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1 (On the record at 10:30 a.m.) 2 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS 3 CHAIR ROZATOS: Good morning to everybody. Today is Thursday, April the 10th. This is the 4 5 continuation of our Oil Conservation Commission 6 hearing. My name the Gerasimos Rozatos. I am the acting director of the Oil Conservation Division and 7 8 also the acting chairman of the Oil Conservation Commission. 9 We are continuing our evidentiary 10 11 hearing, the consolidated cases by Goodnight 12 Midstream and Empire New Mexico. The case numbers 13 are as follows: 24123, 23614 through 17, 23775, 24018 through 24020, and 24025. As I stated, this is 14 15 the continuation of the evidentiary hearing. 16 Mr. Hearing Officer, I transfer this 17 hearing back over to you. HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: 18 Thank you, 19 Chairman Rozatos. Good morning everybody. Let's 20 see. Do we have court reporter? Okay. Great. 21 So first of all, thank you, Dr. Ampomah 22 for -- I may speak for everybody on this. Thank you 23 for a relaxed morning. 24 So is there a motion to start off the 25 day with our mid-morning break? Page 5

1 All right. Okay. So let's see, we are 2 still on Mr. Rankin's cross-examination of Mr. West, 3 correct? 4 MR. RANKIN: Correct, Mr. Hearing Officer. 5 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Mr. West, I'll just remind you that you're under oath. 6 7 You may proceed, Mr. Rankin. 8 MR. RANKIN: Mr. Hearing Officer, before we 9 do, just one point of order for housekeeping matters, and I discussed this with counsel for Empire. I had 10 11 circulated an anticipated witness list for Goodnight 12 once we get our case started. 13 I'm making a slight modification to that, just due to witness availability. Mr. MacBeath 14 15 will be unavailable to be here in Santa Fe the third 16 week of April, when we resume. So, for that reason, 17 I'm going to ask to move him up from second in order 18 to first in order, because I think it would be very 19 important to have his testimony be in person. 20 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Okay. 21 MR. RANKIN: And I discussed that with 22 Empire, so they're aware. 23 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: All right. So 24 assuming Empire's case is done sometime today, it 25 would be your first witness?

1	MR. RANKIN: He'll be my first witness.
2	THE COURT: And no objection to that,
3	Ms. Hardy?
4	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, we don't object to
5	moving him up in the order. We would like if we
6	do get to Mr. MacBeath, we were prefer to do it
7	tomorrow.
8	I don't know that we're going to finish
9	Mr. West today, so that may not be an issue. But we
10	weren't prepared to have Mr. MacBeath go.
11	MR. RANKIN: I understand the issues around
12	that. It's not easy when there's shuffling of
13	witnesses. I believe that was an issue on our end,
14	as well. I'm not doing to it make it difficult for
15	Ms. Hardy.
16	But if there's a way we could at least
17	get his summary presentations done. I agree with
18	her. I'm not sure we're going to actually get to
19	Mr. MacBeath today, but if we do, I would like to at
20	least get his summary presentation done, potentially.
21	But we'll confer during a break with counsel for
22	Empire.
23	THE COURT: Well, let's see how the day
24	goes. But it seems reasonable, then, if is it
25	Mr. MacBeath?
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1 MR. RANKIN: It's MacBeath. 2 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: If Mr. MacBeath -it seems reasonable that Mr. Rankin could get through 3 the direct exam, if time permits. And hopefully, 4 5 time will permit. I don't want to make any advance rulings 6 7 on your request, Ms. Hardy, because the effect might 8 be to unnaturally prolong cross-examination. MS. HARDY: And we are fine with 9 Mr. MacBeath doing his direct examination today. 10 11 It's just the cross that we would like to do 12 tomorrow. 13 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: All right. For now, let's play it by ear. But, Mr. Rankin, thank 14 15 you for heads-up. And are you ready to proceed? 16 CHAIR ROZATOS: Mr. Hearing Officer, I 17 apologize. I also have just a slight wrench for 18 tomorrow. I do need to be done by 3:45 tomorrow, so 19 just keep that in mind with the cross-examinations and everything. We need to kind of cut a little 20 21 shorter tomorrow, so I just wanted to throw that out 22 there, by 3:45. 23 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Okay. Thank you. 24 Reminding all of us that time is always of the 25 essence.

1	All right Mr. Rankin.
2	MR. RANKIN: Thank you, Mr. Hearing Officer.
3	Thank you, Commission Chair, Commissioners.
4	WILLIAM WEST,
5	having previously been duly sworn,
6	testified as follows:
7	CROSS-EXAMINATION (Cont'd)
8	BY MR. RANKIN:
9	Q. Good morning, Mr. West.
10	A. Good morning.
11	Q. I'm going to pick up with your Slide
12	Number 8 from your summary testimony of your direct
13	examination by Ms. Hardy. And this slide is a slide
14	that we talked about a bit yesterday, Slide Number 8
15	of your presentation, and it's your Exhibit I-5 from
16	your direct testimony.
17	As part of your analysis of water
18	production in the EMSU, did you evaluate the
19	completion intervals for the wells that you've
20	identified on this exhibit?
21	A. They're completed in the Grayburg.
22	Q. Did you evaluate the specific zones within
23	the Grayburg that they were completed in as part of
24	your analysis and assessment of water production?
25	A. In this slide here, it sums them all up just

1 as "Grayburg."

2	O T undevetend that Dut or next of
2	Q. I understand that. But as part of
3	determination about whether or not there are other
4	factors or other sources of water that may have
5	explained the water production values here, did you
6	evaluate what zones they were completed in?
7	A. Yes. When we were doing the full
8	evaluation, we looked at the wellbores and to see
9	where they were completed.
10	Q. So you incorporated that consideration into
11	this analysis?
12	A. Yes, sir.
13	Q. And based on your assessment, you determined
14	that there's no other explanation for these water
15	production values but for communication with the
16	San Andres?
17	A. That's the most likely.
18	Q. And you ruled out, then, potential
19	encroachment from Goat Seep?
20	A. There is a small encroachment that's, you
21	know, from the Goat Seep. But that's all the way to
22	the far west.
23	Q. How did you rule it out? Did you rule it
24	out?
25	A. Well, if you're high up on the structure,
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1	it's hard to bypass the other wells and get the Goat
2	Seep up to those high structure wells.
3	Q. You showed us an exhibit from Mr. Lindsay
4	that showed how, based on his testimony and his
5	measurements, Goat Seep water is encroaching all the
6	way up to the top of the structure. Agreed?
7	A. I don't think that's what the exhibit
8	showed.
9	Q. You were here for Dr. Lindsay's testimony,
10	weren't you?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. And you didn't hear him testify that the
13	Goat Seep was encroaching to the top of the structure?
14	A. I do not remember that.
15	Q. And you're in charge of operations for EMSU
16	on behalf of Empire, correct?
17	A. That is correct.
18	Q. And as part of head of operations for the
19	EMSU, you would be charged with understanding all the
20	engineering factors that potentially would affect
21	operations and production in the EMSU, correct?
22	A. That is correct.
23	Q. Okay. Now, as far as encroachment, what was
24	your evaluation? What did you do to evaluate the
25	potential effect of Goat Seep encroachment as part of
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1 your analysis? 2 A. So one thing you look at is the production 3 from the wellbores and the pressures. Like, the pressure data we showed you earlier, is that those 4 5 pressures in those zones drop down to low pressure, 2-6 to 300 pounds on RFT. So if you had a strong aquifer 7 support, you would have more pressure. 8 Q. Do you have --9 A. And it's well documented that this is a 10 solution drive reservoir in the Grayburg. 11 Q. Do you have RFT pressures for these wells, 12 showing that these wells with the high water 13 production have low wellbore pressures? 14 A. Not all of them. But if you go to the RFT 15 on the 211, you can see that those zones had lower 16 pressure. 17 O. Is the 211 identified here as a well that 18 has high water production? 19 A. I don't remember exactly whether the 211 is 20 on here. Q. Isn't it up here in Section 32? 21 22 A. We'd have to put on the map. I don't know. Q. But as I sit here and look here today, I 23 24 don't see that EMSU 211 here. Do you see it on your 25 map?

1 A. I do not. But it's an example of, you know, 2 how the pressure is lower in the wellbores, and, you know, that it's pulling down, indicating that you 3 don't have a strong aquifer support. 4 5 Q. If the 211 truly had low pressure -- and isn't the 211 in your analysis completed in -- or 6 isn't it completed partially within the upper 7 8 San Andres? 9 A. The 211 has RFT pressures through, you know, a section including all the way down into the 10 11 San Andres. 12 Q. So if it's got low pressure, why isn't it 13 showing up here as a well that has high water volumes, if it's pulling water up from the San Andres? 14 If the 15 San Andres is overpressured at this point and would be 16 drawing -- pushing water up into the Grayburg, why 17 isn't the 211 one of the wells you have identified as having a high excess water production? 18 19 A. I didn't say that it would have high excess 20 water production. I said that it shows that the 21 reservoirs in the Grayburg are depleted, showing that 22 there's not a strong aquifer support. 23 Q. But I think one of your explanations was 24 that the lower pressures in the wellbores would be indicative of the lower pressure in the Grayburg, 25 Page 13

1 correct? 2 A. Lower pressure in the Grayburg would be 3 lower pressure in the Grayburg. Q. Okay. And as a result of lower pressure in 4 5 the Grayburg, my understanding from your testimony is that the San Andres is at a higher pressure than the 6 7 Grayburg at present, correct? 8 A. That is correct. 9 Q. And higher pressure in the Grayburg, based on engineering principles, would push water up into 10 11 the Grayburg. Isn't that your opinion? 12 A. In the lower zones of the Grayburg; that is 13 correct. 14 Q. Okay. And so why aren't we seeing the EMSU 15 211 as one of the wells identified on this exhibit 16 with high water as a result of influx from the 17 Grayburg -- or rather, influx from the San Andres? A. I think it's irrelevant to this slide. 18 19 Q. Okay. Now, when you reviewed this slide 20 yesterday, I think I understood you to say that when you discussed it, that there's no set pattern in the 21 22 way the water production shows up here across the 23 EMSU; is that correct? 24 A. Yes. You can see that there's no one big cluster of water. So if you had a strong water influx 25 Page 14

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1 from the Goat Seep, all the ones to the far west would 2 have a lot of water, because that's closest to the Goat Seep as you're coming off the structure. 3 4 Q. Okay. Now, I asked you yesterday -- we 5 discussed this a little bit. You said in your 6 testimony that you believed it's well documented in 7 different papers that there's water migrating from the 8 San Andres into the Grayburg in the EMSU, correct? 9 A. That's correct. O. Okay. We talked a little bit about the 10 11 papers and sources that you could cite or relied on. 12 And then I asked you whether you were aware of any 13 papers, starting in the 1930s, that documented that there was water encroachment in the EMSU. Do you 14 15 recall the discussion yesterday? 16 A. I recall the discussion. 17 Q. Since we had that discussion, have you had a chance to refresh your memory or do any additional 18 19 work to determine whether you're aware of any papers 20 from the 1930s that address that issue? 21 A. I did go back and look to try to find the 22 1930s paper. I did find one, but I don't know which 23 one you're referring to. 24 Q. I'm going to pull it up on my screen, this paper from July 1939. 25

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1 MR. RANKIN: Mr. Hearing Officer, I'm going 2 to move the admission of this as Goodnight Cross Exhibit Number 18. This is a United States 3 Department of the Interior Bureau of Mines paper. 4 5 That's a report of investigations relating to reservoir characteristics of the Eunice 6 7 oil field in Lea County, New Mexico. 8 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Any objection from 9 Empire? MS. HARDY: No objection. 10 11 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: OCD? 12 MR. MOANDER: No objection. 13 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Rice? MR. BECK: No objection. 14 15 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Pilot? 16 MR. SUAZO: No objection. 17 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: It'll be admitted. 18 BY MR. RANKIN: 19 Q. Mr. West, is this the paper that you reviewed last night or this morning? 20 21 A. Parts of it I did review this morning. Q. Prior to reviewing it this morning, were you 22 23 familiar with this paper at all? 24 A. No, I was not. 25 Q. So you weren't aware that Goodnight's Page 16

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1	experts, starting with this direct testimony filed in
2	August of 2024, cited to and relied on this paper in
3	this case?
4	A. I can't say I remember every reference.
5	Q. Okay. So prior to yesterday when you
6	reviewed it, you were not aware of this paper and its
7	analysis in 1939 in the Eunice Monument South area?
8	A. I can't remember every exact paper that I
9	looked at. But I do not remember as of yesterday that
10	paper.
11	Q. So because you have no memory of it, it
12	appears to me that you didn't rely on this paper in
13	your assessment of water production in the EMSU,
14	correct?
15	A. No.
16	Q. Okay. And prior to yesterday, you're not
17	familiar with the paper and its description of
18	different zones within the field and how they're
19	isolated by low porosity and permeability intervals?
20	A. There's definitely different zones in the
21	field.
22	Q. I'm asking about this specific paper and its
23	analysis. Prior to this morning, when you reviewed
24	it, were you familiar with the description in the
25	paper regarding the variable porosity and permeability
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1 and its effect on well production across the field? 2 A. You'd have to show me on it. But no, if I 3 didn't look at before this morning, then I probably wouldn't know, right? 4 5 Q. I'm just trying to confirm that. Prior to this morning, you didn't incorporate any of the 6 findings or analysis in this study in your assessment 7 8 of the effect of water on the EMSU, correct? 9 A. Correct. Q. Okay. Now, you mentioned also yesterday a 10 11 Love paper by Mr. Love; do you recall that? 12 A. Yes, sir. 13 Q. And I mentioned yesterday we had discussed 14 that paper extensively during Dr. Lindsay's testimony. 15 And at the time it was marked as Goodnight Cross 16 Exhibit Number 1. Do you recall that discussion with 17 Dr. Lindsay? 18 A. Yes, sir. 19 Q. And I think yesterday, you mentioned that 20 you thought that this is one of the papers you cited 21 as I think potentially discussing some aspect of the 22 San Andres creating an influx into the Grayburg; is 23 that correct? 24 A. Yes, sir. 25 Q. Okay. So this is the Love paper that you're Page 18

1	referring to?
2	A. Yes, sir.
3	Q. Okay. Do you disagree that this paper
4	addresses and confirms that there are conformance
5	issues within the EMSU?
6	A. It discusses the conformance issues; that is
7	correct.
8	Q. Do you disagree that the conformance issues
9	it addresses in this paper are the same issues that
10	you've highlighted here in your Exhibit I-5?
11	A. No. Those are different conformance issues.
12	Q. You think they're different conformance
13	issues?
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. How are they different? What's different
16	about them?
17	A. This is indicating that you've got you
18	know, so the Love paper, you're talking about the
19	zones coming across. You're talking about when you're
20	actively waterflooding. This slide is before the
21	waterflood, so this is production before the
22	waterflood. And the paper is addressing waterflood
23	conformance. Two separate subjects.
24	Q. So you're telling me that the Love paper
25	does not address in any way the effect of edge water
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1	coming in and affecting water production in the EMSU?
2	A. I mean, there's a light aquifer support from
3	the Gray reef.
4	Q. Okay.
5	A. Goat Seep. Sorry about that.
6	Q. So your opinion is that these issues here
7	identified in your Exhibit I-5 are separate and
8	unrelated to anything or any of the analysis discussed
9	in Mr. Love's 1998 paper?
10	MS. HARDY: Object to the form. I think it
11	misstates Mr. West's testimony.
12	MR. RANKIN: I'm trying to clarify, which is
13	why I'm asking the question.
14	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Just rephrase the
15	question, if you would.
16	BY MR. RANKIN:
17	Q. Well, Mr. West, I'm trying to think what I
18	asked and how I asked the question.
19	So what I'm getting at, the point is,
20	you're telling me that you think that the Love paper
21	addresses a different issue because it's related to
22	just conformance within waterflooding and not the
23	effect of edge water on those conformance issues. Is
24	that a fair characterization of your opinion?
25	A. The Love paper affects waterflood

