. So I said a little bit earlier, but on the 5 Q. Okay. Perhaps in the next hearing you could 6 split-body vehicles that can hold 9 tons, we feel very 6 bring some additional information about what the 7 comfortable that each route will have at least a ton 7 programs -- how they're operating today, what it might 8 to two tons of capacity in case we experience a 15% 8 look like or what some alternatives would be. 9 reduction or something greater. 9 A. Okay. For combining the two programs? 10 10 Q. Yeah. So that we can just understand more And frankly, if this thing goes off the charts about what you're -- what you think the tradeoffs are 11 and people just want to focus on the black carts, we can 11 12 12 actually remove another split-chamber vehicle and and what your thinking. 13 13 repurpose that to support the increase in single-chamber A. Okay, I can do that. 14 14 commodities. Q. Great. So one question we've heard from the 15 15 So we have existing vehicles that we can -public at many of our outreach and workshops that we've 16 and we do that often. We're doing that often. If it's 16 held including information that we've received from the 17 not new material and we're picking it up already, all 17 Ratepayer Advocate, is the issue of pilfering from the 18 18 blue bins. we're doing is moving the materials to another vehicle. 19 19 We'll repurpose that vehicle and have them pick up the Has Recology ever studied the cost benefit of 20 migration. That make sense? 20 some sort of antitheft device such as locks on the bins? 21 21 Q. Mm-hmm. Are there other strategies that we have implemented 22 A. Okav. 22 or could implement to discourage or deter pilfering? 23 So you were hinting around a little bit to my 23 I know that when we're talking about the rate increase, 24 next question, which is if the tonnage shift is higher that issue comes up over and over again. 25 or lower than your assumptions, how that would affect A. That's very challenging for our crews and our

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supervisors. I can tell you what we've done to date. 1 Recology will next call Minna Tao. 2 2 We encourage locks, although the pilferers DIRECTOR NURU: Please swear her in. 3 have a tendency to figure out which key code we're using (Ms. Tao steps up to the witness stand.) for the current Master lock. And it costs significant 4 MINNA TAO, money to change they key code on the lock, and they end 5 having first been duly sworn, was 6 examined and testified as follows: 6 up getting the key again. 7 7 We tested different mechanical components DIRECTOR NURU: Proceed. 8 **DIRECT EXAMINATION** that we can put on the lid so that when it automatically 8 9 dumps, it will unlock and go. But I can tell you BY MS. PEARCE: the pilferers are very good at destroying our lids. 10 10 Q. Good morning, Ms. Tao. 11 11 It's not rocket science as far as plastic and rivets. A. Good morning. 12 12 And so as much as we try to engineer the bins to be Could you please spell your name for the Q. 13 anti-pilfering, it becomes sometimes economics, a math 13 record. problem, "How much do you want to put on this to make 14 It's M-I-N-A, Tao, T as in "Tom"-A-O. 14 A. 15 15 these bins?" 16 16 Q. And Ms. Tao, what is your position at And it impacts our productivity. The more we 17 17 lock our materials -- which we encourage -- it slows our Recology? 18 crews down significantly. So when I run these 18 A. I'm the General Manager for Recology Golden 19 RouteSmart optimization programs, I'm running at a clip 19 Gate. 20 where these guys can just dump and go, dump and go. Q. How long have you been with the Recology And so if they have to stop at every container and start 21 companies? 22 22 dealing with locking devices, that would really change A. I've been there for six years now. 23 the whole collection model. 23 How long have you been the General Manager? 24 24 So it's a challenge. And we hear it in our Two years. 25 25 Tell us a little bit more, just briefly, about public meetings all the time at community events. It is Page 173 Page 175 Golden Gate and the customers it services. a challenge. I mean, I can look at it again if you're 2 asking me and then maybe come up with another proposal A. Okay. Well, we operate a 24-by-7 operation at 3 Recology Golden Gate; so our territory's primarily in the hearings, but I just want to give what's 4 4 through the Presidio, North Beach, Chinatown, Financial happening today. 5 5 Q. I think what would be helpful if maybe some District, Tenderloin; so we have a diverse customer combination of you and Mr. Porter could put together a 6 base. 7 little summary of information on kind of the revenue Q. As a part of the 2017 rate application, that's received from commodities, the potential impact Recology is proposing to add a route management system of time and cost on locking down or too many locks on to its collection vehicles. Could you tell us what a 10 the bins, maybe a little bit of an explanation of the 10 "route management system" is and what are the key kind of things you've tried, the limits of the 11 purposes of such a system? 12 technology today. I think it's really just a question A. Okay. So a route management system that we're look at is really a platform of a combination of 13 of making it far more clear to public what the tradeoffs 13 14 are in trying to address the problem. hardware, software applications that allows realtime 15 two-way communications between the drivers out there A. Absolutely. We can do that. 15 16 MS. PEARCE: Okay. Those are all my questions 16 driving, servicing our customers, as well as the back 17 for now. 17 office. When a customer calls, you know, the route 18 MR. HALEY: Good morning. 18 maintenance specialist checks in and a customer service 19 The Department of Environment will have some 19 representative. 20 questions. We'd like to invite you back next week for Q. What is the purpose of this technology on a 21 those. 21 general level? 22 THE WITNESS: Sounds good. 22 To improve driver efficiency. To cut down 23 paperwork that we do. Eliminate some of the data I look forward to it. 24 DIRECTOR NURU: Want to bring -entry -- duplicative data entry. And customer service, 25 MS. PEARCE: Yes, thank you. 25 again. Page 174 Page 176

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A. Yes. We are proposing to use Routeware, which is a proven technology in the waste industry. And back in 2010, Recology selected Routeware to be implemented down in the San Mateo/San Bruno area. And since then, we have expanded it into Yuba-Sutter, CleanScape, Seattle, and Weston, Oregon; so we have about 500 units deployed already currently.

And most importantly, it is a platform that can grow with us and is pretty sophisticated to address our business requirement. And it's already been integrated between our AS400 and Routeware. So that communications from data flowing back and forth is already there.

Q. All right. I'd like you to talk a little bit 17 first about when a driver goes out in the field currently, how does he or she go about completing his route correctly?

20 A. Okay. So currently, this is a route book that 21 we give to every driver as they are being dispatched to do a job. So they have here the duties, the route 23 information, contact information that they may want to 24 have access to, and some route information, maps, and 25 locations of their customer base.

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O. And then at the end of the day when they're finished with their routes, what do they do with that information?

4 A. They bring it back to the office and they 5 review all the comments with the dispatch -- I mean, 6 with the check-in route maintenance specialist. And 7 then they will verify the information and then they 8 will -- the route maintenance specialist will key this 9 information into the AS4000.

Q. So the back office isn't receiving that information, necessarily, until after the route is already complete?

A. Yes, true. Correct.

Q. Is there any other paperwork that the driver completes out on his route?

16 A. Yes, there is. You know, some of things that 17 we actually ask them to do in terms off ensuring that 18 the customers are putting in the material correctly into 19 the bin, we ask the drivers to tag the customers to let 20 them know.

So what they'll do is they write down to say if you have glass in a compost, they'll say, "Glass in compost" and put it in the back. We will key in information to let the Waste Zero specialist know that we may have to provide an outreach for these customers,

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1 So this is a route book that they get. And more importantly, they actually get a route sheet that we print out for every single route -- 350 routes that they get. And these are the lists of customers that 4 5 they're supposed to pick up and service every day. 6 Along with this, we have special instructions in terms 7 of where to pick up, what are the key codes, and so on and so forth that is in here. So that is, you know, the driver will follow this and service the customer.

Q. What does the driver do as he's out on his route? What does he do with the route book?

A. So what they do is they take the route sheet and then they mark which one they service and any special instructions. So for example, here, they have like "not out," so they cross it out. And some of the other ones, they said, okay, "not out." And they even mention to say, "Stopped by multiple times," the timing 18 of the customer and still not out, and some specific -like broken locks, dirty carts that they need to be 20 replaced. So any special instructions that they'd like 21 to communicate back to the back office, they put in on

Q. So by "not out," you mean the customer didn't 24 put their carts out and so they couldn't be serviced?

A. Right. Or blocked, or yeah, not accessible.

1 especially if the customer is consistently tagged with 2 contaminations. 3

Q. Do you have an example of what the drivers might bring back --

A. Yes.

Q. -- into the office?

So they bring back a stack of cards like this, and we take that and put it into the system.

Q. I understand you brought with you an actual Routeware tablet that would -- you're proposing to install on the Recology vehicles.

Yeah. Α.

13 Could you show us that tablet?

Yes, I'd be happy to. I actually brought with 15 me a few, and these are live data; so don't put any 16 transactions in.