1 conformance issues. 2 Q. Now you're telling me that it does not address the affect of edge water on those conformance 3 issues? 4 5 A. It might, but you're in a waterflood at that 6 point in time. It might mention it in there. I can't 7 remember that. Q. I'll go ahead and pull it up. And I guess 8 9 my point is, Mr. West, that here it goes on and talks 10 about -- you're correct, it talks about conformance, 11 the variability of the porosity issues, the high 12 circulation, zones of high production of water. And then it talks about the focus area. 13 14 And the first sentence of this 15 description about the focus area, which is on I 16 believe Page 4 of the document, states that 17 conformance problems were observed over the entire field. Did I read that correctly? 18 19 MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, I object to 20 Mr. Rankin testifying. There was a long list of testimony before Mr. Rankin got to his question. 21 22 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: All right. Mr. Rankin, it's a fair objection. Try and just -- I 23 24 know you're trying to lay a preamble in a complex technical area, so it's a judgment call. But try and 25

1 bear that in mind if you would, please. 2 MR. RANKIN: Okay. I'll restate the 3 sentence, the question. BY MR. RANKIN: 4 5 Q. On Page 692 of the paper, Page 4 of the document, it states, "Conformance problems were 6 7 observed over the entire field." 8 Did I read that correctly? 9 A. That is correct. 10 Q. And it cites to Figure 7 to support that 11 statement. Agree? 12 A. Can you show me Figure 7? 13 Q. I will. So there's Figure 7. It states that wells that have symptoms of poor reservoir 14 15 conformance are marked by a large circle. Do you see 16 that? 17 A. I see that. Q. And then under the title of that image, it 18 19 says "Edgewater drive." Do you see that? 20 A. I see it on that image. Q. It's not titled evidence of San Andres 21 22 bottom -- San Andres bottom water plumes. 23 A. So if we can, like, set up in context to go up in the paper to describe the zones. 24 25 O. Yeah. Page 22

1	A. So if you could scroll up.
2	Q. What are you looking for?
3	A. Scroll up. I'll tell you when. It'll say
4	the zones, how it defines the zones, Zone 1, Zone 2,
5	Zone up a little bit higher. Keep on going. Next
6	page. All right. Right here. See there's Zone 4,
7	Zone 5. Go ahead and scroll up so you can see Zone 1,
8	Zone 2.
9	Q. You want me to go up?
10	A. Yes, just a little bit farther.
11	So when we refer to the you know,
12	the you know, so it's talking down below about
13	Zone 1 and Zone 2, so when you refer to that, that's
14	where it ties back to the EMSU 211 RFTs, you're taking
15	in that Zone 1 and Zone 2, which has very high
16	permeability streaks. And those pressures are low.
17	If you're getting that much edge water support, you
18	wouldn't have that lower pressure there. Okay?
19	I do think it's important here to go to
20	Zone 4. And where it describes Zone 5, which is, it
21	says, typically a water drive, it has, you know, a
22	little bit more water in Zone 6, and Zone 5 and 6 says
23	that it overlies the top of the San Andres and
24	contains an inconformity in the upper part and that
25	there's oil wells shown well down into the San Andres.

1 So it's kind of -- it confirming here 2 that Zone 5 and Zone 6 is in direct communication with the San Andres and the contributing water. 3 Q. Where does it says that Zone 5 and Zone 6 4 5 are in direct communication with the San Andres 6 contributing water? 7 A. It says that it's a high -- you know, it's a 8 higher -- it's typically a water drive and that it is, 9 you know -- that it includes the top of the San Andres, you know, into what they consider Zone 6. 10 11 Q. It says it overlies the top of the 12 San Andres. It doesn't say includes the San Andres? 13 A. Overlies, you know -- you know, it's implying here that the San Andres is part of that 14 15 zone. Consider it impacts that lower zone of the 16 Grayburg. 17 Q. That's your opinion? A. Yes. That's what it, you know, says. And 18 19 it says oil shows well down into the San Andres; 20 another proof of record that there's historical 21 records of oil in the San Andres. 22 Q. No, Mr. West, I'm not talking about oil yet. I'm talking about water. We can talk about oil later. 23 24 And Mr. Knights addresses that specific quote in his analysis. But I'm asking about what here, and you 25 Page 24

1 told me that "overlies" is the same as "includes"? 2 A. If there's fractures in between that 3 connects. I mean, they were using it in the same 4 context as a zone here. 5 O. Does this paper address fractures or does it 6 say anything about communication or influx of water 7 from the San Andres into the Grayburg? 8 A. That's saying that it's typically a water 9 drive from the zone, including --Q. Okay. And where it says that it's a water 10 11 drive, in Figure 7, it talks about edge water, doesn't 12 And it shows in the analysis -- talk about it? 13 implications, it's implying that performance issues are a direct result of the edge water, correct? 14 15 A. It doesn't say that. It says that --16 Q. It doesn't say "Edgewater drive"? 17 A. It says that wells have symptoms of poor 18 reservoir conformance, and they are marked by a large circle. 19 20 Q. That title of the figure does not say "Edgewater drive"? 21 22 A. That's what that says. But there's no implication of what it's telling. It says "thin gas 23 24 cap" up at the top, too. 25 Q. Okay. So over here, where it's interpreting

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1 or discussing the figure, it's saying that 2 "Conformance problems observed over the entire field," 3 correct? 4 A. That is correct. 5 Q. And it refers down to Figure 7, which is 6 titled, "Edgewater drive," correct? A. It's not titled. It's a -- it says it 7 there. Probably implying that, you know, that 8 9 southwestern corner, that that's where it was affected 10 They put it on that graph. That is not a from. 11 title. That's a label. 12 Q. Okay. And your own expert, Dr. Lindsay --13 and you're telling me you don't recall his testimony, but this figure shows that there is the Goat Seep, 14 15 which is by Dr. Lindsay's own testimony, the edge 16 water that encroaches all the way up to the top of 17 structure. Do you disagree? 18 A. Yeah. It has some, you know, mix in there 19 of the edge water. 20 O. Okay. A. But it would be -- not have the sulfate, 21 right? So you wouldn't have the barium sulfate 22 23 problem. Q. Going to your Exhibit 9, which is same topic 24 here, this is your Exhibit I-6 from your direct 25 Page 26

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1	testimony, correct?
2	A. That is correct.
3	Q. And this is an image or figure from a 1983
4	Technical Committee Report, correct?
5	A. That's correct.
6	Q. I thought I had pulled it up. I apologize.
7	I have so many files in your folder, Mr. West.
8	A. There's a lot of documents to keep straight,
9	there's no doubt. This is big case and a lot of
10	technical things. Forgive me whenever I don't recall
11	off the top of my head.
12	Q. That may be the reason I didn't open it,
13	because it's a big file.
14	So is this the 1983 Technical Committee
15	Report that you were referring to in your testimony?
16	A. Yes, sir.
17	Q. Okay. And you and I discussed this
18	yesterday. Do you recall when I was asking you
19	when we looked at this figure on your PowerPoint on
20	Slide Number 9, I was asking you whether or not there
21	was specific reference in the Technical Committee
22	Report that interpreted this image, indicating that it
23	was reflective of an influx of San Andres water into
24	the Grayburg. Do you recall that, yesterday?
25	A. I remember the discussion. But talking

1 about the paper, I don't remember exactly. But I'll 2 take your word for it. Q. So what I'm asking you here now is, do you 3 recall any specific language, discussion, analysis 4 5 relating to this figure from the 1983 technical report 6 or anywhere in the technical report that discusses a determination or conclusion or even an indication that 7 8 there's an influx of San Andres water into the 9 Grayburg? A. I'd have to reread it. But, you know, this 10 11 is where it's showing historical high plumes of water 12 production. 13 Q. Okay. But that's different than what you said yesterday, isn't it? 14 15 MS. HARDY: Objection. MR. RANKIN: I'm asking if it's different 16 17 than what he said yesterday. 18 A. I do not recall fully what I said yesterday in reference to this particular one. We were talking 19 20 about a lot of historical references, and I don't 21 remember my exact wordings on this one. 22 Q. So as you sit here today, you're telling me 23 that --24 CHAIR ROZATOS: Mr. Rankin, I'm going to interrupt for a second. There was an objection that 25 Page 28

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1 was raised. The Hearing Officer did not get a chance 2 to make his decision. 3 I mentioned this many times before, you guys. We need to keep decorum in here. There was an 4 5 objection raised. The Hearing Officer has to make 6 his decision before we continue. Please make sure 7 you follow these rules. 8 MR. RANKIN: I apologize. 9 MR. ROZATOS: Mr. Hearing Officer, there was an objection. I turn it back over to you. 10 11 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Thank you. I 12 guess I didn't hear that. 13 All right. I'm going to have to go back and see what the question was. 14 15 MS. HARDY: I think Mr. Rankin rephrased his 16 question. 17 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: The question was, you asked him if what he said today is different from 18 19 what he said yesterday. Okay. That's a fair question. Objection is overruled. 20 21 MS. HARDY: That wasn't my objection. My 22 objection was to his prior question. He then 23 rephrased it to ask the question that you're 24 mentioning. So I don't object to the rephrased 25 question. Thank you.

1 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Okay. That cures 2 it. All right. MR. RANKIN: I apologize, Mr. Chair, 3 Commissioners, Ms. Hardy. I didn't mean to curtail 4 5 the opportunity to address the objection. Ι 6 apologize. 7 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: That's all right. 8 And while we're talking about decorum, both of you 9 please try and remember not to talk over each other 10 for the sake of the record and especially the court 11 reporter. Thanks. 12 BY MR. RANKIN: 13 Q. Mr. West, you can answer the question. 14 A. Can you restate it. I don't remember after 15 that. 16 Q. What you said today about this image or this 17 chart shows water production values, is different than 18 what you stated about the chart yesterday; is that 19 correct? 20 A. I don't remember what I stated exactly 21 yesterday. This is, you know, depicting high water 22 cum values in different points whenever it was put together, prior to the waterflood. 23 Q. It is your opinion that this chart shows an 24 influx of water pluming from the San Andres into the 25 Page 30

Grayburg?

A. I believe that it gives you -- I mean, that is a great indication of that, would be a way that you would get the isolated plumes of water into the structure.

Q. Okay. Now my necessary, Mr. West, is there anywhere in that 1983 Technical Committee Report that interprets this chart to indicate that that there is an influx of San Andres water into the Grayburg?

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A. I do not remember.

Q. So since our discussion yesterday, where I raised with you, did you have an opportunity to go back and review the 1983 technical report to find any such language?

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A. I did not review the entire report.

Q. Okay. In your exhibit here, I-6, you refer to this chart. I'm going to skip down to it. I'm just going to make sure that this is -- so we have the whole page. This is the page that you pulled for your exhibit, correct?

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A. Yes. That's the diagram.

Q. Okay. And it's titled "Eunice Monument South Unit Mesh Perspective on 1981 Water Production," correct?

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A. That is correct.

1	MR. RANKIN: Mr. Hearing Officer, I'm going
2	to go ahead and move into admission the 1983
3	Technical Committee Report from April 1983, and I'll
4	mark it as Goodnight Cross Exhibit 19.
5	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Empire, any
6	objection?
7	MS. HARDY: No objection.
8	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: OCD?
9	MR. MOANDER: No objection.
10	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Rice?
11	MR. BECK: No objection.
12	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Pilot?
13	MR. SUAZO: No objection.
14	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: All right. It
15	will be admitted.
16	(Admitted: Goodnight Midstream
17	Cross Exhibit 19.)
18	BY MR. RANKIN:
19	Q. Mr. West, I did a search on this, and I'm
20	not going to subject everybody in this room to it, but
21	I could find no direct discussion, interpretation of
22	this figure. Just so we can see, it's listed as
23	Figure 12 in the Technical Committee Report. I could
24	find no direct interpretation or discussion of this
25	figure in the Technical Committee Report.

1 Do you recall yourself seeing any 2 interpretations or discussion of this figure in the 3 Technical Committee Report? MS. HARDY: Object to Mr. Rankin testifying 4 5 about what he found in the report. 6 MR. RANKIN: That's fine. BY MR. RANKIN: 7 8 Q. Mr. West, are you able to identify yourself any discussion of this figure of the Technical 9 Committee Report? 10 11 A. I can't say I remember that 167 pages right 12 This was used in our frame of reference at the now. 13 time of water production from the field. Q. Okay. But you're presenting this as 14 15 evidence of or at least indication of communication 16 between the San Andres and Grayburg, correct? 17 A. That is correct. That is an indication of communication where you have historical high water 18 19 volumes up structure, and down structure, you do not. 20 O. Okay. So you're telling me that this grid 21 is all on the high structure; is that correct? 22 A. I mean, it covers a big chunk of the field, 23 right? But you could probably see on here the two 24 folds that Lindsay shows there, where you would have 25 the fracturing, right? You got the one initial hump

1 and the you got the next initial hump that they kind 2 of line up. 3 Q. I don't see any structure on this. This is a mesh -- isn't this a mesh perspective on water 4 5 production? 6 A. That is correct, and it's structural in 7 there. But, you know, you've got the double humps 8 coming across the field from, you know, downdip. You 9 got the first hump, and you kind of have that line of higher water there, and then you have a dip, where 10 11 there's none. And then you have where the structure 12 gets reflexed again. You have a line of higher water 13 production again. 14 Q. So your opinion is that this water 15 production correlates to the structure; is that 16 correct? 17 A. That's indicating where you would have, you know, fracture zones that Mr. Lindsay indicated of 18 those flexures. 19 20 Q. So the pattern here, potentially, would be 21 based on structure. Agree? 22 A. It would be where there's flexing and fracturing. And whenever the rock is bent, especially 23 24 a dolomite, there's a lot of fracturing that occurs and more vertical perm. 25

1	Q. I'm going to skip over 10 and go to Slide 11
2	here. This is an exhibit from Dr. Buchwalter,
3	correct?
4	A. Yes, sir.
5	Q. And on the left is a snippet that applies
6	the discusses the Arrowhead Grayburg Unit, or AGU.
7	Agree?
8	A. That is correct. It is from the Chevron
9	unitization, I believe, technical.
10	Q. And in this case before the Commission
11	currently, there's no testimony or evidence to
12	establish what the depths are of the San Andres and
13	the Grayburg in the Arrowhead Grayburg Unit. Agree?
14	A. I don't know for 100 percent fact.
15	Q. As you said here, you can't recall any
16	testimony or facts or exhibits presented by Empire or
17	anybody else that address or clarify what the
18	San Andres or Grayburg depths are the AGU. Agree?
19	A. Correct. This has been on the EMSU. But in
20	this paper, they refer to the EMSU.
21	Q. Okay. On this snippet, does it refer to the
22	EMSU?
23	A. It doesn't on this snippet, but if we pulled
24	up the paper, it does.
25	Q. Why wouldn't Mr. Buchwalter well,
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	1 1 1 2 2 3 3 1 2 2 3 3 1 2 2 3 3 1 2 2 3 3 1 2 2 3 3 1 2 2 3 3 1 2 2 3 3 1 2 2 3 3 1 2 2 3 3 1 2 3 3 1 2 3 3 1

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1 Mr. Buchwalter did not identify in this exhibit 2 anything relating to the EMSU. Agree? 3 A. You know, the water production over to the right, that snippet, he has, you know, the higher 4 5 water production, the EMSU. 6 Q. That's true. I'm going to talk about that 7 in a moment. But as for the snippet included on the 8 AGU, it does not reference the EMSU. Agree? 9 A. So you're referencing just what's highlighted in red? 10 11 Q. I'm referencing what Dr. Buchwalter deemed 12 important to include in this exhibit. 13 A. It looks like to me that he deemed important, you know, water influx from the San Andres 14 15 to the lower Grayburg, and he deemed important as the 16 high production of water in different plumes in the 17 EMSU. 18 Q. Doesn't say anything about the EMSU in that 19 snippet, does it, on the left? A. So you -- I asked you if it was in the red, 20 21 if that's what you were referring to. And you said you were referring to the whole slide, so I went back 22 23 to the whole slide. Are referring to just what is 24 highlighted in the red? 25 O. I'm asking you, the information that

1 Dr. Buchwalter pulled from the AGU report, does it 2 reference anything about the EMSU? 3 A. It's just that snippet in the square box that does not have a reference to the EMSU in that. 4 5 Q. As to the AGU in this case, there's been no 6 testimony or evidence to establish that what is referred to as the San Andres influx in this snippet 7 8 here from Dr. Buchwalter that he refers to, is not 9 just Goat Seep edge water coming up into the AGU from down structure. Agree? 10 11 A. It says that it's a solution gas drive. So 12 if it's a solution gas drive reservoir, you do not 13 have strong aquifer support. Q. I'm asking you, though, Mr. West, that 14 15 there's no testimony or evidence to establish that 16 San Andres influx is not just Goat Seep edge water 17 coming up into the AGU from down structure. 18 A. It couldn't be a solution gas drive 19 reservoir if you had aquifer support. Q. But there's been no testimony or discussion 20 21 around the AGU in this case, agree, that relates to the edge water drive in the AGU? 22 23 MS. HARDY: Object to the form. I think lack of foundation. 24 25 MR. RANKIN: That's fine. I'll move on. Page 37

That's fine. I'll move on.