You'll see what the driver typically will see.

So at a high level, this is what the driver will be seeing and operating and interacting with.

20 So you will see here that it has the route address --21

Can you hear me?

-- the route address here. And then on this side, there's a green button and a red button. So if they service the customer, they'll hit the green button, 25 say "Done," and that information actually gets back into Page 180

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the AS400 within 5 minutes. 2 And then if you skip a customer, for example, 3 it will show you -- you can have an option of another pull down menu why it is this customer is being skipped. You know, is it not accessible, not out? And they can 6 go back. There's a couple of very good information too. 7 Also on this side, on the red, is like a Post-It. These 8 are special instructions and comments for the drivers

And then when they want to know -- if they are not familiar with the route, they can hit the navigation button here and then a map will show up to show them where go and how to get to that point A to point B.

So go back to the customer, you can see that there are red customers. These are customers that we shouldn't service.

Currently there are times that we go through, 18 the drivers are very efficient. They want to make sure that we service all the customers, and this is a good opportunity for to us respond back to say, "Hey, the customer did put out the cans," and allow customer service to call them to say there, "Your cans are put out. Do you want to turn your service back on?", for example.

Q. So the red will show if the customer -- if

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Q. And there will also be a button that they could also push as soon as they've completed the service?

A. Exactly.

MS. PEARCE: I know that we will not be able to enter the actual tablets into evidence; so I would propose that we -- actually, I've had exhibits made of the paperwork and also of the tablet themselves, and I 10 would move their admission as Exhibit 30 and 31.

THE WITNESS: Julia, I hope you're not entering any data there.

We'll be in trouble -- I'll be.

MS. PEARCE: Let's have the paperwork be 30 and the picture of the tablet be 31.

16 MR. PRADHAN: So just to clarify, Exhibit 30 17 is one photograph of some paperwork and maps, it looks 18 like. I'm just summarizing.

19 MS. PEARCE: The route book and the route 20 sheets and the tags for the customers when there's an 21 issue for their collection.

22 MR. PRADHAN: Correct, yeah, what the witness 23 has testified about. And then Exhibit 31 consists of 24 two photographs of a tablet, again, similar to what the 25 witness has just testified about.

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that address is not currently a customer of Recology; is 1 2 that correct?

Exactly, exactly.

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Where will that tablet actually be placed in Q. the truck?

A. Good question. So this is actually going to be installed in the cradle. That is movable and it's clipped in and locked. And the driver can easily -so they would be driving here. Usually the cradle is 10 here so it's not interfering with their vision --11 where they're going.

Q. Is this the only piece of equipment from 13 Routeware that will be installed on the vehicle or are 14 there other pieces of equipment?

15 A. Well, there are other pieces of equipment. 16 So there's cameras that we integrated with the 17 Routeware, and then there's also an external monitor for 18 trucks that typically service the customer like a 19 rear-loader or side-loader. We really don't want to the 20 drivers to be running back and forth from the cab to 21 where they're servicing; so it makes it easier for them 22 to have a pound, a button key and a screen. But this is 23 still the brain, though.

Q. The screen -- the screen you're describing 25 will be on the outside of the truck?

1 And those two exhibits will be admitted. 2 MS. PEARCE: I think that Exhibit 31 is just 3 one photograph.

MR. PRADHAN: I apologize. 31 is one page, a 4 5 photograph.

MS. PEARCE: Thank you.

7 (Exhibit 30, "Route Paperwork [Recology]," was 8 admitted into evidence.)

9 (Exhibit 31, "Routeware Tablet [Recology],"

10 was admitted into evidence.)

BY MS. PEARCE:

Q. Ms. Tao, how will you ensure that the drivers take advantage and make use of this technology?

A. You know, change is hard. So of course we want to make it as easy as possible for the drivers. But I am surprised that many of the drivers are kind of excited about this technology. You know, maybe because they're using iPhones now and they feel satisfied that they're able to report their progress. And when they say "not out," they can take a photo to prove it.

Q. You mentioned some of the efficiencies that you hope to gain from implementing this technology. What are some of those actual efficiencies? I would like you to talk a little bit more detail about some of the efficiencies you're hoping to achieve using this

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A. So you know, when we're actually out, for example, there is a feature in Routeware that's called "dynamic routing." So if a truck is down, we're able to select the customer that has still yet to be serviced and kind of redistribute the work out to the outlying trucks and electronically send those addresses with the special instructions to the routes so that the customer can be serviced the same day.

Q. What about any paperwork efficiencies that you're hoping to achieve from that?

A. Absolutely. You know, you saw all those paperwork that we have to key in. So nowadays, you know, the drivers put it in and then we're actually able to verify the information and then submit it as the data and we can respond to it quickly. You know, if we are able to -- if there's a "not out" customer, if we're able to service it, that saves the customer calls in the 19 back end and the customer is more happy about our 20 service.

Q. You mentioned customer service efficiencies as well. How much of a challenge is that for Recology currently to address all the customer service requests that come through your back office?

A. We get a lot of service requests. We have

this technology that we have, we also need somebody to

2 help verify the data, make sure the routes is loaded

3 correctly, make sure the sequencing is up to date and

correct. So it creates a lot more activities because of

5 the data that we're receiving.

Q. Are you proposing any additional head count in order to address some of these issues?

8 A. Yes. We're proposing adding three route specialists, maintenance specialists to help make

9 10 sure that the route is up to date, make sure that

11 the equipment is being used properly, and then also

12 be able to be proactive when we get the information

13 and if there's anything that's customer service-related,

we can act on it timely.

Q. Does Routeware have any capabilities that maybe you're not implementing right now or you're not thinking about implementing right now, but you may want to implement down the road?

19 A. Yes. One of the -- high on our priority list 20 is adding a second camera to capture contaminations so 21 that we could take photos of it as the material is being

2.2 dumped inside the hopper, so we can manage that.

23 Other -- the other things that we would like to do is right now is very, very informational, back and

25 forth. But what we would like to move forward with is

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about 140,000 customers that we service, and think

about: 1% is 1,400 service requests that we get a day.

And that is a lot of paperwork, customer requests that

we to verify. We have to note some of them are service

tags, stop service, reminder service, change bin size,

missing charts, deliver locks, operation verifications.

7 So it's -- there's a lot of transactions that go

8 through.

Q. It sounds like Routeware is going to offer 10 you a lot of new information and opportunities to 11 communicate that you didn't have before. How are you 12 planning to manage that information?

13 A. It's a great question. You know, we get a lot 14 of information. Some gets lost because of the paper 15 shuffling and, you know, we're not perfect. And more 16 importantly, information, when the drivers are back in 17 the yard when they finish their route, a lot of the 18 information becomes irrelevant. So really, it's not 19 entered and captured anywhere.

20 With Routeware, allows them to put comments 21 when they're actually on their route doing their work. It actually creates a lot of data -- a lot more data than we've ever had before, and we have to respond to 24 it, You know, and we're able to respond to it, which the 25 good thing. And in addition, if you think about all

once we have the information and we can set criteria and have a transaction, for example, if a customer is "not out," instead of having to call, why don't we send them an e-mail or a text to let them know the material is not out.

Q. Automatically?

Automatically. So we want to automate a lot more transactions than we currently do now.

Q. If this technology is approved, how will it be rolled out across the collection companies?

Our plan is -- well first of all, we're very excited about this technology. We want to roll it out as soon as possible to all the trucks. But I think what we'll do is by route type. You know, hit with the commercial, the more complicated routes first.

You know, one of the things that I didn't mention is drivers do take vacations. And when they do, when we have a casual driver that backs them up to service, they're not as familiar with the route as the normal drivers are. This Routeware system allows you to really follow the details on where the bins are and be able to provide a lot more directions to the drivers.

23 And we will also know whether the driver's 24 having a hard time finishing the routes so we can send 25 help.

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O. Did Recology consider any other technology will be there, and we manually print out the route 2 besides Routeware before deciding on that particular? 2 sheets, and somebody will calculate that route. And 3 3 A. We did. We looked at some cheaper then usually we only do one person. We take the whole alternatives, but a lot of the cheaper alternatives 4 route and we give it to another truck. doesn't have the rich platform to support San Francisco, 5 Q. So do you deploy a new truck or do you put 6 6 it -- do you assign it and extend the route of some because it's very complex. We have a lot of special 7 7 services. truck that's already in the field? 8 8 And more importantly, we want something that A. Probably both, depending on when the truck was 9 can support multiple different cameras, you know, broken down. 10 10 cameras that sort of look at where there's service and Q. And then there's clearly overtime that may to capture the contaminations. We selected Routeware 11 well happen as a result of the extension that shift? 12 12 A. Yes. also because we have a really good relationship with 13 13 Routeware, that they work with us very closely to Q. And do you imagine the dynamic routing 14 14 would reduce any of those additional costs by maybe develop future applications. 15 15 For example, one of the things that they did distributing them better or being able to plan for it 16 with us is the abandoned waste. You know, I mean, that 16 better? 17 17 is a game changer for us to service. So it goes from A. It will allows us to plan for it better. somebody taking photos of abandoned waste and reporting 18 But based on the current contract agreement with the 19 it on 311 app, to dispatching it to the Routeware system 19 Union, there will be limited savings if you're looking 20 20 so that actually the closest truck will pick up the 21 abandoned waste. When they're there, they confirm that 21 Q. Okay. What about some of these customer 22 they serviced the customer. That transaction really 22 service benefits? You mention that you're going to be 23 loops back into 311 in letting the actual person that 23 able to have a lot more efficiencies. Are you expecting 24 actually initiated the transaction know that that that your shifting administrative staff right now that 2.4 25 request has been completed. takes care of things that are more on paper -- and you Page 189 Page 191 had mentioned that you'd asked for three additional head Q. So do I understand you correctly that Sunset 1 1 2 2 Scavenger or Recology Golden Gate is already using count for --3 Routeware? 3 A. Mm-hmm. 4 Α. Mm-hmm. 4 Q. -- people who were doing different kinds of 5 **And in the Abandoned Materials Collection** work related to route maintenance. But what about the 6 Program? 6 way in which this far more manual system is being 7 A. That's correct. 7 supported today? And is there any ability to repurpose 8 It's been successful? 8 people from one function to another? It's been very successful and allows us to 9 A. That will be the whole entire goal in the long 10 10 really meet the four-hour service level agreement with run. But as we get to know this system, we're actually dealing with a lot more data than we ever have before. 11 the City. 11 12 12 MS. PEARCE: Thank you, Ms. Tao. A lot of the data, to be honest, the drivers, when they 13 go home, a lot of information is not provided to us and I don't have any more questions for you. 13 14 Thank you. 14 we're not able to respond to it. 15 15 DIRECTOR NURU: Okay. Cross-examine? So that's really primarily one of the drivers 16 MS. PEARCE: I have a couple of questions. 16 of requesting the three route maintenance specialists. 17 THE WITNESS: Okay. 17 Having to deal with all this technology that we don't 18 **CROSS-EXAMINATION** 18 have, which is paper, there's a lot of data verification 19 19 BY MS. DAWSON: and confirmations that we do that we don't do today. 20 Q. Quick. So you had mentioned that you'll be 20 Q. Do you expect that you might see a reduction 21 able to do dynamic routing. So say for instance you 21 in complaints? have some sort of truck that's down, and then you'd be 22 A. Yes. We sure hope that there will be a 23 able to reissue that route to another vehicle. 23 reduction in complaints. 24 Q. Do you have any data of the kind of -- how 24 What happens today when that happens? 25 A. What happens today is we will -- the truck many people are actually -- it'd be interesting to

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1 2	understand just how many complaints in terms of deficient service you're getting versus how you think	1 2	department, and the transfer operation, as well as the iMRF.
3	this new system will change that dynamic and whether	3	Q. What I wanted to talk with you this morning in
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5	I mean, clearly those complaints are taking up	5	are contemplated by the rate application.
6	customer service peoples' time.	6	Can you tell us the capital projects that will
7	A. We can look at the different complaints.	7	
8	Initially, I would say that the overlooks will be better	8	be impacting the facilities that you manage? A. Yes. We're proposing three capital projects
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	managed. We'll be able to respond quickly. Q. Okay. So you had mentioned the Abandoned		in our rate application. The West Wing, which is
10		10	a project to create a new building where we can
11	Waste Program, is already using this. Are they actually	11	transfer tip and transfer organic material.
12 13	using tablets? Or is this tablet piece going to be new?	12	We have a trash processing pilot, which is a
	A. The software is still the same, but the		piece of equipment that we'll be installing over at
14	equipment is different. I think the Abandoned Waste has	14	Pier 96 to allow us to process the black bin material on
15	three-year-old technology; so they have three pieces of	15	a pilot basis.
16	devices in the cab versus one tablet.	16	We also have two contingent schedules in the
17	Q. And you're planning to replace those three	17	rate application. One of them is the relocation of the
18	devices? Are you going tablets systemwide?	18	iMRF building to the Port of San Francisco, Pier 96.
19	A. I'm seeing yes.	19	And then the second contingent schedule would be the
20	MS. DAWSON: Okay. I don't have any more	20	expansion of the Zero Waste Processing Project in the
21	questions at this time.	21	building that was once housing the iMRF.
22	THE WITNESS: Okay, thank you.	22	Q. All right. I'd like to take each of those
23	DIRECTOR NURU: Okay. Would the Company like	23	projects in turn and have you describe for us a little
24	to call up another witness?	24	bit about what those are going to do. I'd like to start
25	MR. HUGHES: Yes, Mr. Nuru. My name is	25	with the West Wing project and perhaps introduce an
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1	Jonathan Hughes for Recology. We will recall	1	exhibit, pictures on the screen in a moment.
2	Mr. Quillen.	2	I think we may be on Exhibit 32.
3	DIRECTOR NURU: Okay. Mr. Quillen, take the	3	MR. PRADHAN: Exhibit 32 is two photographs.
4	stand.	4	Actually
5	(Ms. Tao steps down from the witness stand.)	5	(Exhibit 32, "West Wing Renderings
6	(Mr. Quillen steps up to the witness stand.)	6	[Recology]," was admitted into evidence.)
7	MAURICE QUILLEN,	7	(Exhibit 32 is displayed.)
8	having been previously duly sworn,	8	MR. HUGHES: Exhibit 32 is two or three
9	was examined and testified as follows:	9	renderings of the West Wing project. Thank you.
10	DIRECT EXAMINATION	10	BY MR. HUGHES:
11	BY MR. HUGHES:	11	Q. Mr. Quillen, can you describe for us perhaps
12	Q. Mr. Quillen, you remain under oath; so I'll	12	in reference to the image that we're seeing on the
13	remind you of that.	13	screen at the moment what the West Wing project would d
14	Mr. Quillen, you've introduced yourself	14	generally.
15	already to us in this room. Can you remind us of your	15	A. Yeah, the image on the screen is an image of
16	title with Recology?	16	our transfer station. And in the center of the photo
	A. Maurice Quillen, General Manager with	17	and to the left of the image is this triangular
Ι/	Recology San Francisco.	18	building, which is the building we are calling the
17 18		19	"West Wing."
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18 19	Q. And what are the major facilities within		O. Let me just see if I can do this here.
18 19 20	Q. And what are the major facilities within San Francisco that you manage?	20	Q. Let me just see if I can do this here. When you talk about a "triangular building."
18 19 20 21	Q. And what are the major facilities withinSan Francisco that you manage?A. I manage the transfer and processing	20 21	When you talk about a "triangular building,"
18 19 20 21 22	Q. And what are the major facilities within San Francisco that you manage? A. I manage the transfer and processing operations, specifically Recycle Central at Pier 96 and	20 21 22	When you talk about a "triangular building," you're talking about this here?
18 19 20 21 22 23	Q. And what are the major facilities within San Francisco that you manage? A. I manage the transfer and processing operations, specifically Recycle Central at Pier 96 and Recology San Francisco Tunnel Beatty complex, which	20 21 22 23	When you talk about a "triangular building," you're talking about this here? A. Yes, I am.
18 19 20 21 22	Q. And what are the major facilities within San Francisco that you manage? A. I manage the transfer and processing operations, specifically Recycle Central at Pier 96 and	20 21 22	When you talk about a "triangular building," you're talking about this here?