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2	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Okay. Hold on. I
3	do have to rule on the objection, and so I'm going to
4	sustain the objection, because I don't know how
5	comprehensive they are, but my notes of
6	Dr. Buchwalter's testimony include a statement where
7	he said there's no evidence of strong aquifer coming
8	into the Grayburg, for what that's worth.
9	MR. RANKIN: Okay.
10	BY MR. RANKIN:
11	Q. You reference this other image on the right
12	that Dr. Buchwalter pulled from included in his
13	testimony here. It is Exhibit M-3. And that's also
14	from the 1983 Technical Committee Report, as well,
15	correct?
16	A. That is correct.
17	Q. Okay. And to the best of your knowledge,
18	Mr. West, as with the prior figure that we were just
19	discussing in that Technical Committee Report, were
20	you able to identify any discussion in the report
21	about this figure or an interpretation to go with it?
22	A. I don't remember off the top of my head.
23	We'd have to pull up the document and look at it. But
24	it's a large document also.
25	Q. It is. But as you sit here, you can't
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1 recall -- Mr. West, is Empire relying on this image of 2 water production from 1981 to establish that there's communication between the San Andres and the Grayburg? 3 A. It's a piece of data indicating that you 4 5 have an unexplainable high water production up 6 structure. 7 Q. Now, it's your opinion that that water 8 production is unexplainable; is that right? 9 A. No. Actually, you can explain it from water influx from the San Andres. 10 11 Q. Okay. Now, your opinion is that there's 12 water influx from the San Andres and that this image 13 is an indication of that. Agree? 14 A. It indicates high water where you wouldn't 15 typically expect high water. 16 Q. Now, you reviewed the 1983 Technical 17 Committee Report, didn't you? A. I have at one time. I didn't do it last 18 19 night. 20 Q. And you would have been looking for every detail or snippet of information that would support 21 22 your position. Agree? 23 A. We're looking. Can't say I didn't miss any. 24 Q. Okay. But if you had found something that supported this interpretation of this image, you would 25 Page 39

1	have included it in your testimony or in your
2	exhibits. Agree?
3	A. Yeah. I mean, if, you know you know, to
4	support the case. But that's a strong indication of
5	water.
6	Q. Okay. I'm going to just skip down to where
7	I believe that I'm not sure exactly what page that
8	is on, so I will not attempt to find it. But you
9	agree that it's in that Technical Committee Report,
10	right?
11	A. That is where it stated that it came from,
12	yes, I believe.
13	Q. And so while there's it does, I guess
14	I reviewed this and I did find some discussion of
15	information about communication. And here on Page 5
16	of the Technical Committee Report, the technical
17	committee wrote, "At this time, there is insufficient
18	data available to determine the degree of vertical
19	reservoir communication." Did I read that correctly?
20	A. That is what you read there. And it looks
21	like it's saying they had thoughts that there was
22	vertical reservoir communication, or they never would
23	have put it in the report.
24	Q. It's actually hard to tell its context,
25	whether it's addressing vertical communication within
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1	the Grayburg itself, or between the Grayburg and the
2	San Andres. Would you agree?
3	MS. HARDY: Object to Mr. Rankin testifying
4	about what the article says.
5	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: That's overruled.
6	A. It's talking about vertical reservoir
7	communication.
8	Q. Can you determine, based on this paragraph
9	of the context, whether it's discussing vertical
10	communication between the Grayburg and San Andres or
11	within the Grayburg itself?
12	A. It's talking about vertical communication.
13	Q. Okay. There are some other additional
14	discussions about water production in the unit, and it
15	discusses, at some length, the assessment of water
16	production. And here on this page, which is Page 22
17	of the report, the technical committee states,
18	"However, after analyzing individual well production
19	records it is obvious that the water production is not
20	evenly distributed throughout the field." Did I read
21	that correctly?
22	A. Yes, you did.
23	Q. And that matches up well, with your
24	Exhibit I-5. Agree?
25	A. Yes, with I-5 and the other exhibits of
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different spots of high water.

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2 Q. And then further down on that same page, it 3 goes on to say that the technical committee attempted to make -- to correlate to determine whether that 4 5 water encroachment was uniform. Do you see that, that 6 I've highlighted here? 7 A. Yes. I'm just working on reading all of it. 8 Q. It goes on to say that after comparing water 9 production, decline rates and structural position for the leases within the field, they determined that 10 11 there was no clear trend. Do you see that? 12 A. Yes. So if you had edge water, you would 13 have a clear trend. 14 Q. If the structure were uniform. Agree? 15 A. That structure, you got downdip, you got 16 updip. You would have a clear trend. Clear trend 17 would be in reference to structure. 18 Q. Are there not variations in porosity and 19 permeability all through the Grayburg? 20 A. Yes. There is in any reservoir. 21 Q. Especially in a complex carbonate system, 22 such as the Grayburg in the EMSU. Agree? 23 A. Yes. It is a... 24 O. Okay. Now --A. Flip back there real quick. You had one 25 Page 42

1 other thing down at the bottom that I just wanted to 2 read before you went off of it. 3 Considering the entire unit area, the water production does not indicate a strong uniform 4 5 water drive mechanism. Okay. I just wanted to make sure I read that right. 6 7 Q. All right. Moving off that topic, here on the Slide 12, this is referencing your Rebuttal 8 9 Exhibit N-8. Correct? 10 A. That is correct. 11 Q. And I think I understood you to say that 12 this slide is no longer accurate because you've 13 changed your opinion about the depth of the pressure datum. Correct? 14 15 A. That is correct. We changed it because it 16 was referenced on the paper as 250. But it makes more 17 sense, as my original analysis was a negative 250. And I incorrectly switched it to the 250 because 18 that's -- I read the document for what it was. 19 20 Q. So rather than referring to N-8, I guess, should it be -- is it I-3? 21 22 A. Yeah. The original one would be a better one to talk from. 23 24 Q. Okay. So your testimony as it stands today is adopting I-3, not N-8, correct? 25 Page 43

1	A. That is correct.
2	Q. And I guess my question is, why did you
3	change your mind about that pressure datum?
4	A. Just to make sense that it matches up better
5	with Mr. Buchwalter's original models of the pressure
6	being proper, and that, you know, its position in the
7	reservoir makes more sense.
8	Q. But no new data, correct?
9	A. No new data.
10	Q. And no new papers or information that you
11	evaluated to make that determination, correct?
12	A. No. Just trying to make the determination
13	that it was incorrectly stated on that original paper.
14	Q. That what was incorrectly stated?
15	A. That it's 250 subsea instead of a negative
16	250 subsea.
17	Q. Now, the next slide here, going back to your
18	slide presentation, same thing with this one, would
19	we we'd want to refer instead to your original
20	testimony, the exhibit that correlates to this one in
21	your original testimony; is that correct?
22	A. Yes. For that far pressure curve to the
23	right.
24	Q. So that would be Exhibit I-4, correct?
25	A. Yeah. That's similar to it.
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1 Q. I guess my question is, I'm trying to figure 2 what your final testimony is on this issue. Is it what is stated in Exhibit I-4 or what's stated in this 3 revised Exhibit I-4 on your slide presentation? 4 5 A. Yeah, just making sure, I'm just reading the two of them clearly, the key points over to the right 6 7 and things. But yes, we can go with the original one. 8 Q. So as you sit here today, your final 9 testimony on this pressure data would be this original 10 testimony, original exhibit in your direct testimony, 11 I-4, correct? 12 A. Yes, that is correct. And you can see there 13 where on those high zones that you had a thousand 14 pounds of depletion up in Zones 1 and 2. 15 Q. So in this exhibit, Mr. West, you also 16 include a top of San Andres, correct? 17 A. Yes. Q. That's Empire's pick for the top of the 18 San Andres in this well, correct? 19 20 A. At the time of this, yes, that is. 21 Q. Has it changed? 22 A. I would have to reference. I don't think -it's just a couple feet if it did change. 23 24 Q. So somewhere around, you know, 4,000 measured depth. Measured depth, it's not TBD? Do you 25 Page 45

1	mean TBD?
2	A. Well, it's referring to the subsea depth
3	there. But, I mean, in a vertical well, TBD and
4	measured depth is virtually the same.
5	Q. I thought it was referencing the top of the
6	San Andres.
7	A. Well, it's referencing in this wellbore
8	that
9	Q. Okay.
10	A you know, that measured depth, which
11	would be a safe assumption to assume on a vertical
12	well that, you know, the TBD and measured depth are
13	correct.
14	Q. Okay. I'm following. Okay. So somewhere
15	around 4,000 feet is Empire's pick for the top of the
16	San Andres. Agree?
17	A. Yep. Right around 4,000. I mean, it's 3975
18	here.
19	Q. But it's no shallower or rather, no
20	deeper than that RT pressure measurement at 4,006
21	feet. Agree?
22	A. Well, you know, structural position would be
23	depending on where you add on structure. So it would
24	depend on different wellbores.
25	Q. But, I mean, you're asserting here that this
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1 pressure measurement that you're referencing in this exhibit is in what Empire has identified as the 2 3 San Andres. Agree? A. In this wellbore, that is correct. 4 5 O. In this wellbore. So the top of the 6 San Andres in this wellbore is above what you're 7 saying is where this pressure measurement was taken, 8 correct? 9 A. That is correct. Q. Right? Okay. It's close, but you're saying 10 11 the top is picked just above where this pressure was 12 taken, correct? 13 A. That is correct. Q. Okay. So yesterday, Mr. West, we discussed 14 15 this at some length, and I was asking you whether you 16 had done yourself an analysis to determine whether or 17 not this pressure measurement that you're indicating here and that you contend indicates that there's a 18 19 pressure communication between what Empire has identified as the San Andres and the Grayburg. 20 21 I was asking you yesterday whether you 22 had done an analysis to determine whether or not this 23 pressure reading 4,006 feet is in Goodnight 24 Midstream's disposal zone. Do you recall that 25 discussion yesterday?

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1	A. Yes. It is in the San Andres.
2	Q. That wasn't my question. We went back and
3	forth about this yesterday, right?
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. And I was asking you whether you had done
6	analysis. And you were sticking to your guns that
7	this is in the San Andres. And we didn't determine
8	yet where exactly in this well Empire had picked its
9	permeability barrier. Agree?
10	A. We don't see a permeability barrier?
11	Q. As far as our discussion, you and I, we did
12	not put up on the screen or have any discussion about
13	where Goodnight had picked its permeability barrier.
14	Do you agree?
15	A. For Goodnight, yeah, you did not put
16	anything up on the screen, right.
17	Q. So I do have a cross-section that Goodnight
18	had prepared that shows its permeability pick in the
19	211. This is prepared by Goodnight Midstream,
20	Mr. Preston McGuire, and at the top left, it shows
21	Empire New Mexico, LLC, EMSU 211 well. It shows on
22	the cross-section, the center well is the Empire EMSU
23	Number 1 SWD well. And then it shows on the far
24	right, Goodnight Midstream's Ryno well, which is one
25	of its disposal wells at issue in this case.

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1 And I'll just scroll down so you can see 2 We indicated on the 211, Goodnight indicated on it. 3 211 log, the location of Empire's pick, which is right around 390. We said -- sorry. Right around 3,975 4 5 feet. Would you agree with me that's approximately 6 around 3,975 feet? 7 A. Yes. The best that I can see the line, that 8 looks approximately to be the proper location. Can't 9 keep everything in my head. 10 Q. So you agree with me that that's approximate 11 for Empire's pick for the top of the San Andres in 12 that well. Agree? 13 A. That's correct. Q. And then below that, with the black line, is 14 15 where Goodnight Midstream in this well has picked its 16 top of the San Andres, which correlates to the top of 17 its permeability barrier. Do you see that? 18 A. I see what they picked. I don't agree with 19 their picks. 20 Q. Yeah, I'm not asking you to. But this is 21 based on the tops that Goodnight has provided to 22 Empire in discovery, and these are the pics that Empire has identified for this well. I'm not asking 23 24 you agree with them. 25 A. Understand. Page 49

1	Q. Also on this image, it goes on to show
2	Empire's San Andres disposal zone within the EMSU SWD
3	Number 1. Do you see that?
4	A. Yes. That's the disposal zone that just has
5	very small volumes going into it?
6	Q. Right. That's the disposal zone.
7	And then to the right, it shows
8	Goodnight Midstream's Ryno well and the depth in the
9	center track here, the depth track, it shows the
10	perforations where Goodnight has perforated its well
11	for disposal. Do you see that?
12	A. And it looks like they're representing
13	perfs.
14	Q. And then it has an inset map that shows the
15	location of those wells within the EMSU from A to A
16	prime. Do you see that?
17	A. Yes, sir.
18	MR. RANKIN: Mr. Hearing Officer, I move the
19	admission of this as Goodnight Cross Exhibit Number
20	20.
21	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: It's not already
22	in evidence in your case in chief?
23	MR. RANKIN: It is not.
24	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Any objection from
25	Empire?
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1 MS. HARDY: No objection. 2 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: OCD? 3 MR. MOANDER: No objection. HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Rice? 4 5 MR. BECK: No objection. 6 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Pilot? 7 MR. SUAZO: No objection. 8 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: It will be be 9 admitted. (Admitted: Goodnight Midstream 10 11 Cross Exhibit 20.) 12 BY MR. RANKIN: 13 Q. So in this well at least, between where 14 Empire picks its top of San Andres and where Goodnight 15 Midstream picks the top of the San Andres and its 16 permeability barrier, there's approximately -- I'm not 17 going to ask you to confirm, but approximately about 100 feet in this well, correct? 18 A. Looks like 100, 110 feet difference between 19 20 the picks. Q. Okay. In other wells, that difference can 21 be more or less, depending on where you are on the 22 structure and depending on where the picks are. Do 23 24 you agree? 25 A. Agree that our picks and your picks don't

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1 line up? 2 So for purposes of our discussion O. Yes. today, I'm going to refer to the difference here 3 between Empire's pick and Goodnight's pick, I'm going 4 5 to call this, just for ease after reference, "The disputed San Andres interval." Okay? 6 7 A. The difference between our pick, which is 8 consistent with the state, and what Goodnight is 9 trying to say is the pick? Q. I appreciate the additional commentary, 10 11 Mr. West. But yes, I'm asking you just to agree with 12 me that as between where Empire has picked the 13 San Andres and where Goodnight has picked the San Andres in this well, I'm asking you to agree with 14 15 me -- for the purposes of discussion, I'm going to 16 refer to that as "The disputed San Andres interval." 17 Okay? 18 A. In this particular wellbore --19 O. In this pick, yes. A. -- I think sometimes your guys' picks vary 20 21 up and down. 22 Q. I'm asking you just for the purposes of this 23 image, this exhibit. Okay? 24 A. This 110 feet in this well? 25 0. Correct. Page 52