1 building, organics. Right now, the trucks have to queue O. And what are the operations that are 2 in line, one behind the other, drive up a hill. 2 anticipated to occur at the West Wing? 3 A. So the West Wing is going to be an accessory 3 It's comical that the loader and the truck 4 building to the transfer station. Its primary function have to do a little dance. The loader has to make room will be to receive and transfer organic materials from for the material, exit the building. The truck has to the route trucks from Recology Golden Gate and Recology enter the building. Once the truck dumps the material, 6 7 7 as the truck exits the building, the loader loops back Sunset Scavenger. 8 Q. And where is that activity currently being 8 around and then moves the material off to the side 9 9 done? preparing the tipping floor for the next load. 10 10 It's challenging to get up and down the hill, A. I think if you refer to the picture, the lower 11 right-hand corner is a building that we call the especially when there's a lot of moisture on the ground. 11 12 12 "Organics Annex." And the building really wasn't designed to handle the 13 13 moisture content of the material that we experience with Q. Is it down here, this lower rectangle right 14 here? 14 in organics. 15 15 Q. And describe for us if you will, Mr. Quillen, The small building. Q. This is an existing structure at 16 how would the proposed West Wing project address some of 16 17 those issues? 17 **Tunnel Beatty?** 18 A. Correct. It's the organics annex. 18 A. The first consideration is the building is 19 Q. And maybe walk us through just a very high 19 nearly double the size. It's a little over 14,000 20 level what the operations are involved in the organics 20 square feet; so that's the biggest factor. We're going 21 21 annex currently. to have significantly more tipping area. 22 22 A. Yeah, it's approximately a 6,000 square foot It's also going to be a purpose-built building 23 23 designed to handle the organic materials. It's got a building and it's situated just below the transfer 24 very robust moisture retention recovery system; so any station. Currently, the route trucks have to drive up a 25 25 material that leaks out of the trucks if they're dumping ramp into the building, tip the material on the floor. Page 197 Page 199 it, it will be recovered and quickly evacuated from the We have a loader operator that takes the material and 2 comes off the route trucks, stacks it and moves it, and tipping floor. 3 3 prepares the tipping for the next truck. It also has a much more consistent --4 4 In addition to receiving the material, we also appealing traffic pattern. The traffic pattern is the 5 transfer the organics to the southern portion of the truck enter the building from the north, dump the 6 building, top-load the organics into craters, then send 6 material, and then exit the building to the south. It's it to our processing facilities. 7 7 a very linear operation. The loader would have room to 8 Q. So there's essentially two components to the operate inside of the building and wouldn't have to exit truck traffic; is that right? You've got the collection 9 the building when the trucks are dumping. 10 10 trucks coming in bringing the material, and then it gets It also has provisions for a tipping --11 11 tipped onto the floor and then ultimately loaded back a top-loading feature loadout, which is the rectangle 12 12 onto the long-haul trucks and taken to Hay Road; is that to the left of the building. 13 13 Q. You're talking about this smaller rectangle 14 14 A. Yes, two very separate operations. One's a that's adjacent to what you described as the West Wing 15 15 route-based operation where we receive the route trucks. project? 16 The other one is a transfer operation where we take the 16 A. Right. 17 material that comes from the route truck and bring them 17 Q. And that's for what function? 18 18 to market. That will allow us to bring tractor trailers 19 19 Q. And what are some of the challenges that into the building and top-load material into the trucks. 20 Recology's facing is using the organics annex for these 20 Q. Let's take a look at the second picture of 21 operations? 21 Exhibit 32. Does this show us -- sort of focus our 22 A. The organics annex is a 6,000 square foot 22 attention a little bit more on that part of the 23 building. It's not a very large structure. Currently, 23 structure you were just mentioning. there's only one way in and out of the building. We 24 A. Yes, it does. 25 get in excess of 100 truck trips a day through that And can you describe for us, does this feature Page 198 Page 200

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A. Well, generally we load the material into the trucks. We're held to a very strict weight standard with the trucks. They can only hold so much material, and it's very important for us to maximize the amount of material we put into the trucks. So when we currently load the material into the top of the trucks in the annex, we do load the trucks on a scale so we have a general idea how heavy the truck is.

But given the size of the building, it's very hard to maximize the weight of the truck. In any event, the loader operator's a little overzealous and overloads the truck. We now have to pull the truck out of line, bring it around the facility, offload some product, and then get it out on the road after we scale it.

The new facility is going have an articulated 19 grapple or "crane," as we call it, that would allow the operator to in an automated fashion take out any extra material or put in smaller amounts of material to maximize the load. In mention of the weight of the truck, we'll also be able to look at the axle weights of 24 the vehicle to ensure that when the truck leaves the ²⁵ facility, it's completely legal.

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1 A. Generally the material -- the liquid that is 2 on the floor of the annex gets pushed into the trucks in 3 most cases. Unfortunately, we have some issues. Given nature of the building, it's not sealed very well; so we 5 have some issues of seepage around the eaves of the 6 building and we have to constantly deal with the issues 7 associated with the seepage.

Also, the scale that we currently utilize as part of the annex is a pit scale. And essentially all the moisture that doesn't make it into the truck or drips out of the truck during the loading process ends up accumulating underneath the scale and it presents with some significant operational challenges. We have to take that material out of from underneath the scale with some frequency.

Q. And you alluded to this already, but can you tell us what the West Wing project proposes to do in terms of the moisture issues in the floor?

A. So the key difference is the West Wing will have a graded floor that will be designed to direct the moisture to collection points. The collection points will be purpose-built to accommodate the material and

23 then it will also travel through a series of drains

24 into a treatment facility. We'll be able to take the

25 moisture, the liquid if you will, understand its pH

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Q. And does that increase the efficiency of getting the right amount of material into each of the truck loads?

A. Yes, it does. When you look at our operation, we're processing over 600 tons a day, 25 to 30 truck trips a day easily you'll have us going. If we make a mistake of a couple hundred pounds per truck, at the end of the week there will be several trucks to the market that we have. And if we overload a truck, we would have 10 that truck locked up at scale and subject to having to 11 offload the back of the truck or face fines.

Q. You mentioned that this new West Wing project 13 would be purpose-built for the functions we're talking about. What was the organics annex built for?

15 A. The organics annex was built in the 1970s and 16 it was intended to recover steel cans from the waste 17 stream through a very rudimentary set of magnets and 18 conveyors.

19 Q. You mentioned also the issue of liquid. 20 I mean, we're talking about organic material that's 21 being put onto a floor. Is that what we're talking 22 about?

A. Correct. We call it the tipping floor.

Q. And in the organics annex, what happens to the 25 liquids that are within the organic material?

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content, treat it, and then release it.

In addition to that system, we will still continue to put as much moisture as we can in the trucks in the top-loading process. Obviously, that's beneficial the composting process.

Q. Does the West Wing project as it's proposed address odor issues?

A. Yes, it does.

Q. Tell us how it does that.

10 A. We've operated the transfer station for nearly 11 four decades, and odor's always a constant issue when 12 you're processing MSW. And now that we've extracted the 13 organics from the MSW, we created new and different 14 odor problems.

So as part of the West Wing, we have contemplated a system that will treat both the transfer station and the West Wing as a single building, and we would capture all of the air from the facility and run it through a system that would ionize the air before releasing it into the atmosphere.

Q. Let me just make sure that we're focused on what you're talking about in terms of "operating assistant." Is this larger building the transfer station?

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- O. And then we've got the West Wing to the right here. So you're talking about operating an odor-control 3 system that would be for both functions?
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- And how does the system that you Q. contemplate -- you mentioned that it involves ionizing the air. But what does it do in terms of the treatment of the air and what is your understanding of the improvements to odor control?
- 10 A. Well, the first thing that we're going to do 11 to the building is seal the building up. So we're 12 contemplating high-speed doors for all of the openings. 13 And if we are able to successfully close the building 14 during our operating hours, we get to see ability to 15 capture the air.

16 And then we're going to rely on a series of 17 fans and ducts to take the air from the annex -- excuse 18 me, from the West Wing and transfer station and collect 19 it through a system of pipes and fans. And then the air 20 would then go over through an exchange unit where the ionized air would be injected into the air as it's 21 22 evacuated from the building.

Q. Have you had any opportunity to evaluate the 24 effectiveness of the system?

A. Yes, we have. We looked at the different

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O. It's something you're familiar with?

- 2 A. It's something I'm very familiar with in the 3 West Wing. And then when we smelled the air, it came out of the treated bag and it had no perceptible smell whatsoever. So as an operator, I thought that was very 6 successful.
- We also went to see a full-size facility 8 installation up in Modesto, a pet food facility. And we were able to visit the facility, go inside the facility, 10 and understand what facilities smelled like on the 11 inside, and when we went outside it was obvious that the 12 system was doing its job.
 - Q. All right. Let's turn our attention, I think, with that to the Trash Processing Pilot Program, which is one of the capital projects you mentioned in the rate application. And this one is not in the contingent schedule; is that right? This one's in the actual rate application itself?
- 19 MS. DAWSON: Counsel? 20 MR. HUGHES: Yes?
- 21 MS. DAWSON: Given that we've got a number 22 of different projects to talk about and that we have --
- 23 we've unfortunately lost a little bit of time.
- 24 I'm wondering if you'd be willing to have some
- 25 cross-examination questions on this specific --- and

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types of technologies that were available, and essentially it was either mechanical filtration which is very expense, bio-filtration which takes a massive amount of space, or this new technology, ionization.

And we were somewhat skeptical of it because no one had really been deploying this ionization technology. So the company came out and installed a desktop test unit. And this test unit functioned in the exact same fashion that the larger system worked. It basically extracted the air from the annex and transfer station and treated it.

In order to sort of quantitatively analyze whether or not it was successful doing its job, the air was placed into large bags. The bags of untreated and treated air were then sent to what is called an "odor panel," which a group of individuals with very keen noses and sense of smell who then proceeded to sample the material, the air from the two bags, and make the determination that yes, in fact, the system did do its job and deodorize the air from the transfer station and the annex.

Personally, I had not had the opportunity to 23 smell the air of the two bags. And when we smell, we have treated air; undeniably, the air from transfer 25 station.

kind of break it up so that I could ask questions, have

2 them about specific facilities. 3 MR. HUGHES: Of course. And he hears that.

MS. DAWSON: Okay. That way, hopefully 4 Mr. Quillen will have a very fresh mind. Here we go.

6 CROSS-EXAMINATION

7 BY MS. DAWSON:

> Q. Okay. So I'm going to talk about the West Wing and ask you some questions. Can you summarize for us briefly how this project differs from the West Wing project that was proposed in the 2013 rate application and then approved under a contingent schedule?

A. Well, it's a different building inasmuch as it's a larger building than what we had originally contemplated. The original West Wing that we were

16 looking at constructing was going to be a test facility.

17 It was really designed to test emerging processing 18 technologies and it was going to allow us an opportunity

19 to do that in a portion of the building that would be

20 part of our solid waste facility-permitted area. 21

The difference between that building and this 22 billing is we now have before us a production facility

23 that its intended designed purpose is actually

purpose-built to receive organics the intention of

25 transferring it.

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- Q. So when you say "new processing technology," 2 you're specifically addressing what's in the black bin? Or it could have been any of them? 4
 - A. It could have been any number of new technologies.

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- Q. So according to your application, Recology recovers 650 tons per day of compostable materials. What would be the capacity of the new West Wing?
- A. I would presume the capacity of the West Wing 10 would be in excess of a thousand tons.
 - Q. So based on the historic and projected growth in the organics waste stream, what is the projected useful life of the West Wing?
- 14 A. It would be -- I would project the useful life 15 in excess of 20 years.
 - Q. Do you think that's consistent with kind of the changes that you've seen just as far as you
- 19 A. Yeah. I mean, it will be a fairly robust 20 building. Given its current use, based on what I've seen of the product, it's going to be a challenging
- environment. It's going to require constant
- 23 maintenance. This isn't just a simple structure that
- 24 can just be left to take care of itself. It needs to be
 - cleaned daily, it needs to be washed. There's a lot of

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Q. Okay. Would you like me to also -- I have just some questions about notice to proceed and all these things, but it sounds like I should wait for Ms. Butler.

A. Yeah. She'll be presenting more of a technical analysis of the process and what led up to the existing permit.

MS. DAWSON: Okay. I'll hold the rest of my questions until testimony then. Thank you.

10 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 11 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. HUGHES:

Q. All right. Let's talk about the Trash Processing Pilot, if you could. What is the idea of running a pilot for trash processing?

16 A. Well, processing the trash, essentially 17 sorting through what we call materials in the "pit," 18 or the black bins, is sort of the new frontier of our 19 industry. Recology demonstrated guite a bit of acumen 20 of our ability to process recyclable organics, but we 21 haven't really had much experience processing trash.

So this is an important pilot for us because it allows the opportunity to explore trash processing to make some evaluations, assessment of the equipment associated with processing trash. More importantly, Page 211

1 maintenance associated with this. As a result, there's

a lot of moisture; so we're definitely going to have some challenges in taking care of this building.

Q. Okay. So in Recology's San Francisco schedule H.3 in the rate application, it lists the West Wing construction cost as \$18,857,170.

And according to Appendix A in the narrative summary, the construction of the West Wing will begin in July of 2017 and be completed in August of 2018.

Has Recology received all the permits and other approvals necessary to meet this timeline?

12 A. We received all the land use entitlements, the 13 zoning is all in order, and we currently have a permit

package in the planning department right now. And we're

15 in final plan check stages. We expect to have the 16 construction plans in hand probably within 30 to

17 60 days, definitely by inclusion of the rating process.

18 We anticipate that we'll be prepared to initiate the 19 construction process on or about July of this year.

Q. So how has Recology and the general contractor 21 agreed on final design, final construction schedule, and final guaranteed maximum price for this project?

23 A. I think I'd like to defer that question to 24 Meghan Butler. She's the project manager who's been 25 working very closely with the design team. Page 210 it allows to understand the markets associated with selling material that we derived from the black part.

Q. And then at a very general high level, can you tell us how you go about processing trash?

5 A. Yeah. Basically the route trucks come 6 off the routes and we tip them on the floor. We run 7 the material through a size reducer, basically an SSI Shredder. The SSI Shredder takes all of the trash and makes it uniform. We then take that material and we run 10 it across a screen called a Lubo Screen.

A Lubo Screen essentially gives us what I'd like to call the "wet-and-dry separation"; so essentially the small four inch-minus material is moisture-heavy, falls through the stream, and then the four inch-larger material, the cans, bottles, paper, plastic, goes across the screen. And then from there, we've got two processes. One of them is the Orex Press which takes the four inch-minus and then presses the organics out of it, and we'll send that material to East Bay MUD where it's converted into energy.

The "overs," material that comes off of the Lubo Screen is really what the pilot's going to target. And basically what we're going to do is we're going to