1	A. Correct.
2	Q. Just for purposes of our discussion, is that
3	okay with you, so we can speak the same language?
4	A. I'll say correct. Sorry about that.
5	Q. All right. Now, that survey, pressure data
6	survey that we were looking at in your Exhibits I-3
7	and I-4, that was taken at 4,006 feet, correct?
8	A. That is correct.
9	Q. And looking at this log image of the EMSU
10	211 well, I think these tick marks are 10 feet; isn't
11	that right?
12	A. Typically, that's right. I can hardly see
13	the tick marks.
14	Q. I don't think the scale included on this log
15	header or we don't even have a log header included.
16	But I believe when you
17	A. I can see the middle one, which would be 5,
18	you know, 50, so
19	Q. You agree 10 feet, right?
20	A. Agree 10 feet what?
21	Q. That each tick mark is a 10-foot interval.
22	A. Not that I can really read the tick marks.
23	I can read the 50 marks, but it's hard to read them.
24	But we can approximate.
25	Q. Okay. So, you agree with me that the
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1	4,006-foot depth where the pressure survey data was
2	taken is approximately at this indication where I've
3	got my little blue box?
4	A. Yes. That would be right in there.
5	Q. Right in there. And that would be within
6	what Empire calls the San Andres, but above Goodnight
7	Midstream's pick for the top of the San Andres.
8	Agree?
9	A. What Empire and the State calls the pick,
10	yes.
11	Q. Okay. Is it your opinion that that location
12	is within Goodnight's disposal zone?
13	A. If you're calling the San Andres the
14	disposal zone, yes, that would be within it.
15	Q. No. I guess, Mr. West, just to be clear,
16	looking at the Ryno well on the far right, I'm calling
17	Goodnight's disposal zone the interval below
18	Goodnight's San Andres pick. Do you see that?
19	A. I see the Ryno well there. But, you know, I
20	don't know what you're defining the disposal zone as.
21	Q. I'm defining the disposal zone as the
22	interval below Goodnight's San Andres pick, across
23	this cross-section.
24	A. So firm reference of it is it would be the
25	pick of the San Andres, not whether or not it's a
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1	Goodnight pick or not; is that correct?
2	Q. I'm sorry. Ask the question again.
3	A. You would be referring to if we're
4	talking with the State, the San Andres is what you're
5	calling the disposal zone?
6	Q. No. I'm calling the disposal zone Goodnight
7	Midstream's pick below Goodnight Midstream's pick for
8	the San Andres. Do you see that?
9	A. So you're trying to come up with another
10	spot of the disposal zone rather than calling it the
11	top of the San Andres?
12	Q. Mr. West, for purposes of discussion, I'm
13	trying to get on the same page. Okay?
14	A. I'm trying to, too. I'm just trying to
15	understand exactly what you're
16	Q. What I'm asking you is what I'm telling
17	you is, for purposes of our discussion today,
18	Goodnight Midstream's disposal zone is this interval
19	below what is indicated on this exhibit as Goodnight's
20	pick for the San Andres. Do you see that?
21	A. Okay. I can see yes, I can see where
22	it's perforated in the San Andres.
23	Q. So what I'm talking about, when I refer to
24	the disposal zone, I'm referring to the interval below
25	this line on this exhibit. Do you see that?
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1	A. Okay.
2	Q. And is it your opinion that the 4,006-foot
3	mark, where the RFT test was taken for the EMSU 211,
4	is within Goodnight Midstream's disposal zone?
5	A. I agree that it's within the San Andres.
6	Q. Okay.
7	MR. RANKIN: Mr. Hearing Officer, I don't
8	know that I can get him to answer, but I think he's
9	being nonresponsive.
10	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: My problem is, we
11	were talking about if you can scroll back up.
12	When we were first talking about the 4,006-foot
13	area can you scroll back up?
14	MR. RANKIN: Oh, the other direction?
15	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: No. Up.
16	MR. RANKIN: Oh, to the other
17	THE HEARING OFFICER: To the same set of
18	wells. We were first talking about EMSU 211, and
19	then you switched over to talking about Ryno 17-1.
20	So I don't think he's being responsive. I think the
21	record at this point is unclear.
22	BY MR. RANKIN:
23	Q. Mr. West, I guess I'm asking let me try
24	to reframe the question, then. In the EMSU 211,
25	Goodnight Midstream has identified the top of its
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1	San Andres pick. Do you see that?
2	A. Yes, sir.
3	Q. And for purposes of my question to you,
4	below that pick in the EMSU 211 is identified as
5	Goodnight's disposal zone. Okay?
6	MS. HARDY: Well
7	MR. RANKIN: For purposes of the question.
8	Okay?
9	BY MR. RANKIN:
10	Q. Mr. West, I'm asking you, for purposes of my
11	question, the interval below that pick is what
12	Goodnight refers to as its disposal zone. Okay?
13	A. Okay.
14	Q. So are you willing telling me, is it your
15	opinion, that the 4,006-foot depth, where the RFT was
16	taken in the EMSU 211, is within Goodnight's disposal
17	zone?
18	MS. HARDY: I object to the question as
19	misleading, because I do think it's conflating what's
20	shown here with respect to different wells. The
21	disposal zone Mr. Rankin is asking about is not in
22	the EMSU 211.
23	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: I'm sorry, but I
24	do find the question confusing. And maybe it's
25	nomenclature, and maybe it's just my lack of
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1	technical sophistication. But can you try it again?
2	MR. RANKIN: Sure.
3	BY MR. RANKIN:
4	Q. Mr. West, in this cross-section, Goodnight
5	Midstream has correlated its picks across each of
6	these three wells. Do you agree?
7	A. I agree.
8	Q. And based on Goodnight Midstream's analysis,
9	it has correlated its disposal interval across the
10	depths identified in this cross-section. Do you
11	agree?
12	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, I object to
13	Mr. Rankin testifying about what this exhibit shows
14	Goodnight has done when Goodnight's witnesses haven't
15	testified about it.
16	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Well, if you want
17	to I consider it hypothetical. If you want to
18	rephrase it as a hypothetical
19	MR. RANKIN: That's fine.
20	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: do it that way.
21	BY MR. RANKIN:
22	Q. Mr. West, assuming that Goodnight Midstream
23	has correlated correctly its pick for the San Andres
24	across this cross-section, do you agree with me that
25	Goodnight Midstream has hypothetically correlated its
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1 pick for the San Andres across this cross-section? 2 A. It has Goodnight's picks across here, but I 3 do not see Empire's picks across. 4 Q. Very well. But in every instance, would you 5 agree with me that Empire's picks for the San Andres 6 are above Goodnight's picks for the San Andres? 7 A. I believe from the testimony before, sometimes they're right on top of each other, same 8 spot. 9 Q. Okay. But they're not below Goodnight's 10 11 picks for the San Andres, are they? 12 A. I don't know every pick of it. But do we need to see the frame of reference of where our pick 13 is going across to infer from one well to the left the 14 15 cross-section to the right? If you draw from my picks 16 or Empire's picks across it, I can't really talk from 17 one well in the cross-section to one to the far right. 18 O. I quess I could pull up Mr. Bailey's 19 cross-section. I'm happy to do that, because he's 20 included the cross-section of these wells. Would you like me to do that? 21 22 A. Yeah, sure. 23 MR. RANKIN: Mr. Examiner, will you give me 24 just a moment, like a two-minute break, so I can pull up Mr. Bailey's cross-sections? 25

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1 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Sure. 2 CHAIR ROZATOS: Mr. Examiner, we're coming 3 up on the lunch hour. Should we just give him time to be able to just get their thoughts back together 4 5 and we come back after lunch, we just take a longer 6 lunch? 7 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Mr. Rankin, would 8 that give you the time you need for all of this? 9 MR. RANKIN: Probably, Mr. Hearing Officer, I think we could take a lunch break now and come back 10 11 at 1 o'clock. 12 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: What's your 13 pleasure, Mr. Chairman, for when we return? CHAIR ROZATOS: Let's return at 1:15. We 14 15 can break for lunch and we'll come back at 1:15, like 16 we have. 17 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Thank you all. We'll see you at 1:15. 18 19 (Lunch recess was held from 20 11:39 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.) 21 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: I'll just remind 22 you, Mr. West, you're under oath. And we were in the 23 middle of Mr. Rankin's cross-examination. 24 BY MR. RANKIN: 25 O. Good afternoon, Mr. West. Page 60

1	A. Good afternoon.
2	Q. When we left, we were talking about your
3	Exhibit N-8 and I-4 in your Slides 12 and 13.
4	A. Can you show your screen?
5	Q. Thank you for reminding me.
6	We were discussing your slide
7	presentations on 12 and 13 which reflect our
8	Exhibit N-8 and I-4. Do you recall that?
9	A. Yes, sir.
10	Q. And in addition, we were discussing
11	Goodnight Cross Exhibit Number 20, which is the
12	cross-section that includes the Empire EMSU 211 well,
13	EMSU SWD 17-1 well and Goodnight Midstream's Ryno 17-1
14	well; do you recall that?
15	A. Yes, sir.
16	Q. Okay. And I was asking you about whether or
17	not the RFT pressure survey data that you presented in
18	your exhibits and testimony, which were taken at a
19	measured depth of 4,006 feet within the EMSU 211, were
20	within what Goodnight Midstream defines as its
21	disposal zone; do you recall that?
22	A. I recall the discussion, yes.
23	Q. And we were talking about whether the tops
24	generally and you told me during the course of
25	our discussion you explained that you didn't have
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1 you couldn't see or didn't know, off the top of your 2 head, where Empire's tops were in the Empire SWD 3 Number 1 well or the Ryno well, correct? 4 A. That is correct. 5 Q. Okay. So, just to refresh your recollection, I've got here Mr. Bailey, one of 6 7 Empire's experts, his cross-section, which is 8 Exhibit K-13 up on the screen. Do you recall this 9 exhibit from Mr. Bailey? 10 A. Yes, sir. 11 Q. Okay. And on this cross-section here, 12 Mr. Bailey included his picks for the Ryno SWD 13 Number 1, which is the same well on Goodnight 14 cross-section Cross Exhibit Number 20, correct? 15 A. Yes, sir. 16 Q. And then he also has here in the middle 17 well, the EMSU SWD Number 1 well on the same 18 cross-section. Agree? 19 A. Yes, sir. O. And as I recall, and correct me if it's your 20 21 understanding as well, that on this cross-section, 22 he's got both Empire's picks and Goodnight's picks for the San Andres tops, correct? 23 A. I believe we want to look at the blue line 24 going across is Goodnight's, and Empire's is in red. 25 Page 62

1 Q. And as to the Ryno well, both Empire and 2 Goodnight have the same top of the San Andres pick, 3 correct? 4 A. Correct. 5 Q. But as to the EMSU SWD Number 1 well, 6 Mr. Bailey's pick is several hundred feet above 7 Goodnight's pick, correct? 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. Okay. Do you agree with Mr. Bailey's pick for the San Andres in the EMSU Number 1 well? 10 11 A. Yes, sir. 12 Q. Okay. So going back to Goodnight Cross 13 Exhibit Number 20, so as to these three wells on this exhibit, Goodnight and Empire have the same picks for 14 15 the top of the San Andres in the Ryno well. Agree? 16 A. Agree. 17 Q. Okay. But as for the EMSU SWD Number 1 well, which is the middle well in this exhibit, 18 19 there's a difference of several hundred feet between 20 Empire's picks and Goodnight's picks. Agree? 21 A. Agree there was a difference. I can't 22 remember the exact distance, but yes. 23 Q. Okay. As then, as to the EMSU 211 well, 24 there's also a difference of opinion about where that 25 pick should be, correct?

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1	A. Yes, sir.
2	Q. And as to this, the EMSU 211 well, do you
3	agree with me that that 4,006 feet is above the
4	location that Goodnight has picked for the top of the
5	San Andres in that well?
6	A. In that well, that is correct.
7	Q. Okay. And you're not a geologist, right?
8	A. No, I'm not a geologist.
9	Q. So you wouldn't be able to tell me, looking
10	at these exhibits, whether the intervals or the picks
11	are correlative across this zone, would you?
12	A. Not from this presentation. But if you look
13	at the Ops Geologic one, it makes sense whenever you
14	highlight on the Lovington Sand and be able to follow
15	tops across.
16	Q. I mean, do you generally pick do you have
17	the expertise in picking correlative stratigraphic
18	intervals?
19	A. No, I do not.
20	Q. Going back to your slide presentation that
21	you presented yesterday, and I'm looking at Slide 13
22	here, the pressure data reflected in this exhibit does
23	not approximate a straight line, does it?
24	A. Which pressure data?
25	Q. Well, thank you. So I'm not talking about
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1 the calculated pressure that you calculated off a 2 pressure gradient here. I'm talking about the RFT 3 data on the left side of this graph. 4 And actually, perhaps, Mr. West, if you 5 agree with me, we should probably be looking at your original Exhibit I-4, correct? 6 7 A. Yes, sir. Same point, but it's got the 8 right subsea depth. 9 Q. So looking at your Exhibit I-4 from your 10 testimony, the RFT data that you've included on this 11 exhibit does not reflect a straight line, does it? 12 A. That is correct. 13 Q. Okay. In fact, over very short vertical 14 intervals, there are large difference in the pressure 15 recorded across that EMSU 211 well, correct? 16 A. Correct. 17 Q. And those pressure differentials are larger 18 than can be explained by the pressure from a column of 19 salt water. Agree? 20 A. It would take in the fact of the formation, 21 yeah. 22 Q. I'm sorry. Say that again. 23 A. It would take into fact of the formation. 24 O. What would take into the fact of the 25 formation? Page 65

1 A. The different changes in pressure. 2 Q. I'm not following your answer. Can you 3 explain what you mean? A. For instance, like, you know, the top two 4 5 picks, because you say there's Zones 1 and 2, they, you know, have a higher horizontal permeability than 6 7 they do vertical. There may be some leakage in 8 between them. But as you go down you hit different layers of kind of the baffles that exist in the 9 reservoir. And so you always have a horizontal 10 11 component of permeability and a vertical also. Most 12 of the time the vertical is slower. 13 Q. And the pressure difference between these vertical offsets is greater than what would be 14 15 accounted for in a column of salt water, correct? 16 A. That is higher than a column of salt water. 17 That is correct. Q. And what is the pressure gradient that you 18 19 were using to make the calculation on the pressure gradient on the right side of this chart? 20 21 A. That's at .386. 22 Q. That's what the calculated pressure gradient 23 is? 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. Okay. And what is the salinity that you are Page 66

1 using to make that calculation?

2 A. So that's just taking what that pressure 3 gradient was at that point and going down. If you used a water gradient, then the pressure down at the 4 5 bottom would be higher. A fresh water gradient is about a .433. So if you want to make -- I mean, at 6 7 least that's extending that gradient up and down --8 Q. Yeah, based off the --9 A. I don't know on that column if you want to. 10 We can. I'll make that pressure at the bottom higher. 11 Q. Got it. No, I just wanted to make sure I 12 understood how you were using it, how you were 13 calculating it. 14 Okay. Going back to your PowerPoint 15 presentation I'll skip down to Slide 14 here. Then as 16 I understand, this was a pressure survey report for a 17 Grayburg well in the EMSU, correct? 18 A. Correct. That's one of the injectors. 19 Q. This is an injection well? 20 A. Correct. Q. It's a single well in the Grayburg, correct? 21 22 A. That is correct. Q. And which zone is it injecting into, do you 23 24 know? 25 A. I don't know off the top of my head. Page 67

1	Q. Okay. Now, you've identified here one well
2	for establishing a pressure for the Grayburg?
3	A. At this point in this well, yes, there's one
4	well that we took pressure. And it happened to be
5	down, so I was able to get a pressure.
6	Q. Are you saying that this one well is
7	representative of the pressure in the Grayburg across
8	the entire EMSU?
9	A. It representative of the Grayburg in that
10	wellbore. It's 14,000 acres. There's a long ways.
11	You can't make that jump of one.
12	Q. So you agree with me that this well this
13	pressure survey data is representative of a point in
14	time, correct?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. Okay. Next slide here, I think this was
17	you used from a Goodnight exhibit in some of the
18	briefing filed in this case, correct?
19	A. That is correct. And one small correction
20	from yesterday, that Piper Number 2 is actually the
21	missing well that was on here. That's why I couldn't
22	find it. That just between the State Track E well and
23	the Nolan Ryan. That's the reason when I was going
24	over the time line I missed it. I just wanted to make
25	that point.

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1 Q. And the Piper Number 2 is the Penrock well, 2 right? A. That is correct. 3 Q. Are you aware that Goodnight Midstream did 4 5 not own or operate the Penrock well in 2012? 6 A. Sorry. I might have got the data incorrect, 7 but thought so. 8 O. Okay. Now, this slide just shows active 9 saltwater disposal wells, correct? A. Yeah, this is saltwater disposal wells. 10 11 That might be the wrong statement if Goodnight began 12 its injection into the well and we didn't know the 13 actual ownership at that time. Q. The next question I'm asking you, though, is 14 15 that this exhibit shows only active saltwater disposal 16 wells at this time, correct? 17 A. This shows all the -- in this area that Goodnight represented, which is around EMSU unit of 18 19 these SWD wells, I don't know if it has -- are you 20 asking if there's any other inactive ones? 21 Q. Well, I was just kind of pointing out, I 22 quess it's also missing the Truckers SWD that's in the 23 unit, correct? 24 A. Yeah. This is your guys' exhibit. Yeah, so you're right, it would be up there. 25 Page 69

1	Q. And the Truckers has been plugged and
2	abandoned, correct?
3	A. I believe so.
4	Q. Now, your time line on the right, it
5	excludes or doesn't reference the EME 21 saltwater
6	disposal well which is in the unit. Agree?
7	A. Is it that one where is that?
8	Q. It's down here in the corner. I think it's
9	that Section 21.
10	A. Okay. Yeah, we didn't include on the time
11	line of every well.
12	Q. And was that an inadvertent exclusion on the
13	time line?
14	A. Yes, trying not to crowd it with everything.
15	It's kind of captured in the cumulative data.
16	Q. And at the time the map was created, it had
17	injected nearly 40 million barrels. Agree?
18	A. Is that what it has on there? I can't see
19	that. It looks like it's 39 something. Yeah, 39, I
20	take it for the what it says on the exhibit.
21	Q. Okay. And the first date of injection in
22	that well was in 1966. Agree?
23	A. Agree.
24	Q. And you agree it's within an injection
25	into the San Andres within the boundaries of the EMSU?
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1	A. Agree.
2	Q. This next slide is Slide 16 in your
3	presentation. Is there a reason you don't again,
4	this Slide 16 is the disposal volumes for Empire's
5	EMSU SWD Number 1 well, correct?
6	A. That is correct.
7	Q. And it shows volumes injected from 1995 to
8	essentially present, correct?
9	A. That is correct.
10	Q. Is this based on Oil Conservation Division
11	data?
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. I think you say so at the bottom of this.
14	A. Yes. It should have had been at the bottom.
15	Q. So was this slide prepared based on OCD
16	public data?
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. Okay. And is there a reason you don't show
19	disposal volumes for this well prior to 1995?
20	A. That's whenever it started injection.
21	Q. Okay. So you're not aware that Chevron
22	converted this well in 1988 to a disposal well?
23	A. I wasn't aware. My understanding, it was
24	'95 when it was converted.
25	Q. Apologize. I thought I had this pulled up,
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1 but I restarted my computer. One moment while I pull 2 this up. Apologize for the delay. 3 Mr. West, I'm showing on the screen the well file for the EMSU SWD Number 1 well, which was 4 5 previously the Meyer B-4 well. And it shows here in the well file in a sundry notice that was filed by 6 7 operator Chevron USA, that it was seeking to convert 8 this well, the EMSU SWD Number 1 well, from a -- to be 9 completed as a saltwater disposal well. Do you see that? 10 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. And it was done back in 1988. Do you see 13 that? 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. And are you aware that OCD's public data is 16 only available after 1994 for water production and oil 17 production? 18 A. That's probably why I messed that up. 19 Sorry, I didn't mean to exclude that time frame. 20 MR. RANKIN: Mr. Examiner, I will move the 21 admission of the single sundry notice into the record 22 as Goodnight Cross Exhibit Number 21. 23 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Empire? 24 MS. HARDY: No objection. 25 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: OCD? Page 72

1 MR. MOANDER: No objection. Rice? 2 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: 3 MR. BECK: No objection. 4 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Pilot? 5 MR. SUAZO: No objection. 6 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: It will be 7 admitted. 8 (Admitted: Goodnight Midstream 9 Cross Exhibit 21.) BY MR. RANKIN: 10 11 Q. Mr. West, is Empire still using this well 12 for disposal? 13 A. It's not -- I mean, it's an active disposal, but we're not putting volumes into it. 14 15 Q. Does Empire intend to maintain it as an 16 active disposal well? 17 A. No. I mean, we're going to maintain it just to keep it as an active well. But we do not plan to 18 19 put any disposal volumes down it. 20 Q. Do you intend to plug and abandon the well? 21 A. At the proper time, yes. 22 Q. When would that be? 23 A. I don't know. Whenever the wellbore is 24 completely deemed -- we're not going to use it. It 25 may be used -- it could be used in the CO2 flood. It Page 73

1 could be used for other different purposes. 2 Q. What is Empire currently doing with its 3 produced water that it needs to dispose of? A. Haul it and truck it away. 4 Q. Where are you trucking it to? 5 6 A. I don't know where it's trucked to, off the top of my head. 7 8 O. What are the volumes that Empire is 9 currently trucking? A. I don't know off the top of my head. 10 11 Q. Are you currently sending -- and Empire is 12 no longer sending water to the EME saltwater disposal 13 system operated by Rice? 14 A. That is correct. 15 Q. You're the senior VP of operations for 16 Empire and you don't know where the water is going? 17 A. It's going into non-San Andres reservoirs. Q. Is it multiple wells you're sending it to, 18 19 multiple saltwater disposal well operators? 20 A. I don't know. 21 Q. Okay. A. We have wells across multiple states, all 22 23 over the place. It's hard to ... 24 Q. Okay. Slide 17 here, this is a chart that 25 you explained I think that it shows total disposal Page 74

1	volumes inside the EMSU within a mile, correct?
2	A. That's correct.
3	Q. One thing I wasn't clear about, is this a
4	stacked chart or is it overlapping with the data?
5	A. So it's a stacked chart.
6	Q. So in order to understand what and,
7	again, the orange is Goodnight, correct?
8	A. That is correct.
9	Q. And the blue is everybody else within the
10	EMSU within a mile?
11	A. That is correct.
12	Q. So in order to understand what Goodnight's
13	injections are, you need to subtract the blue from the
14	orange, correct?
15	A. That is correct.
16	Q. And you're only depicting volumes from
17	January 2012 forward, correct?
18	A. That is correct.
19	Q. So you are not including any of the early
20	volumes from the EMSU 21 well, correct?
21	A. Not on this chart. They're included on that
22	cumulative one.
23	Q. And you're not including any of the earlier
24	volumes from the EME 33 well, correct?
25	A. I don't know you said which
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1 anything before 2012 is not included on this chart. 2 O. Okay. This next slide, 18, this is a slide 3 where you prepared showing -- it's a mass balance of water volumes, correct? 4 5 A. Correct. 6 Q. It does not reflect anything regarding 7 pressures in the San Andres. Agree? 8 A. It give you an indication of if you take 9 water out, there would be less pressure, and if you add water in, there would be more pressure. 10 11 Q. But you'd have to understand a lot more 12 about the reservoir to make any inferences about 13 whether there's any implications with respect to the reservoir pressure. Would you agree? 14 15 A. You can make inferences that it will go up 16 or go down. You can't predict the exact pressure 17 production from it. Q. Okay. You mentioned miscibility of CO2 and 18 19 you discuss this chart. Do you recall that? 20 A. Yes, sir. Q. Had you done any studies on miscibility of 21 CO2 in the San Andres? 2.2 23 A. We used an analogous field of Seminole on paper from there and pulled that. Because you do not 24 have core and we don't have individual oil from the 25 Page 76

1	San Andres from this reservoir to do that, you know,
2	exact work. So you use an analogous field.
3	Q. So you're using the oil properties from the
4	San Andres to make your miscibility calculations for
5	the San Andres ROZ?
6	A. Correct.
7	Q. So that assumption of those calculations
8	presumes that the ROZ oil in the San Andres is
9	analogous to the San Andres Seminole unit?
10	A. Yes. It's saying that it's similar to the
11	Seminole oil, and the San Andres is similar to the oil
12	that's in the EMSU.
13	Q. Just back to the pressures. Based on the
14	volumes, you can't infer from this chart, based on
15	volumes or mass balance of water, you can't infer sort
16	of magnitude of pressure changes in the San Andres,
17	can you?
18	A. You can infer direction, but not necessarily
19	magnitude.
20	Q. Okay.
21	A. Naturally the higher the quicker it goes
22	in or comes out, then, you know, it's probably going
23	to happen more rapidly.
24	Q. Back to the miscibility question. Your
25	assumptions about your calculations about
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1 miscibility of CO2 in the San Andres are dependent upon 2 the assumptions that the Seminole San Andres oil is analogous for purposes of making those calculations, 3 4 correct? 5 A. That is correct. Q. Okay. Let's skip over a couple slides. 6 I'm 7 going to deal with those in your testimony. This is Slide 21 from your presentation. 8 9 When you reviewed this slide for the Commission, you were talking about -- you identified 10 11 two sources of fluid mixed in here, correct? 12 A. That is correct. 13 O. So on the top, you've got Goodnight's 14 treated saltwater disposal water on the top, correct? 15 A. Well, the disposal water. I don't know 16 about the treated. 17 Q. These values are provided to you by 18 Goodnight during discovery, correct? 19 A. That is correct. 20 Q. And in discovery, was it not identified that 21 these were treated volumes prior to injection? 22 A. Most of the time people don't treat volumes 23 in an SWD. But if you provided that, I missed it. Q. So as you sit here, you don't know whether 2.4 25 or not Goodnight is treating its volumes prior to Page 78

1	injection?
2	A. That would be an unusual industry practice.
3	Q. You didn't review Tom Tomastik's testimony
4	that he filed in the direct cases in this matter?
5	A. I remember seeing his testimony. I don't
6	remember all of it.
7	Q. Now, back to my question. This chart shows
8	two sources of fluids mixing. One being Goodnight's
9	water that it's disposing, and then on the bottom,
10	you've got the EMSU produced water, correct?
11	A. That is correct.
12	Q. And the produced water would be Grayburg
13	water that is being produced from Empire's production
14	wells in the EMSU, correct?
15	A. It would be the injection water, which is
16	made up of a lot of traditional San Andres water.
17	Q. Hold on. On the left side here it says,
18	"produced water." Agree?
19	A. Produced water goes back in as injected
20	water.
21	Q. So it's water that's being produced by
22	Empire's production wells. Agree?
23	A. That is correct.
24	Q. And that would be Grayburg water. Agree?
25	A. It would be the mixture from the waterflood
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1 and all the water wells. You drew, you know, many, 2 many barrels out of the San Andres and replaced it in the Grayburg. So it's a mix of those two reservoirs. 3 Q. And then wouldn't you agree there's a third 4 5 source of fluid, for purposes of mixing model between 6 these two sources of water? A. What's the third source? 7 8 Q. Wouldn't it be the San Andres? 9 A. Yeah, there would be some that would probably be pushed from the SWD wells that could mix 10 11 in there. 12 Q. Mr. West, is Goodnight injecting into the 13 Grayburg? A. Since they're in communication, you know, 14 15 between the San Andres and the Grayburg, the fluids 16 mix. 17 Q. Let me ask the question again. Is Goodnight injecting into the Grayburg? Are there perforations 18 19 that Goodnight is injecting -- are they in the Grayburg or are they in what you call the San Andres? 20 21 A. There is not in the Grayburg. No 22 perforations in the Grayburg. 23 Q. So is Goodnight injecting into the Grayburg 24 or the San Andres? 25 A. They are injecting into the San Andres. Page 80

1 Q. Thank you. So Goodnight's water is being 2 injected into the San Andres, but you're not accounting for any mixing or dilution of San Andres 3 volumes in this depiction on your exhibit, are you? 4 5 A. They kind of get, you know, mixed up in the 6 EMSU produced water. 7 Q. Let me ask again. You're not accounting for 8 any dilution from San Andres water in this exhibit, 9 are you? A. There's a lot of dilution that goes on in 10 11 all the mixing. I mean, it's many millions of 12 barrels. 13 Q. And this exhibit does not account for that dilution, does it? 14 15 A. It's not trying to. It's just stating this 16 is the one fluid type here and this is the other fluid 17 type. 18 Q. And in the middle between the two, you've got this little indication that seems to imply that 19 20 those two fluids are directly mixing. 21 A. Because they mix through the -- whether it's 22 through the fractures of the reservoir that 23 communicate the two or through wellbores or through 24 the water supply well that pulls directly out of the San Andres and injects water into the Grayburg. 25

1	There's mixing going on.
2	Q. And there's a third source of water that you
3	don't include in this chart, and that's the
4	San Andres. Agree?
5	A. San Andres is very similar to the Grayburg.
6	It's kind of one and the same now.
7	Q. Now, looking at this chart and looking at
8	the anion inside, you've got hydrogen sulfide, right?
9	A. That is correct.
10	Q. And I see the numbers are arranged in the
11	Grayburg from, I don't know, 200s up to 800. Agree?
12	A. I agree.
13	Q. That's parts per million?
14	A. That is milligrams per liter.
15	Q. Which is parts per million, right?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. So is there anything more corrosive on this
18	chart than hydrogen sulfide? And I'm talking about
19	corrosion.
20	A. You're talking about corrosion?
21	Q. Yeah. Is there anything more corrosive than
22	hydrogen sulfide on this chart?
23	A. There's a lot of things that go into the
24	chemistry. If you get chlorides to go up in things,
25	it'll cause corrosion or will affect the chemistry to
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1	make corrosion happen faster. So it's not just, you
2	know, any straight element. But in general, you know,
3	H2S is a corrosive element.
4	Q. Is it your opinion that chlorides are more
5	corrosive than H2S?
6	A. It depends on the complete environment that
7	they're in. I mean, chlorides have an effect, pH has
8	an affect. You know, H2S has an effect. The CO2 has
9	an effect.
10	Q. Is CO2 also corrosive?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. Looking at Slide 23, are you aware that the
13	Ryno well operated by Goodnight Midstream was
14	originally permitted to inject into the Devonian?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. Did you forget that it was originally
17	approved to inject into the Devonian in 2017 when you
18	made your statements about this slide?
19	A. I think I said 2019 or 2020, but I don't
20	know.
21	Q. So from 2017 to the time this workover
22	report was prepared, that's about seven years. Agree?
23	A. There would have been a workover if you
24	went from the Devonian up to the San Andres, you would
25	have had another workover in between here.
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1	Q. So you're saying that the tubing is
2	different for the San Andres disposal?
3	A. Would have said that you would have pulled
4	it out and inspected it properly before you ran it
5	back into the San Andres.
6	Q. These slides, from Slide 25 to 29, my
7	understanding is the intent here is to show based on
8	certain assumptions that you made that there's an area
9	being impacted by Goodnight's injection within the
10	EMSU. Correct?
11	A. That is correct.
12	Q. And the assumptions are based on a certain
13	value or ratio of net to gross in the injection wells,
14	correct?
15	A. That is correct.
16	Q. Okay. What are some of the other
17	assumptions that you made in order to make this
18	representation?
19	A. It's a perfed interval, it's a 50 percent
20	net to gross. And that, you know, your water that
21	you're injecting is going to push whatever is existing
22	in the reservoir out.
23	Q. So the last assumption you mentioned, the
24	area that the bottom of the water injected, is that
25	an equal volume of water that's being pushed out?
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1	A. Barrel for barrel.
2	Q. So does that essentially double the affected
3	area that you've calculated based on those
4	assumptions?
5	A. No, you're having an effect. So when you
6	put a barrel in, you got to effectively, you know, go
7	in or go up?
8	Q. The question is, is it doubling the area
9	that you're representing as being affected by the
10	disposal?
11	A. So the effect is whatever total fluid that's
12	being pushed.
13	Q. Mr. West, that's not a hard question, I
14	guess. So you're saying it's an equal barrel from the
15	injection to the barrel affected. So it's twice the
16	number of barrels, right, that you're assuming are
17	affecting the EMSU, right?
18	A. Yes. The affected area is the barrels going
19	in, and the barrels it affects in pushing the
20	reservoir. Total-wise, yes, it doubles that.
21	Q. It doubles the size of the area?
22	A. The area impact.
23	Q. Okay. And what is the effect?
24	A. Mixing of fluids, the chemistry that we went
25	on earlier. It's, you know, re-pressuring the
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reservoir.