24 take the material, it comes off the screen, transfer it

over to Pier 96, and then run it across the purpose-

1	-built piece of equipment where we can initiate the	1	processing in the future. This equipment will
2	process of sorting the trash.	2	essentially allow us the ability to experiment with the
3	Q. What is Recology doing presently from a trash	3	waste stream and understand what type of materials
4	processing perspective? Does it already have the	4	what type of threshold the market will allow for those
5	shredder and the machinery that enables the separation	5	materials.
6	and the using of the Orex Press?	6	Q. In terms of a scale, how large of a pilot
7	A. Yes. Currently we operate the SSI Shredder,	7	program is this you're contemplating?
8	the Lubo Screen, and Orex Press. We will be	8	A. The pilot is contemplating processing
9	operating assuming it's approved, we will be actually	9	approximately 100 tons a day.
10	installing and operating the Zero Waste Processing Pilot	10	Q. And that's out of how many how much of the
11	equipment operation over at Pier 96.	11	collected black bin material?
12	Q. So the processing of the smaller material,	12	A. Nearly 10% of the material collected on the
13	the organic smaller material is already currently being	13	routes.
14	done by the Orex and wasn't proposed in the rate	14	Q. So approximately 1,000 tons a day, it'll be
15	application as some means of processing the larger	15	100 of it?
16	material for recyclables?	16	A. Yeah. It's a fairly substantial pilot.
17	A. Yes.	17	Q. And do you have any estimates or projections
18	MR. HUGHES: All right. I'd like to introduce	18	about the amount of recyclable material that you think
19	a new exhibit, 33, which is a 3D rendering of some	19	you'll be able to pull of that 100 tons of black bin
20	equipment that I'd like you to describe for us, please.	20	material a day?
22	But let us introduce this first or get it	21 22	A. At this point, we're estimating about
23	circulated. Thank you.		25% recovery from the 100 tons. We believe 10% of the
24	MR. PRADHAN: The document will be Exhibit 33.	23	material will come from the Orex Press operation, and then we believe that we can recover 15% of the material
25	(Exhibit 33 is displayed.)		from the this operation.
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1	(Exhibit 33, "Zero Waste Trash	1	Q. Do you have any expectation about the ability
2	Processing Pilot 3D Rendering [Recology],"	2	over time for technologies or markets to allow you to
3	was admitted into evidence.)	3	recover a greater amount from the black bin?
4	BY MR. HUGHES:	4	A. We're very optimistic that as we continue
5	Q. Mr. Quillen, what is Exhibit 33?	5	to operate the equipment, we'll learn more about the
6	A. Exhibit 33 is an image of the proposed	6	material. As we learn more about the material and start
7	equipment, essentially the Zero Waste Processing Pilot	7	to actually collect the product, we'll have the ability
8	equipment.	8	to test it in the marketplace. As we bring that product
9	Q. This is the equipment that would process for	9	into the market, we'll start to understand what the
10	recoverable recyclables, that is the oversized materials	10	issues are associated with the selling of these
	from the trash?	11	products.
12	A. Correct.	12	So you know, we do anticipate that over time
13	Q. And where does Recology propose this equipment	13	through our understanding and our ability to operate the
14	would be housed during the pilot?	14	equipment, we should be able to derive higher diversion
15	A. We would be installing this equipment at	15	rates. Potentially, markets could open up further
16	Pier 96.	16	yielding other opportunities for to us market material.
17 18	Q. In space that's currently being used for what?	17 18	MR. HUGHES: Okay. I think that's all I have
	A. Currently it's space that's not being used for		on the Trash Processing Pilot. So if Ms. Dawson or
19 20	anything little bit of bale stores and equipment	19	anyone else has any questions on that, I'm happy to sit down for a moment.
21	storage. It's generally an unutilized department	20 21	
22	building. Q. And what is it that you hope to be able to	22	RECROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. DAWSON:
23	accomplish by employing this equipment?	23	Q. So can you just refresh my memory a little bit
24	A. Well, by employing this equipment we hope to	24	about just how much of what's currently going to be in
25	get an understanding for the material that we'll be	25	the trash waste stream are you going to be trying to
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process during this pilot program? 1 The optical sorter is essentially use infrared 2 A. We're going to target 100 tons per day. 2 light to make an almost split-second determination of 3 Approximately 10% of what comes off the route trucks what a product is and then sort that material; so it's a will go through this pilot. And the target materials mechanical method of sorting. The systems generally will be the classic recycles: paper, plastic, cans, 5 sort product into two or three commodities. In this 6 bottles, cardboard, metal, wood. 6 case, we would be splitting the material in two 7 7 Q. And through the results of the pilot program, commodities. 8 you're hoping to really gain more information about 8 We would then -- continuing straight, we've potentially increasing capacity in this area? 9 got a Ballistic Separator or screen that would then 10 A. Through the operation of the pilot, we hope 10 size-reduce. We could three-dimensionally sort the 11 to understand more about the material that we will be 11 material. At that point, we would be targeting containers and things of that nature. And then we're 12 processing, the marketability of the materials. 12 13 And once we understand the material qualities and 13 also proposing a secondary optical sorter off to the quantities, we can start to make better and more 14 right, which would further be able to sort the material. 15 15 educated assumptions related to the throughput of the MS. DAWSON: And do you have --16 debris. 16 Just a request of Recology or Counsel, for the 17 17 Q. So have you also looked at or are currently drawings that you've provided to us today, both of the 18 considering other possible technologies that you might 18 West Wing and this equipment, would it be possible to be able to use to process the black waste stream? 19 label them in a way that you just walked us through so 20 Not at this time. 20 for the benefit of the record and the benefit of the 21 21 Okay. What equipment specifically is this public, I think it amends the equipment a lot better. 22 22 that you were using for the pilot? Are you able to MR. HUGHES: Of course. 23 provide us a little more detail on exactly what you're 23 MS. DAWSON: And as far as the images of the 24 proposing to purchases? 24 West Wing go, it might also be helpful to consider 25 25 A. Yeah. Essentially this is a European approach introducing as evidence. And as it is of what's at Page 217 Page 219 to processing trash. The system that we have on the Tunnel Road and marking the current condition, I've 1 1 2 slide here, it is a proposal that we received from seen such images, but they're not currently here. 3 Van Dyk Baler Corporation. If you'd like, I can walk Maybe you've got them lying in wait for me. 4 4 you through the equipment. But in any case you don't, I would ask that 5 Q. At a high level, please. 5 you do that because for those people, there are 6 A. At a high level, the little machine with the 6 certainly members of the public who've never had the 7 grapple is obviously the excavator. The excavator would 7 pleasure of being toured around the Recology facilities. 8 take material from the route trucks and place it from 8 I think it would be very helpful to clarify kind of what 9 the --9 you've got today and what you're planning to do, 10 Q. We're starting on the left-hand side, just for including labeling components of the new West Wing in 10 11 the benefit of everybody else? 11 terms of how the flow works, where the loading and 12 12 A. Yes. So on the left-hand side we're able to unloading happens, things like that. 13 13 process material larger in the system. It will go into MR. HUGHES: I will. Thank you. 14 a feed hopper, up an incline to there, and hit a very, MS. DAWSON: So in terms of this particular -very small bale sorter station. We don't really at this what the throughput is of the proposed Van Dyk 15 15 16 point in time want to spend much effort manually sorting 16 equipment, how much can be run over the line, what kind 17 the material; so we're proposing an extensively 17 of the respective output might be. Things like that. 18 mechanical process. So essentially we'll have a few 18 MR. HUGHES: We will work on that. 19 MR. HALEY: No guestions at this time. 19 individuals up there who will pull out large items or 20 20 DIRECTOR NURU: Okay. Can I get a showing of things that could potentially damage the material. 21 The next piece of equipment, the one that 21 how many people would like to speak in public hearing. 22 has that yellow hood is an optical sorter. The optical 22 Okay. So we can go ahead. 23 23 MS. DAWSON: Does the Ratepayer Advocate want sorter is generally. 24 MR. HUGHES: This hood, or back here? 24 a little bit of time as well? 25 THE WITNESS: That first hood. 25 MS. DILGER: Yes, we would.

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1	MS. DAWSON: So we might want to reserve an	1	added?
2	extra little bit of time in case there's additional	2	A. That would be a question for Dan Negron, the
3	follow-up from the information that the Ratepayer	3	Sunset Scavenger General Manager.
4	Advocate provides.	4	Q. And relative to the new routes, there was some
5	DIRECTOR NURU: Maybe at this time I think	5	discussion around new head counts. So the question
6	I'll just go ahead and hold off on public comment,	6	around that confirming that there will be new hires.
7	since we have about 25 minutes. Continue.	7	Then subsequently, will there be local hires? And
8	MR. HUGHES: We can go ahead and turn the	8	what's the notification process for those potential
10	image off on the screen.	9	applicants?
10	DIRECTOR NURU: Would the Ratepayer Advocate	10	A. So once again, those will be questions for
11	like to come up.	11	Dan Negron.
12 13	MR. JONES: Great. Thank you for an	12	Q. Great, thank you.
14	opportunity to do a few follow-up questions. A few of	13	DIRECTOR NURU: Please, sir.
15	these are just clarifying questions, and many of these are basically relevant to some of the things that we've	15	(Mr. Negron steps up to the witness stand.)
16	been hearing in the now over 41 committee meetings that	16	DAN NEGRON, having been previously duly sworn,
17	we've had that pertains to the items that are in the	17	was examined and testified as follows:
18	daily agenda.	18	EXAMINATION
19	EXAMINATION	19	BY MR. JONES:
20	BY MR. JONES:	20	Q. Good morning, sir.
21	Q. The first question, Mr. Quillen, is just	21	A. The question about truck routes, it will be
22	confirming given your earlier responses, my	22	roughly 23 is what the plan is right now.
23	understanding or belief that the question is probably	23	O. Great. And relative to the new hires?
24	more appropriate for Ms. Butler, but I just want to make	24	A. We have hiring requirements. Our HR
25	certain that at least it is due to your assessment and	25	department will be definitely posting those positions on
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1	referral that that's the appropriate respondent for this	1	our careers website on recology.com. And we do have
2	question. It has everything do with the West Wing	2	somebody that responds. That's outlined in the
3	construction and the approval timeline. You indicated	3	postings, as far as being a commercial driver.
5	July 17. It's a pretty aggressive dating. There's some	4	Q. Great. And how many new trucks will you need
6	interest in the ability for Recology to maintain that timeline. And what are the strategies that they'll	5	to purchase to make the new route changes possible? A. Parallel with the drivers, 23.
7	often do that does not subsequently end up increasing	7	Q. Okay, great. And I know there was some
8	the construction costs? And so either you can respond	8	discussion around the shifts in Ms. Dawson's line of
9	or you can defer it for Ms. Butler.	9	questioning. And so just to be making sure that I got
10	A. I think I can try to answer the question.	10	the complete question, did you consider increasing night
11	I think it's good to know we have a	1	shift pickups to take fewer vehicles to be less
12	fully-entitled project that's currently in the final	12	destructive during busy workloads?
13	plan check at the Department of Building Inspections.	13	A. That's always been a challenge for us.
14	We received our first round of comments and we haven't	14	Frankly, if you ask our drivers, they will always be out
15	really seen anything in those comments that, in our	15	there at midnight and be off the street by 6:00, even
16	mind, would present us with a situation where we believe	16	with traffic congestions, but we have quality of life
17	that we're going to have much slippage from our existing	17	issues that we mitigate. We work closely with the
18	timeline. So as the operator, I believe that we should	18	Department of Public Health.
19	easily be able to meet the July 2017 schedule. If you	19	And so where we can, we'll start early as far
20	need more details, Ms. Butler can talk about that in	20	as what we call "commercial corridors." But generally
21	greater detail.	21	speaking, we don't really we start between 4:00 and
22	Q. Great, thank you. Relative to the route	22	6:00 a.m. to reduce the noise complaints, which is the
23	changes, in order to restructure where you pick up	23	biggest challenge.
24	all-in-one blue, black and green you'll need to add	24	Q. With respect to the on-board problem
25	some new routes. Again, how many routes are going to be	25	management system, how will it affect the daily trash
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pickup? 2 A. Actually, it will make it better, in the sense that the route management system will guide the drivers consistently every day. Our drivers have a close relationship with our customers. And so the system will provide consistency to what Minna Tao had mentioned. 7 When there is a backup driver, the customer, it will be 8 transparent to them because the driver's following exactly the same pattern that the regular driver's 10 performed.