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2	Q. And is it your opinion I mean, my
3	understanding from Empire's case is that the ROZ oil
4	in the San Andres is not movable, except for the
5	injection of CO2. Would you agree?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. Okay. Slide 31 in your presentation here
8	this is a representation of Empire's water management
9	system across the EMSU and EMSU-B; is that right?
10	A. Yes. The pipeline and facilities.
11	Q. And I'm talking about I guess specifically
12	referring to the pipelines here. This system was set
13	up and designed in part to move water across these two
14	units, right?
15	A. Yes. They operate from one system.
16	Q. Okay. And it's moving injected let me
17	see how to phrase this exactly. So it's moving the
18	water supply well water out to all these wells for
19	reinjection to manage the waterflood. Agree?
20	A. Correct. It comes into where you see there
21	that EMSU CTB. All the fluid comes in through there
22	and then is redistributed out through that system.
23	Q. So at the time the waterflood was set up,
24	there were six original water supply wells. Agree?
25	A. Agree.
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1	Q. And this system was employed to move the
2	water produced from those water supply wells in the
3	San Andres for purposes of waterflooding across all
4	this acreage. Agree?
5	A. Agree.
6	Q. And at the time are let me get to my
7	paper that I don't have up yet.
8	This is Goodnight Exhibit B-5. This is
9	the Chevron corrosion paper that we previously
10	discussed. In addition to the other matters we
11	discussed about this exhibit, Chevron stated in this
12	paper that, and I'll quote here, it's Page 3 of this
13	document, "The San Andres Formation provides the only
14	source of water formation is the geographic area with
15	a sufficient volume of water for the waterflood and
16	unfortunately had to be used as supply source knowing
17	that the San Andres water was not compatible with the
18	Penrose and Grayburg formation waters." Did I read
19	that correctly?
20	A. Yes. That was your business decision.
21	Q. And this system that you show in your
22	PowerPoint here in Slide 31 distributed all this
23	non-compatible water across these two units for
24	injection into the Grayburg. Agree?
25	A. Agree.

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1	Q. And it was doing that since 1987. Agree?
2	A. That is correct.
3	Q. On these conclusions, on Slide 32, you state
4	that the EMSU has a ROZ of over 900 million barrels of
5	oil, correct?
6	A. Correct.
7	Q. Just so I know, because there's lots of
8	different sources here, what is that 900 million
9	barrels based on?
10	A. It's based on looking at all the different
11	points of data. It's stuff that goes up over 1,000
12	million barrels into the range, and that 900, so
13	decent representation
14	Q. Okay.
15	A of the EMSU.
16	Q. And then on Point Number 2, you state at
17	that, "The San Andres reservoir pressure is increasing
18	and this is promoting increased water influx into
19	Grayburg intervals." Did I read that right?
20	A. Yes, you did.
21	Q. I was trying to find where in your overview
22	slide presentation you made any demonstration of
23	increase in San Andres reservoir pressure. Can you
24	point me to a slide where you made that?
25	A. By nature of where we talked before, in the
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1 slide, we withdrew a lot of water out of the 2 San Andres, and now it's filling back up. So by 3 nature, if you're filling back up the reservoir with SWD, you're raising the pressure. 4 5 O. And is that based on this mass balance slide 6 that you showed me that we were talking about? 7 A. Yes, sir. 8 O. And, again, you can't say anything about the 9 magnitudes of pressure? A. I cannot say anything about the magnitude. 10 11 It's going up and the faster you inject in it, the 12 faster it's going to fill up. 13 Q. Okay. We talked about this a fair bit in reference to your summary presentation. And I 14 15 confirmed with you that this is your rebuttal 16 Exhibit N, and this is on Page 7 of your rebuttal 17 testimony where you talk about your calculations with respect to pressure in the San Andres. Do you recall 18 19 this testimony of yours? 20 A. Yes, sir. 21 Q. Okay. And Dr. Buchwalter relied on this data for his model, correct? 22 23 A. Yes, sir. 24 Q. Now, I want to bring up another slide. One 25 moment. Page 89

1	MS. HARDY: Mr. Rankin, what page are you
2	showing there?
3	MR. RANKIN: This is Page 7 of his
4	testimony, on Exhibit N.
5	BY MR. RANKIN:
6	Q. This is Goodnight Exhibit B-47. And this
7	was part of Mr. McGuire's rebuttal testimony. Do you
8	recall, did you review this testimony, Mr. West, as
9	part of Mr. McGuire's rebuttal testimony?
10	A. I remember seeing the exhibit.
11	Q. Do you see this well up here in Section 20
12	of Township 20 South, 37 East?
13	A. Yes, I see the highlighted well.
14	Q. And it says the date of first injection was
15	July 1959. Do you see that?
16	A. Yes, I see the date there.
17	Q. And it's got a cumulative injection volume
18	of over 14 million barrels. Do you see that?
19	A. Just to clarify, that's an I'm trying to
20	read the symbol. That's an injection well?
21	Q. Correct. It's a saltwater disposal well
22	that's operated by Rice in Section 20, Township 20
23	South, Range 37 East. Do you see that?
24	A. Yes, sir.
25	Q. Okay. And that's about a mile and a half,
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1	would you agree with me, directly north of the EMSU?
2	A. That's about right.
3	Q. And so that's just, you know, a short
4	distance outside would you agree with me that
5	there's no primary production immediately offsetting
6	this saltwater disposal well?
7	A. You don't have the wells on there, so I have
8	no idea to tell.
9	Q. So you're not aware yourself whether there's
10	primary production offsetting that well?
11	A. I can't tell from this exhibit.
12	Q. That's fine. Mr. West, we were provided
13	shortly before the start of this hearing, at the end
14	of February, this document from Rice Operating, and
15	it's a Bottom Hole Pressure Survey Report for that
16	well I showed you on the map. It's the Rice
17	Engineering & Operating well, the EME H-20 well. We
18	provided this to Empire counsel shortly after we
19	received it from Rice. Did you have a chance to see
20	this?
21	A. Yes, I've seen it.
22	Q. And the EME is part of the injection system
23	saltwater disposal injection system that Empire was a
24	part of. Agree?
25	A. I'll take your word for it. I don't
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1 remember which wells they are. 2 Q. This is a Bottom Hole Pressure Survey Report that's dated July 15, 1959. Do you see that? 3 I've highlighted it here. 4 5 A. Yes, July 15, '59. 6 Q. And similar to the Bottom Hole Pressure 7 Survey Report that you included in your outline, your 8 summary outline, this is a Bottom Hole Pressure Survey 9 Report for this well. Do you see that? 10 A. Yes, sir. 11 Q. And it shows a measured bottom hole pressure 12 about a mile and a half north of the unit. And if I 13 scroll down, you can see that the lowermost bottom hole pressure here was measured at a depth of 5,000 14 15 feet at 1800 psi. Do you see that? 16 A. Yes, sir. 17 Q. Okay. And this well, at the time of the 18 pressure survey, was an open hole completion. This is a document from the OCD's website showing the 19 20 completion configuration for this well. It's dated April 27, 1976. And it indicates that it's the 21 22 wellbore configuration for the EME H-20 well. Do you 23 see that? 24 A. Yes. And this is representative of 1976. I don't know what it was '59, necessarily. 25 Page 92

1 Q. Okay. And it identifies the location of the 2 well that we discussed that's in Section 20, Township 20 South, Range 37 East. Do you see that? 3 4 A. Yeah, I see the label description. 5 O. Do you agree that's the well in the same 6 section that you and I were discussing on Goodnight's Exhibit B-47? 7 8 A. I'll take your word for it. I don't have 9 the map in front of me with the section township ranges. But if you say so. 10 11 Q. Going back to the bottom hole survey, this 12 survey report shows that -- before I do that, I'll 13 jump back over to your Exhibit I. 14 So you're saying here in your 15 Exhibit I-4 that the San Andres Formation pressure is 16 at 1245 psi -- I'm sorry -- 1527 psi as the original 17 reservoir pressure; is that correct? 18 A. Yes, for that depth. 19 Q. For that depth? Okay. So when I go back to the Rice H-20 20 21 pressure survey report, at 5,000 feet, that's roughly 22 1,000 feet deeper. Agree? 23 A. That is 1,000 foot deeper. 24 Q. And at 1,000 feet deeper, it's roughly about 25 53 psi higher than what you're calculating for the Page 93

1 San Andres. Aqree? 2 A. Can we do some math to convert that 1800 to 5,000 to a gradient, so we know what gradient that is? 3 Q. Sure. So, you and I did this during your 4 5 deposition and I learned some engineering from you. But basically, we'll take the 1800 feet, right? 6 7 A. Divided by 5,000. Q. And divide by 5,000. That comes up to .36 8 9 psi? A. So we have an original .38. 10 11 Q. Yeah, and I'm happy to do it, so we can --12 A. That's what it is. I can't do that math in my head. 13 14 Q. We can do that. I'm happy to do it. So 1800, right? 15 16 A. Yep, 1800 --17 Q. Divided by 5,000 gives was a .36 psi per foot gradient, correct? 18 A. Pretty similar pressures. That's good 19 20 confirmation. 21 Q. Okay. 22 A. Original. 23 MR. RANKIN: Well, before I get too far 24 along, Mr. Hearing Officer, I guess I might as well do this now, I'll move the admission of this Rice 25 Page 94

1	H-20 pressure survey report as Goodnight Cross
2	Exhibit 22?
3	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Objection from
4	Empire?
5	MS. HARDY: No objection.
6	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: OCD?
7	MR. MOANDER: No objection.
8	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Rice?
9	MR. BECK: No objection.
10	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: And Pilot?
11	MR. SUAZO: No objection.
12	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: It'll be admitted.
13	(Admitted: Goodnight Midstream
14	Cross Exhibit 22.)
15	MR. RANKIN: Mr. Examiner, I'd move also the
16	admission of this well configuration, and it also has
17	a plat on the next page showing the location of the
18	well, which I neglected to point out. And I'd like
19	to move this as Goodnight Cross Exhibit Number 23.
20	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Empire?
21	MS. HARDY: No objection.
22	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: OCD?
23	MR. MOANDER: No objection.
24	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Rice?
25	MR. BECK: No objection.
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1 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Pilot? 2 MR. SUAZO: No objection. It'll be admitted. 3 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: (Admitted: Goodnight Midstream 4 5 Cross Exhibit 23.) 6 BY MR. RANKIN: 7 Q. So, Mr. West, I've now pulled up Goodnight's 8 Exhibit B-21, which is a calculation of the pressure gradients for each of Goodnight's active saltwater 9 disposal wells. Do you recall reviewing this exhibit 10 11 as part of Mr. McGuire's direct testimony? 12 A. Yes. I believe I've seen it before. 13 Q. On it he shows, from left to right, each of the wells that Goodnight operates, the fluid-level 14 15 date that the data was taken, the shut-in tubing 16 pressure recorded for each of those wells, and the 17 fluid level measured from the surface. 18 Then he also has the measured depth of 19 the top perf, the mid perf and the base perf going from left to right. And then he has the bottom hole 20 21 pressure at the mid perf calculated for each of these 22 wells. Do you see that? 23 A. I see that. And it looks like you're using a .465 saltwater gradient. 24 Q. Mr. McGuire used a .465 based on an estimate 25 Page 96

1	of what the TDS content is of the San Andres.
2	Now, he's also calculated for each of
3	these wells a pressure gradient, just as you and I had
4	done, for the H-20. Agree?
5	A. Yeah. I don't know how I assume that's
6	what he did, did the math right.
7	Q. Then he came up with an average gradient for
8	each of these wells down here, which was a .38 as an
9	average gradient. Agree?
10	A. Agree.
11	Q. And these were all calculated in 2024.
12	Agree?
13	A. Yeah, I see the dates. Yes.
14	Q. So we go back to the H-20 well and we
15	calculated a .36 pressure gradient. It shows there's
16	been only a slight increase well, let me ask you
17	this. When I go back to Exhibit B-21, it gives us mid
18	perf depths, and it's ranges anywhere from about 4300
19	feet to a little more than 5200 feet. Do you see
20	that?
21	A. Yes, sir.
22	Q. Okay. So would you agree with me that
23	that's within the range of the depths at which this
24	Rice EME H-20 well was measured?
25	A. Yes.

1 Q. And when I go back and consider what the 2 pressure gradient is that you and I calculated here for the H-20 well, is .36, and I consider that in 3 2024, Mr. McGuire calculated at .381 pressure 4 5 gradient, doesn't that represent only a slight 6 increase in pressure gradient since 1959? 7 A. So flip to cumulative material balance on my 8 presentation, the volume of water in and out. Q. How does that impact this consideration? 9 A. Because it shows that you're almost filled 10 11 back up. And so your pressure, you would expect your pressure to be about the same. You took out a whole 12 13 lot of volume and you've almost filled it back up to its original pressure, because you took off hundreds 14 15 of millions of barrels out of the reservoir. Now you've put hundreds of millions of barrels back. 16 17 And you can imply from that chart that you're -- it looks like you're getting close to that 18 19 balance line. So you're just telling me, yeah, it looks like maybe it filled up a little faster than 20 21 that. 22 Q. But let me ask you this, Mr. West. When we 23 hear from Dr. Buchwalter about how much pressure is 24 increasing per million barrels of water since 1959, hundreds of millions of barrels of water have been 25

1 injected into the San Andres. Would you agree? A. There's been hundreds of millions out and 2 there's been hundreds of millions in. 3 Q. Right. So just considering the volumes that 4 5 were put back in, so hundreds of millions of barrels 6 put back in and the pressure gradient has only 7 increased approximately, what, two-tenths --8 two-hundredths of a psi per foot? 9 A. Bring up the exhibit so everyone can see the cum volumes in and out so we know what we're talking 10 11 about. The other one. 12 Q. Yeah, the PowerPoint. 13 A. Right here. So you see, so your pressure 14 point is around 59, 60, let's call it the same. You 15 put some in, you took a bunch out, now you're putting 16 it back in. You know, present day, you're almost 17 saying that you filled it back up. So I would expect 18 present-day pressure to be really close to what it was 19 in 1959. 20 Q. Well, and that's -- I understand your 21 position there. And I'm asking you now, with respect to Dr. Buchwalter's testimony, that for every million 22 barrels of water, you're seeing a .4 out of 10 psi 23 increase. How odes that square with Dr. Buchwalter's 24 testimony? 25

1 MS. HARDY: I object to Mr. Rankin 2 testifying about what Dr. Buchwalter testified about. 3 I mean, it's not this witness' testimony. 4 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Maybe ask him if 5 he remembers what Dr. Buchwalter said on the subject. BY MR. RANKIN: 6 7 Q. Mr. West, do you recall Dr. Buchwalter's 8 testimony about the effect of injection in the 9 San Andres with respect to pressure increases? 10 A. I can't say that I recall all of it. It's 11 been a few days. 12 O. Okay. 13 A. I'll let his testimony speak for itself. Q. Do you recall Dr. Buchwalter testifying that 14 15 for every million barrels of water injected into the 16 San Andres, the pressure would increase anywhere from 17 4 to 10 psi? 18 A. I don't recall what reference of time he was 19 talking about. O. Well, it was with respect to volumes, right? 20 21 He said for every million barrels injected, there 22 would be a corresponding increase of anywhere from 4 23 to 10 psi. Do you recall that testimony? 24 A. I don't recall that testimony. 25 O. Okay.