Q. And will those centers give you a sense of how much trash is being picked up?

A. Unfortunately, no, it will not, as far as individual setups. We still track tonnages based on the entire vehicle collecting for the day.

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Q. And can the data that you are collecting in the new system allow you to possibly incentivize discounted programs for good backers and folks who are really contributing to the zero waste policy?

20 A. That system exists today as far as diversion 21 credits for those that are excellent recyclers. And the 2.2 City is a very big component of that; so I believe that it will continue as far as the basic model for charging 24 for basic service. There's always going to be a 25 diversion credit of some sort.

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film as opposed to the things we seem to be hearing more 2

3 A. Yes. Bulky Item Recycling is a very popular 4 program, as we've talked about earlier. I will take

5 Ms. Dawson's recommendation and propose at the next

hearing, possibly improving the program depending on the

7 parameters. We are reliable on that to make the Bulky

8 Item Recycling a more responsive program for the

9 customer's needs.

Q. Great. And the next set of questions will be 11 mainly requested a little bit later, but I would like 12 submit some of the questions from the last hearing 13 associated with costs and incentives.

We've heard from many seniors and advocates that the increase is too high for those in the senior community, particularly, those on fixed incomes. How will you address these concerns? And will there be any discount available for those who need it?

19 A. We do have what they call "lifeline rates," 20 if they qualify. It's a 25% discount. I think our 21 controller, John, would be a better person to talk about

2.2 as far as the detail applied by it. But generally

23 speaking, yes, there is a plan in place that exists 24

today as far as the 25% discount for that category. 25

Q. Great. I think one of the things that's being Page 227

Q. Next question is also to types of recycling. What are the types of recycling you'll be able to accept and what's the cost to the consumer?

A. I can start from the collection side. So we talked a little bit about we're going to add bags, we're going to add textiles for folks to put in their blue bin, unpainted wood, film plastic bags -- as far as the collection side. As far as the processing side, Maurice can probably talk a little bit about it.

10 MR. QUILLEN: The processing equipment that we 11 currently have installed at Pier 96 will be able to 12 handle the different commodities -- essentially 13 textiles, film plastic, wood and metal. As it relates 14 to the cost, it's difficult to quantify exactly how much 15 the collection of textile really impacts the rate 16 application. I think it's simply a function of the head 17 count associated with that material. And our rate model 18 is fairly complicated. There's many things that drive 19 how the rates are established. 20 BY MR. JONES: 21

Q. Great. And with respect to that, many of the 22 ratepayers we've been having conversations with have consistently asked for more bulky item pickup and e-waste recycling. So the question, I guess, is why the 25 focus on textiles and things like packing and plastic

requested for consideration is like that. To qualify for that, you have to make less than \$24,000 dollars a year. The cost of being in San Francisco, as we all know, is extremely high; so it's a challenge for many. And so just drawing back to that, that later we'll be able to -- you know, the rate structure would be a significant thing to hear a little bit more about later.

A. Okay. We can do that. We'll talk about it at the next hearing.

Q. You mentioned earlier about good recyclers. And so for those who do fantastic job and have weekly pickups, what are the rate structures and incentives for them to continue making less waste recycling and composting more?

15 A. So the incentive as it exists today and what's 16 being proposed is in the service level talk with the 17 total gallons. So we talked about the 32 gallon black,

18 blue, and green. And what we're trying to propose going 19 forward is to focus on trash with the 16 gallon concept,

and then upsize their blue for 64 gallon. They're 20

21 basically gaining 16 gallons of additional capacity to 22 gain credit for those folks that you mentioned are avid

23 recyclers. 24

Q. Great. And one of the things that we've heard consistently is that there's an interest for discounted

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rates for low waste generators. Has that been factored along can understand what you're talking about. We're 2 into the possibility of entering this structure? 2 all kind of guilty of knowing our own business overly 3 3 well. A. Well, we're proposing this 16 gallon. But if it deals with rate, I probably want to defer that to our 4 And then in particular I noticed the use of an controller because there's an impact across the entire 5 acronym, "MSW," Municipal Solid Waste; is that correct? 6 6 So I would respect -- I know it's very hard, but I ask spectrum when you start isolating certain types of 7 categories. 7 that we all we try to use either the full term or common 8 8 Q. Okay. Lastly, just kind of want to walk language so that at least the people reading the 9 through service level adjustment bin size. So with the transcriptions or following along at some point can 10 new rate structure, based on people exchanging the bins 10 understand what you're all talking about. 11 for a new bin sizes, how much is the increase if the 11 THE WITNESS: Absolutely. 12 12 ratepayer keeps their old bins? Is that even an MS. PEARCE: Thank you. 13 possibility? 13 MR. HUGHES: Thank you. 14 A. It is a possibility. We factor that we're 14 DIRECTOR NURU: Thank you. 15 just going to give them a new 16 gallon. That container 15 So we will go to public comment. 16 doesn't exist today; so that's a minimum. And then we 16 PUBLIC COMMENT BY MARC CHRISTENSEN 17 want to give them a new 64 gallon blue that doesn't 17 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Director Nuru, Panel 18 exist currently with the standard setout. 18 Members, Recology members present, Ratepayer Advocate 19 And so the customer can, in theory, decline 19 members present and ratepayers, I am Marc Christensen. $20\,\,$ the change and stick with their existing service. But I 20 I represent a neighborhood association, but I'm not 21 think a gentleman talked a little bit about those 21 speak -- I'm the president, but I'm speaking only as an 22 scenarios as far as the those customers that refuse to 22 individual today; so I'm not going to mention the neighborhood association -- well, respect the 23 2.3 make the change and what that cost will be to them. 24 Q. Great, thank you. And could you briefly 24 neighborhood association. I have two areas that I'd 25 describe the difference between the default sizes? 25 like to address, and hopefully I could have three or Page 229 Page 231 1 1 A. Absolutely. So as it stands today when a four minutes to do that. 2 2 First has to do with how Recology can save customer starts service, it starts with a 32 gallon 3 black, 32 gallon blue for recyclables, and 32 gallon money. As you know, several million dollars a year is 4 green for compost service. So basically 96 gallons of 4 lost in pilfering. And one of the things that I'd like 5 volumetric service. 5 to put down here --6 What we're proposing is a 16 gallon trash, 6 (Exhibit 34 is displayed.) 7 7 which is cutting their trash in half, and then getting MR. CHRISTENSEN: This is something that was them to sort their materials more towards the 32 gallon given out a while back, and everybody on our block has one of those on our can. However, it's not enforced, compost and 64 gallon -- doubling their 32 blue to a 10 10 64 gallon blue so that gets more material out of the obviously. And that's one of the things we need do. 11 We need to do two things: find some locking mechanism, 11 trash. 12 My final question is what's the justification 12 maybe with a fob that the driver comes up and unlocks 13 13 for the new \$20-dollar-per-unit fee? it, and something along that line, well, we really need 14 The fixed charge. 14 to look at that to prevent pilfering. A. 15 15 Because once a person then enters a locked Great. 16 A. Yeah, I'll have John Porter talk about that 16 container, that's breaking and entering. And we know 17 17 that once a material has been put in there, it's the specifically. 18 MR. JONES: I don't have any more questions. 18 property of Recology. So it's several million dollars Thank you. 19 that being pilfered; so there needs to be a way that to 19 20 20 DIRECTOR NURU: Cross-examine? prevent that. 21 MS. PEARCE: I don't have a cross-examination, 21 Another thing that needs to be done is if 22 but I do just have two quick comments for Recology. 22 Recology could tell customers within a two-hour period, 23 23 hopefully, of when they would actually be picking up, You refer a lot to "setout." It might be good 24 to try say in more plain English what we mean by that 24 people could then put that material out. At my house,