1	A. There's been a lot of testimony.
2	Q. Sure. But that seems to be a fairly
3	important piece of evidence for Empire. You don't
4	recall his testimony on that point?
5	MS. HARDY: Asked and answered. Objection.
6	MR. RANKIN: That's fine. I'll move on.
7	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Thank you.
8	Sustained.
9	BY MR. RANKIN:
10	Q. If that were the case Mr. West, if
11	Dr. Buchwalter had testified that for every million
12	barrels of water, the formation pressure in the
13	San Andres would increase from 4 to 10 psi, would that
14	consistent with this data that we just discussed?
15	A. I don't know.
16	Q. Okay. Going back to your rebuttal
17	testimony, you state here and this is on Page 6 of
18	your rebuttal testimony in Exhibit N. You state that,
19	"The Grayburg has much lower permeability than the
20	San Andres in most layers, therefore mud losses while
21	drilling usually do not occur until drilling reaches
22	the San Andres high permeability intervals." Did I
23	state that correctly?
24	A. That's the statement. Can you just scroll
25	up so I can see what's above? I'm trying to figure
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1 out what context it was put in. 2 Okay. You can scroll down. 3 So yeah, it would be referenced in probably the lower section of the Grayburg. 4 5 O. Okay. So my understanding about what you're 6 saying here is, because the Grayburg generally has low 7 permeability, or has lower permeability than the 8 San Andres, that if you're drilling through the 9 Grayburg, you wouldn't usually have drilling losses until you've reach the San Andres. Is that my 10 11 understanding of that statement? 12 A. Not necessarily. You know, drilling losses 13 will occur whenever you have a possibility of a zone taking a drink or whatever. And it could happen up 14 15 high in the Grayburg. You know, Zones 1 and 2 is low, 16 so it could -- they're inconsistent of where you're 17 going to get drilling losses. 18 Q. So I'm trying to understand what exactly 19 you're saying here. Are you saying that the 20 Grayburg -- I thought I understood you to say, my impression of this, is that the Grayburg has lower 21 22 permeability than the San Andres in most layers. 23 Right? Correct? 24 A. Yes, that's what the statement says. 25 Q. Therefore, you say mud losses while drilling Page 102

1	usually won't occur in the Grayburg, correct?
2	A. That is correct.
3	Q. And my understanding is that the rationale
4	that you're presenting to us is that those drilling
5	loses won't occur because the Grayburg has much lower
6	permeability. Agree?
7	A. There's a varying of permeability through
8	all of them.
9	Q. But you won't expect to have losses in the
10	Grayburg because of that low permeability. Agree?
11	A. Where the permeability is lower, I wouldn't
12	expect to have this matter of drilling losses.
13	Q. Okay. I may come back to this if I have
14	time, Mr. West, but I can't find the exhibit I wanted
15	to use so I'll move on from it now. I may come back
16	to this based on timing.
17	A. Okay.
18	Q. This is Page 4 of your rebuttal testimony,
19	Exhibit N. And I'm happy to show you the context
20	here. But I wanted to focus on this bullet point,
21	where you state that: If we correct the oil
22	saturations down on the core and I believe you're
23	referring to the EMSU 679 core; is that correct?
24	A. Yes.
25	Q. Okay then the interval with oil
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1 saturation greater than 20 percent extends down to the 2 near the bottom of the core at 4,357 measured depth or minus 757 feet subsea, resulting in a 215-foot oil 3 column in the San Andres EMSU 679 and 450 feet oil 4 5 column in the EMSU 278. Did I read that correctly? That's just -- also, that's how 6 A. Yeah. 7 longer the cores are. 8 Q. Right. So the core is limited by the depth 9 of the core? 10 A. Correct, yeah. The thicknesses. 11 Q. So I want to ask you about the correction 12 you applied here. What is the correction that you 13 suggest here based on? 14 A. Can you scroll up a little bit just to make 15 sure I've got all my context right? 16 Q. Sure. A. So it's a correction of whenever you lose --17 18 you do conventional coring, that there's, you know, 19 fluids lost out of the core, you know, oil and gas 20 that comes out just naturally by the depressurization 21 of the core. So you can put back in some volumes of oil in there because the -- the gas is going to be in 22 the solution of the oil, and preferentially, it's 23 24 going to push the oil out. It might push some water out, too. But the oil is definitely to expand as it 25

1 depressurizes from, where he's looking at, roughly 2 13-, 1500 psi and comes all the way to the surface at 3 zero. Q. Have you done any analyses of the San Andres 4 5 oil to justify this correction that you suggest here? 6 A. Ask the question again. 7 Q. Have you done any analyses of the San Andres oil in the EMSU to justify that proposed correction? 8 9 A. No. We don't have a good sample of oil in 10 the San Andres, so you just have to make engineering 11 assumptions. 12 Q. Is it based on literature or is it just 13 based on your engineering assumptions? A. It's, you know, literature that all the 14 15 Seminole cores that they took, where they took cores 16 that were pressure corers, they took sponge cores and then bump them back in. There's been a lot of 17 testimony on that earlier. 18 Q. Okay. And so did you, yourself, undertake 19 20 that work, or are you relying on Empire's other experts to make the determination about whether the 21 SSAU is analogous for purposes of determining a proper 22 23 correction? 24 A. Depending on the experts, depending on the paper, make a good engineering judgment saying that's 25 Page 105

1 reasonable. 2 Q. This is your opinion or are you relying on 3 your experts for those correction values? A. Them and then, you know, my interpretation 4 5 of the paper and interpretation of their data and, you 6 know, saying this is reasonable. 7 Q. So it's your own opinion. Agree? 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. Okay. And then I think I heard you say you haven't don't have -- you haven't done -- what have 10 11 you done, if anything, to determine what the oil 12 characteristics of the ROZ in the San Andres would be? 13 Have you done anything to try to evaluate what the oil characteristics would be in the San Andres? 14 15 A. To be on this, you would have to, you know, 16 get core, get a true sample of oil and which -- since 17 it's in the ROZ, it would have to be from core. You'd have to extract it to do an analysis on the exact oil 18 in the San Andres and the EMSU. We do not at this 19 20 point in time have that sample. 21 Q. Right. So failing that, there's nothing 22 else you can think of or no other efforts you can 23 undertake to determine what might be a reasonable determination of oil characteristics for the 24 25 San Andres ROZ?

1 A. So what you do reasonable is you look to see 2 where there's literature or fields that are similar, 3 and then you use that literature and your experts to derive what you would use in this field because you 4 5 have a lack of data of the actual oil from the 6 San Andres. Which we wish we always had all the data, 7 but you never have complete data. 8 Q. Next bullet I want to talk to you about is 9 here at the bottom of your Page 7, where you get into 10 the chemistry issues that you discuss in your summary 11 And here you refer to some data that's in slides. 12 Exhibit N-9. And I'll go ahead and pull up that 13 exhibit. This is your Exhibit N-9. Is this the 14 15 exhibit that you're referring to in that testimony I 16 had highlighted previously? 17 A. Yes, sir. 18 O. And just to be clear, the data here is all from 2024, correct? 19 20 A. Yes. Q. And Goodnight has been injecting into the 21 22 San Andres in the EMSU for several years by the time these samples were collected in 2024. Agree? 23 24 A. Agree. Q. Correct, right? 25 Page 107

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1	A. Yes, right.
2	Q. But, actually, there are more chemistry
3	samples collected for each of these wells than what
4	you show on your exhibit. Agree?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Mr. West, I'm sharing on my screen here a
7	copy of that Exhibit B-42, which is in Mr. McGuire's
8	rebuttal testimony. And I've highlighted here each of
9	the wells that were identified on your Exhibit N-9.
10	And I'm going to do my best to flip between your
11	exhibit and these values to just identify what we're
12	looking at.
13	I'm going to start from left to right on
14	your Exhibit N-9. We'll start with the EMSU 377 well,
15	and that's the data chemistry in green, correct?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. And you've got two data points for that
18	well
19	A. Yes.
20	Q that you show on your exhibit?
21	And on Mr. McGuire's, there's four data
22	points, correct?
23	A. Yes.
24	Q. And starting in May of 2023, the chlorides
25	are 11,900 ppm approximately, correct?
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1	A. Yes.
2	Q. And it actually shows that they go down over
3	several months before they tick back up again in
4	November of 2024. Agree?
5	A. Agree.
6	Q. And in your exhibit, however, you just show
7	those two data points showing that it's only going up.
8	Agree?
9	A. Agree. But that would go, like, to the
10	circles that we were talking earlier. You're
11	injecting in volume, and then you're pushing volumes
12	of San Andres water. So you have to wait until they
13	actually get water that's being reinjected into the
14	well as SWD.
15	So earlier data is kind of it could
16	drop down or, you know, have a change of whatever,
17	because you're getting that connate San Andres water
18	that was there that's being pushed into the well. So
19	you look at trends over a small period and you
20	continue to monitor them to see if it goes up. So
21	there's a point you got to, you know, start at a
22	starting point and look.
23	Q. Earlier data is irrelevant?
24	A. If the injected volumes haven't reached that
25	wellbore, it's irrelevant.
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1	Q. So if there were higher values in the EMSU
2	those would be irrelevant for chlorides?
3	A. So you would go to where those injection
4	circles are. You'd have to have the fluid that's
5	impacted in there and you'd have to actually reach
6	these wells.
7	Q. So looking at the next well, you've got the
8	EMSU 407 and you've got three data points here,
9	correct?
10	A. Yes, sir.
11	Q. And when I look at Mr. McGuire's
12	Exhibit B-42, he's got four database. So one was
13	excluded, correct?
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. And you excluded the September 23 data
16	point. Agree?
17	A. All my data was in '24, so I didn't include
18	anything in '23.
19	Q. The '23 data would have included the time
20	frame during which Goodnight's wells were injecting.
21	Agree?
22	A. Injecting, but you made that fluid may
23	not have reached those wellbores yet.
24	Q. It goes from 13.9 parts per million down to
25	11.6 parts per million during the period in which
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1	Goodnight was injecting. Agree?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. And the same thing with these other points,
4	Mr. West. You excluded data points that show a
5	potential increase and decrease, a variation in these
6	chloride values across each of these wells.
7	A. You made a statement. Was there a question?
8	Q. That's the question.
9	A. Okay. Sorry about that. Can you ask me the
10	question?
11	Q. Sure. With respect to the wells I've just
12	identified, you've excluded data points that show a
13	variation from high to low and sometimes back up again
14	for each of the wells I've just identified, correct?
15	A. Correct. So in production engineering,
16	you're doing trends, to see if it's impacting. And
17	you've got to like I said, the injected fluid in
18	from the SWD has to reach the wells before the data is
19	relevant.
20	Q. And you also excluded in your presentation
21	any indication of what the sulfate concentrations are,
22	correct?
23	A. Yeah. This is the chlorides.
24	Q. Wasn't it one of Empire's main contentions
25	from Dr. Lindsay and yourself that sulfate is an
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1	indication of the presence of San Andres water?
2	A. Yes, originally.
3	Q. What do you mean by "originally"?
4	A. Over time, you know, a lot of the sulfates
5	dropped out with the barium and whatnot and reacted
6	with other chemicals. And so, you know, you can still
7	get little pockets of sulfate coming in and out, but
8	that would be where you're pushing new barrels.
9	So if you did get some sulfate increases
10	in here, that could be another indication, I guess,
11	that you're pushing San Andres virgin water toward
12	those wellbores. And then that water is getting into
13	these wellbores and coming up.
14	Q. For example, in the EMSU 47, you're seeing
15	sulfate. In September 2023, you're going from 600
16	parts per million down to 460 parts per million.
17	Agree?
18	A. Yeah. So that could be a case to where
19	you're pushing San Andres water with higher sulfate
20	and then you're starting to get into water which is
21	less sulfate rich, the Goodnight water, and the
22	chloride, you know, where it swaths around.
23	Q. And so your opinion is that anything here
24	could be an indication of San Andres water encroaching
25	upon your wells. Is that a fair statement?
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A. You try to look for trends and you look at
 different pieces. I mean, there's a lot of dilution
 going on, so it's tough.

Q. Are any of these values a fingerprint that
you can confirm as actually San Andres water from
Goodnight's injection?

A. Well, it wouldn't be San Andres water; it
would be water from the Delaware Basin disposal water
getting there. There's good indication -- you're
seeing indications of increases in chlorides.

Q. When I look at your Exhibit I-11 and I-12, in your direct testimony, you presented historical values for historical water analysis data the Eunice Monument South unitized interval. And there's two pages of data that you represent as being historical water values, chemistry values, correct?

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A. Yes, sir.

Q. And then you've got a column here for chlorides, and I think you actually -- I think these are ranked from lowest to highest on a TDS basis; is that right?

A. That's what it looks like. I don't recallexactly what it is.

Q. So I think it's lowest to highest on a TDS
basis. But the chloride concentrations closely track

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1	that, correct?
2	A. That is correct.
3	Q. So we go from about 2200 parts per million
4	chlorides all the way up to on the high end, over
5	32,000 parts per million chlorides in the EMSU,
6	correct?
7	A. Yes, sir.
8	Q. And when I look at your PowerPoint
9	presentation, where you show us the network of water
10	distribution and injection into the EMSU, all this
11	water is getting mixed across the entire two units,
12	correct?
13	A. That is correct.
14	Q. So I ask you, I guess, Mr. West, when I look
15	at your Exhibit N-9, how is it possible where the
16	highest chlorides that you reported here are still
17	under 15 parts per million, this can in any way be
18	indicative of a fingerprinting of disposal water from
19	Goodnight Midstream into the San Andres?
20	A. It's an indication of the chlorides that are
21	raising from higher chloride fluid.
22	Q. Okay. And couldn't that easily be a
23	consequence of the distribution of chloride values in
24	other parts of this unit that you've indicated as
25	being historically high across the Grayburg?
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1 A. It could be. I mean, there's mixing of it 2 It could be also where you're, you know, pulling all. in the water supply well, water that's maybe coming in 3 and mixing higher. Or it could be pushing some 4 5 connate. 6 But to have in a little finite area that 7 you're seeing consistent across all those wells 8 chlorides coming up, it's an indication. 9 Q. Looking at Exhibit I-18, Mr. West, this is 10 an exhibit that you refer to in your testimony where 11 you state that, as you do here on the slide, that 12 there are -- there's a 13.4 percent decline in the 13 EMSU production these nine months that you presented 14 on this chart. Agree? 15 A. Agree. 16 Q. And as I said, what you did was you took the 17 barrels per day produced in November 2023 and you compared it to the barrels produced in July 2024 and 18 19 you calculated percentage change between those two 20 values, correct? 21 A. That is correct. Q. How did you come to choose those nine 22 months -- actually, you didn't even use nine months in 23 your analysis. You just used two months. 24 Agree? 25 A. We used a whole column. This was due on

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1	August of '24, so that's the reason we truncated the
2	data there.
3	Q. But in your calculation, you just used two
4	points to make that calculation. You used November
5	2023 and you used July 2024. Agree?
6	A. Agree.
7	Q. How did you come to decide to use those two
8	months, November 2023 and July 2024, to calculate your
9	13.4 percent decline?
10	A. That's what you do with a decline, you do
11	this first point, you do the last point.
12	Q. Is that an engineering analysis?
13	A. That's how you do a decline rate, you know,
14	rise over run.
15	Q. How did you come to choose November 2023 and
16	July 2024?
17	A. I don't remember exactly November of 2023.
18	July of 2024 is easy. The document was due in July of
19	2024.
20	Q. What was due?
21	A. Wasn't this document due in August of 2024?
22	Q. I guess I'm asking, what is this document?
23	What is this taken from?
24	A. This is taken from my testimony, right?
25	Q. Okay. So you're saying with this document,
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1 you used that date because it was -- you used that 2 July 2024 date because it was the most recent date 3 available for production? Is that what you're trying to say? 4 5 A. Yes, sir. Q. I didn't mean to testify for you. How did 6 7 you come to choose the November 2023 date, then, as 8 the initial date for your calculation? 9 A. Just went back a time period and picked that. 10 11 Q. So if I pull up Mr. McGuire's rebuttal 12 Exhibit B-40, which includes a longer view of 13 production around those months, he's identified here in brackets on the second page of that exhibit the 14 15 months that you've identified in that chart. Do you 16 see that? 17 A. Yes, sir. Q. And he identified in the brackets from 18 19 November 2023 to I believe it was August 2024, 20 correct? 21 A. July of 2024, because that was the last 22 piece of data I had. This is seeing into the future. 23 Q. Right. So my question to you was, why did 24 you choose November 2023? If you had chosen, say, 25 August 2023, it would have shown almost no decline

1 between those months. Agree? 2 A. Looks like there's a break in data. Q. There's a break in data, Mr. West, I'll 3 represent to you, because we didn't receive these two 4 5 months from Empire. We asked for the daily production 6 rates and we didn't receive them, so that's why there's break in the data there. 7 8 A. Okay. 9 Q. Just pointing out, Mr. West, if you had chosen August 2023 and compared it to July 2024 or 10 11 even, let me pick another date, for example, June 12 2023, if it was a June 2023 date, I think that's the 13 date here, and I compared it to July 2024, there would be a much smaller decline, wouldn't there have been? 14 15 A. I could pick, you know, December of '22 and 16 there would be more of a decline. 17 Q. I guess my point is, how did you end up choosing -- is it reasonable to choose any month out 18 of the year? Why not do a more reasonable or a longer 19 20 term assessment of what the decline is, if any? How 21 did you come to choose that month? 22 A. Just looking at a more recent time frame and, again, just a trend. 23 24 Q. But if I had chosen July '23 and compared it to July '24, a 12-month trend, it wouldn't have shown 25 Page 118

1	as much of a decline, would it have?
2	A. It still would have been a decline.
3	Q. Looking at this period of production,
4	Mr. West, Goodnight started injecting into the EMSU in
5	roughly 2020; is that correct?
6	A. Sounds about right.
7	Q. And Empire acquired the unit around March of
8	2021, agree?
9	A. Yes, sir.
10	Q. And that steep decline around the time of
11	Empire's acquisition is related to the transition in
12	operations; is that correct?
13	A. No. That was DCP had to during the
14	process, when it was selling, had a pipeline shut
15	down. So it was down for three, four months.
16	Q. So it was an operational issue, not related
17	to the transition, but related to some outside issue?
18	A. No. It was actually down when the data room
19	was out.
20	Q. Okay.
21	A. So it was down there and then all the way
22	into '21. So that's your deep gap. I don't know why
23	there's that one point down there, but really it would
24	be where there's shoulders for several months.
25	Q. So if I look at the time when Goodnight

1 initiated injection into the EMSU, around the 2020 2 time frame, and I look back to even the period you 3 selected, I'm not seeing much of a decline at all in 4 the rates of production over this period of time. 5 Would you agree?