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on my block, the green bin is picked up sometime between

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4:00 and 7:00 in the morning. The black and blue bins
                                                                     rate increase in 2017, 2018, 2019, equal across the
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    are picked up anywhere from 4:00 in the morning until
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    11 o'clock in the morning. It would be nice to have
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                                                                     massive rate increase the first year. So that would be
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    more time when we could put it out and prevent
                                                                     my suggestion. And thank you very much for your time.
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            MR. PRADHAN: Sorry, just one second.
                                                                            MR. WILLIAMS: Good morning.
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            Do you happen to have a copy of the document
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                                                                            There's a charge that Sunset Scavenger
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    that you have up, just for the record?
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                                                                     assesses that I don't see addressed in any of the
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                                                                     literature I looked at, and that's rate for splitting
            MR. CHRISTENSEN: I'm going to give you this
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                                                                     billing for one point of service. For instance, in my
    copy.
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            MR. PRADHAN: Perfect. Thank you.
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                                                                     building, in our entryway, we don't have room for two
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                                                                     sets of trash cans; so my upstairs neighbor and I shared
            MR. CHRISTENSEN: And I also gave Recology.
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                                                                     the trash cans and we each receive a bill. But Sunset
    They have several of these. So anyway, thank you.
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            The second thing -- and I think this is very
                                                                     Scavenger, instead of just splitting the bill in half,
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                                                                     splits it in half and then charges 150% of that half so
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    important and will save Recology money -- and I'm
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    willing to do this as a pilot program in my
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                                                                     that we wind up paying a 150%, a bit more of a fee.
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    neighborhood; we've done it on our block. We have
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                                                                            I understand that this might be some problem
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                                                                     for a bookkeeper somewhere, but the computer-generated
    people who put their bins out next to each other.
    And as you know, the trucks run down the street, they go
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                                                                     bills, I have noticed that much of a burden and I don't
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    pick up at one house, move 25 feet, stop, pick up again,
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                                                                     think that this fee is justifiable. I think it's rather
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    move 25 feet, stop, and pick up again. This is not
                                                                     arbitrary. I would ask that you take a look at it.
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    cost-effective.
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            Both for the time on the street, I think the
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                                                                              PUBLIC COMMENT BY DAVID PILPEL
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    drivers -- if we put our bins next to each other, two
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                                                                            MR. PILPEL: Good morning. David Pilpel.
    houses, possibility three, you put the bins next to each
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    other -- and I'm willing to meet with somebody with
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    Recology in my neighborhood, go out with chalk -- blue,
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    green, and either black or white chalk -- mark areas
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                                                                            I mentioned last week some issues about the
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    with the address where you want those bins put. We get
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                                                                     DPW website. I noticed Monday a number of additional
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    trucks on and off the street quicker, less stops, much
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                                                                     documents were put up there and I appreciate that. I'll
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    quicker service, and I think that would help. So I'm
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                                                                     continue to work with staff on getting more recent
    willing to work on that.
                                                                     information there, particularly as the hearings proceed.
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            I'd also like to see Recology at least put
                                                                     For example, that next week's agenda will be up by this
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    this into their bill -- put the notice in the bill. To
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    do this, I think this is a good way to educate neighbors
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    on what they can do to help out.
                                                                     exhibits binder. I thought that was in the works, but
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            Secondly -- and this is other thing I wanted
                                                                     on the table I don't see one today. There were a couple
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    to talk about -- and that's rated increase. I really
                                                                     of exhibits I think that were handed out earlier that
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    believe that 16% on the fist year plus another 5% the
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                                                                     weren't -- double-sided, and I think in compliance with
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    next year is way too much. I would be willing to have
                                                                     our Environment Code, we should have all exhibits
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                                                                     double-sided. Robert smiled.
    discussions and negotiations on a percentage rate
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                                                                            Also, yesterday I attended the Port Commission
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    increase over the next three years that's more
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    equitable. Perhaps start -- and I don't have the
                                                                     hearing on the island proposal at Pier 96 with Maurice
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    figures.
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                                                                     and others. I think that went well. I assume we'll
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            And Recology should certainly make a profit.
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                                                                     hear more about that both from Maurice and probably from
23 Nobody's denying their costs; they should definitely
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                                                                     Meghan. If they don't, I intend to introduce as an
    make a profit. But what profit is reasonable for the
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                                                                     exhibit the Port Commission agenda item and
                                                                     presentations made last week; so I think that should be
    ratepayers of San Francisco? So I think a percentage
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on the record. 1 I'm also assuming that what Dan presented 2 2 A few other bits and pieces. I had a good applies equally to Golden Gate and what has been 3 conversation with lots of the Environment staff presented applies equally to Sunset. Combining the Bulky Item Recycling that would yesterday about textiles, dog waste, and the PERA and 4 options to improve recovery of materials from what was 5 be under the material programs we'll hear about in the 6 known as the "PERA" which I now I understand is being 6 next couple of weeks, I suppose. There's also the 7 7 called a "PRRA," just as what used to be known as "Bulky Gigantic 3 program that I know you're a big supporter 8 8 Item Collection" is now being called "Bulky Item of. There's -- in my experience, there's only limited Recycling." So I'm trying to avoid using acronyms, 9 outreach and understanding of what that program. When 10 as Julie requested, but I think those program title 10 I served on a City task force, I got a regular mailing 11 from your office, actually, that announced when the changes should be made clear. 11 12 12 As we heard from Dan Negron earlier, there's a Gigantic 3 was happening in my district. 13 lot that goes into routing and mapping. I think one of 13 As a regular Recology customer, though, the primary goals that wasn't discussed a lot was really 14 I don't get any customer communication indicating when 14 15 15 that happens. So it's kind of like if you know about minimizing the number of containers at each location and the number of lifts, and I think Marc Christensen really it, it's a great thing; if you don't know about it, spoke to that a little bit. 17 17 you won't avail yourself. The more people that use the 18 Whatever amount of material is out there, 18 Gigantic 3 instead of Bulky Item Recycling, it's a more the arrangement that gets to the smallest number of 19 19 efficient approach because you just pack and there are 20 containers really gets to greater efficiency for 20 trucks and all that. 21 21 everyone, and we should look to that. Do you want me to wrap up? 22 When Dan talked about having more drivers and 22 DIRECTOR NURU: Yes, please. 23 23 more routes and minimizing the amount of overtime, there MR. PILPEL: Okay. Shall I cut it there and 24 24 was some contention there, and I know this from MUNI we'll continue more next week? 25 scheduling. If they reorganize -- or if the rerun the DIRECTOR NURU: All right. Page 237 Page 239 1 MR. PILPEL: Okay. And I'm intending to put 1 routing to include more overtime and fewer drivers. 2 2 So rather than an 8 hour operation, moving to an together more comprehensive comments. 3 8-and-a-half or a 9 hour operation, even if that The one thing I wanted to close on -- sorry. 4 4 encompasses more employee overtime, it results in less Rachel Warden gave me this the other day. 5 It's the new Public Works logo. I think you should 5 head count and it probably results in less overall costs 6 considering the framing of the costs. So they shouldn't 6 actually have a smaller black bag and a larger blue bag; 7 7 consider others in those scenarios that might result in so if you could think about it. 8 fewer routes -- more overtime, but fewer routes and 8 DIRECTOR NURU: Thank you. fewer trucks. 9 MR. PILPEL: Thank you. 10 10 Although there are split-container trucks, DIRECTOR NURU: Any other public comments? 11 there was no discussion today about the 50/50 trucks 11 At this time I would like to continue the 12 versus the 60/40 and what's more efficient given the new 12 hearing to March 22nd, 8 o'clock in the morning. 13 black/green scheme, understanding that both black and 13 We will meet in 406. We will post the agenda for that 14 green are driven more by weight than volume. Blue is day as well as for the final scheduled hearing --15 more driven by volume, but black and green are more 15 Tuesday, March 28 -- at the end of the week on the 16 driven by weight. And it's not clear to me which truck 16 Public Works website and on the announcement board. 17 kind of makes the most sense under the current scheme, 17 I would like to thank everyone for 18 and depending on the shipment of materials, what's the 18 participating in these proceedings, and we are 19 better truck type for the split-chamber approach. 19 adjourned. Thank you. 20 20 Also, the customer behavior changes that (Ending time: 11:03 a.m.) 21 21 Recology included were supposedly based on the pilot, but I'm not sure that there is a lot of evidence yet on 22 23 the record to support that there's actually going to be 23 24 a massive change in customer behavior because they got a larger bin and a smaller black bin. 25 Page 238 Page 240

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