A. Well, if you recall, back in March, April, May of 2020, that was COVID. So there was a huge amount of things affecting operations across the world. So I would anticipate that to be lower, and I wouldn't think that would be a very good pick.

11 Q. So if I go back to, again, a longer time 12 frame over the EMSU -- and I don't do decline curves. 13 I'm a lawyer, but just eyeballing this, and looking at a larger period of time, this is the first page of 14 Mr. McGuire's Exhibit B-40, and I'm trying to eyeball 15 16 the production over here, it looks like actually the production decline from January of '19 to present is 17 18 not as steep as it was in previous years. Do you 19 disagree with me?

A. You're later in the life of the flood, soyou'd expect it not to be as steep.

Q. How does that square with your testimony that you're seeing excessive decline currently, in the present?

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A. You're seeing it currently over that time

1 frame. You got to look to more -- you know, you just come down to a shorter time frame. And '19 and '20 2 were kind of messy times, into '21, because of all the 3 COVID stuff that was happening. And then they 4 5 shut-down the pipeline. And then so you got the rest 6 of the production to work with. 7 We could have went back to October of 8 '21 to present say, if you wanted to calculate that. 9 Q. Now, this is the only data you present in 10 your testimony about any impacts to production; is 11 that correct? 12 MS. HARDY: Objection. Misstates testimony. 13 MR. RANKIN: I'm asking --14 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Overruled. 15 BY MR. RANKIN: 16 Q. Mr. West, is there any other testimony you 17 presented or exhibits or data, information in your 18 testimony that reflects any decrease or decline in the production of the EMSU? 19 20 A. Not that I remember. 21 Q. Okay. I'm going to move on to your 22 discussion of your economic models. In your direct testimony, starting at Page 13, under the 23 24 Subheading F, called, "CO2 Flood of San Andres ROZ Interval," first section I've highlighted here 25

1 discusses how much CO2 Empire anticipates having to 2 inject across each 40-acre pattern that you anticipate 3 developing, and also states what you anticipate would be the recovery of oil over -- is that oil or CO2 4 5 recovery there? 6 A. Which part are you talking about? 7 Q. So this sentence I've highlighted here. Ιt 8 states that you'll recover approximately 500,000 9 barrels of oil there over a 20-year period. So in this sentence that I've 10 11 highlighted here, this refers to the economic models 12 that you have attached as your Exhibits I-26 and I-27; 13 is that right? A. So it refers to -- I think the first one is 14 15 talking about the Grayburg and the San Andres, but 16 then it says given the more acres that 250 40-acres, 17 it's 125 million out of San Andres alone. Q. Okay. But that is referring to the economic 18 model that you calculated that are attached at 19 20 Exhibits I-26 --21 A. Correct. 22 Q. -- and I-27; is that right? 23 A. Yes. 24 O. And one is an economic model based on a 72-pattern CO2 flood, correct? 25

1 A. That is correct. 2 Q. And the other is based on a 250-pattern CO2 flood? 3 4 A. That is correct. 5 Q. And each pattern is based on a 40-acre spacing, correct? 6 7 A. That is correct. Q. And as I understand it, the 250-pattern 8 9 model includes the EMSU, EMSU-B and AGU, correct? A. Correct. It includes about 10,000 acres. 10 11 It could be applied just to the EMSU, which is about 12 14,000 acres. So it could squeeze all into there, 13 but, you know, but we kind of look at this project in a whole across all three. 14 15 O. So when I'm reviewing your Exhibit I and I'm 16 trying to understand the economic model and how you 17 did your calculations, I don't see an explanation for how this economic model works or any basis for any of 18 19 its underlying assumptions about costs, about 20 recovery, about how you're going to get -- how you 21 calculated and whether you even calculate any recovery 22 factors. 23 Can you point me to anyplace in this 24 testimony where you explain how you determine what the recovery factor is going to be, for example, for 25 Page 123

1 hydrocarbons in the San Andres ROZ?

2 A. So it was in the economic model spreadsheet itself. What we used, this model was going from -- it 3 was built by Kinder Morgan to, you know, have some 4 5 other engineers on staff that have experience with CO2, actually, three of them, CO2 and ROZ. And this was one 6 that this economic model was built to assess different 7 properties to whether or not it would be a good CO2 8 9 project or not.

It uses about an 18 percent recovery factor in it. And it times out your CO2 going in, pushing out your water, oil and then your reinjection. And then you can put -- you can build the models, build the patterns out.

Q. So let me go -- I think the description or the exhibits relating to the model start at PDF 50 here, which I think is the first one, I-26, correct? A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. And this shows different charts from oil 20 production, water production, CO2 recycle volume, and 21 CO2 injection rate, correct?

A. Correct.
Q. So these are outputs from your economic
model, correct?

25 A. That is correct.

1 Q. And I think this is for the 72-pattern 2 economic model, right? 3 A. Yeah. They're similar shape. 4 Q. The same inputs went into both models, 5 right? 6 A. That is correct. 7 Q. Okay. Just one was multiplied out for 250 8 patterns or 72 patterns, correct? 9 A. That is correct. Q. And so this is an output for oil production, 10 11 water production, CO2 recycle volume, CO2 injection 12 rate, right? 13 A. Yes, sir. Q. And each of these models assumes continuous 14 15 CO2 injection, right? A. That is correct. 16 17 Q. And not water alternating gas, correct? 18 A. That is correct. Standing for WAG. 19 Q. Standing for WAG. Okay. So that's what this chart is. 20 21 And this next exhibit here, I-27, is the 22 spreadsheet that generated those outputs, correct? 23 A. This is the economic summary that was part 24 of the output, yes. 25 Q. So I don't see anywhere here where you Page 125

1 got -- I'm trying to understand how you came up with 2 an 18 percent oil recovery factor based on this chart, 3 resulting in this oil production. Is it somewhere in 4 your testimony where you explain how arrived at that 5 18 percent recovery factor?

6 A. It's all -- you know, so we arrived -- no, didn't put it in the testimony, but it's in the 7 spreadsheet sheet itself. And it's 18 percent and 8 9 it's based on Kinder Morgan's economic model that they 10 built. So they had a couple engineers on the staff 11 that brought the model over, and it's a pretty good, 12 you know, initial economic analysis of the CO2. 13 Whenever you don't quite have a full compositional model and, you know, we don't quite have the fluid 14 15 from the San Andres, a few things.

So this allows us to build that out and you put pressure in, and it's a pretty good little model.

19 Q. Now, is there anybody else who has testified 20 for Empire that addresses how Empire arrives at an 21 18 percent oil recovery factor for this economic 22 model?

A. Stephen Melzer gave you indication of
different things that could be recovery factors that
he's seen in ROZ and different projects.

1 Q. Has Mr. Melzer conducted any assessment or 2 evaluation, based any on any of the geologic data or 3 engineering data related to the EMSU? A. You've just got to use analogous fields. 4 5 Q. Did Mr. Melzer testify that the EMSU was 6 analogous to any of the fields from which his recovery 7 factors were derived, to your knowledge? 8 A. I don't remember exactly. He talked about 9 Seminole, he talked about Tall Cotton. He talked about lots of different fields. 10 11 Q. So, again, Mr. West, I'm looking at your 12 testimony and I don't see any reference to a recovery 13 factor. Is it in your testimony? 14 A. I should have put it in there. But it was 15 in the backup data. 16 Q. Is there anywhere in your testimony where 17 you describe or explain how you came up with an explanation for how you're arriving at a certain value 18 of amount of oil? 19 20 A. You know, the simple -- it's a 30 percent oil saturation, it's using a 10 percent porosity in 21 22 the model. It's all in the input to the model there. I should have just made a table to put in here to 23 24 summarize that up. 25 Q. But there's no explanation, right? I was

1 looking for it, trying to understand it. And I don't 2 see it. But you're telling me that you're using an 3 18 percent oil recovery factor and you're relying on Mr. Melzer's testimony and opinions for that? 4 5 A. His opinions and other literature, the different pieces and using the previous model that, 6 you know, a company that does a lot of CO2 and ROZ 7 8 projects, like Kinder Morgan, using that as a 9 representative good start. Q. Is 18 percent the number that Kinder Morgan 10 11 was using for its projects; is that what you're 12 telling me? 13 A. Yes, sir. Q. That's not stated anywhere in your 14 15 testimony, is it? 16 A. That is correct. 17 Q. And do you know -- what field was Kinder Morgan using the 18 percent oil recovery factor for? 18 19 A. It's from all their projects that they had across the Permian Basin and from company experience. 20 21 Q. And you're telling me that Kinder Morgan uses the same recovery factor for all of its fields, 22 23 no matter what and where it is? A. Whenever they get more data and want -- and 24 25 this is for a screening process, so this is a first Page 128

pass. There are some fields that get better than that; some that may get worse than that. Q. How is 18 percent recovery factor comparing with what the recovery factor has been for the secondary recovery in the EMSU? A. I don't recall off the top of my head what the recovery factor has been in the waterflood. Q. Now, this portion of your testimony here, from F, from Subpart F, that's the sole that's the complete testimony that you provided that explains your economic evaluation for the CO2 recovery project in the EMSU, correct? A. Correct. Q. And you're providing this testimony and the exhibits that relate to it as evidence that a ROZ project can be economically implemented across all three unitized intervals rather, all three unitized areas in the AGU, EMSU and EMSU-B? A. Yes. Q. And this analysis applies only to continuous CO2 injection, correct? A. Correct. We didn't take into you know, the benefits of what a WAG would be. It would reduce your CO2 purchase greatly. Q. So you didn't provide us with an assessment	that; some that may get worse than that. Q. How is 18 percent recovery factor comparing with what the recovery factor has been for the secondary recovery in the EMSU? A. I don't recall off the top of my head what the recovery factor has been in the waterflood. Q. Now, this portion of your testimony here, from F, from Subpart F, that's the sole that's the complete testimony that you provided that explains your economic evaluation for the CO2 recovery project in the EMSU, correct? A. Correct. Q. And you're providing this testimony and the exhibits that relate to it as evidence that a ROZ project can be economically implemented across all three unitized intervals rather, all three unitized areas in the AGU, EMSU and EMSU-B? Q. And this analysis applies only to continuous CO2 injection, correct? A. Correct. We didn't take into you know, the benefits of what a WAG would be. It would reduce your CO2 purchase greatly.		
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1 of what the potential economics would be for a WAG 2 project, right? 3 A. No. But they would be better. Q. So you mentioned one of the assumptions of 4 5 your economic model is that there's an average oil saturation of 30 percent, correct? 6 7 A. That is correct. 8 Q. And I started talking with you about this the other day and I want to revisit it. But if you 9 recall, Mr. West, you testified to me in your 10 11 deposition that this economic model is based on a 12 400-foot interval with a continuous average oil 13 saturation of 30 percent. Do you agree? A. Never said continuous. 14 15 O. I'm going to close out some of these 16 documents, because my PDF is going to get fussy. 17 This is part of your 30(b)(6) deposition when you and I were discussing these economic models 18 19 and I was trying to understand them. So I asked 20 you -- at the time of your deposition, I asked you --21 and this is Page 232 of your deposition, and this is 22 again, your 30(b)(6) deposition, I asked you, "Where 23 are we getting the 30 percent oil saturation from?" 24 And you told me that you're getting it 25 from the log analysis and petrophysical data and it Page 130

1 could be a little bit conservative of it 30 percent. 2 Do you recall that testimony? 3 A. Yes, sir. Q. And then I asked you, "Is that oil 4 5 saturation an average across the entire San Andres?" 6 And you said, "It's a good evaluation number for the San Andres." 7 8 And then I asked you: Because this 9 model doesn't change the oil saturations by depth in the San Andres? 10 11 It doesn't change, right? Your model is 12 using a consistent 30 percent oil saturation across the entire 400-foot interval, correct? 13 A. That is correct. 14 15 O. It's the same oil saturation in the model for the entire 400 feet, correct? 16 17 A. The 400-foot. That would be out of a 1200-foot reservoir of the San Andres. 18 19 Q. That's right. And your model is assuming a consistent, continuous 30 percent oil saturation 20 21 across that entire 400 feet, correct? A. Yes, for it -- it is using 400 foot as the 22 23 interval, the net interval. 24 Q. Okay. And do you recall my testimony --25 were you present for Mr. McShane's testimony? Page 131

1	A. Yes.
2	Q. And did you hear Mr. McShane testify that he
3	did not identify any section of any of the log
4	intervals that contain average saturation of
5	30 percent that would extend 400 feet across the
6	San Andres?
7	A. I'm trying to understand your question.
8	Could you rephrase it.
9	Q. Do you recall Mr. McShane testifying that he
10	did not identify any interval in the San Andres that
11	had an average oil saturation of 30 percent that
12	extended for 400 feet?
13	A. That was a I think you had said in that
14	piece that it was a continuous one.
15	Q. Correct.
16	A. That is correct.
17	Q. Okay. And so none of NuTech's well log
18	interpretations provide a continuous interval of
19	30 percent oil saturation that would justify that
20	assumption in your economic model. Agree?
21	A. Rephrase it again, make sure I
22	Q. None of NuTech's well log interpretations
23	provide a continuous interval of 30 percent oil
24	saturation that would justify your economic model
25	assumption. Agree?

1 A. If you break it up, it's going to be 2 relatively the same in the economic model. 3 Q. Your economic model is assuming an average 30 percent oil saturation for 400 feet across the top 4 5 of San Andres. Agree? 6 MS. HARDY: Objection. Asked and answered. 7 This has been established. 8 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Overruled. He's 9 laying foundation. 10 A. I have a net interval across the San Andres. 11 Q. Now, I just was asking you, because you just 12 told me that the economic model doesn't have any net 13 intervals, right? It's a continuous interval of 400 14 feet, is what you're assuming in your economic model. 15 A. I'm taking a 400-foot injection interval, a 16 net interval. 17 Q. So I'm asking you, is there any of the well 18 log interpretations or petrophysical log analyses that 19 were presented by or sponsored by any of your experts 20 that reflect a continuous 30 percent oil saturation of 400 feet, across a 400-foot interval, similar to what 21 you're assuming in the economic model? 22 23 A. My economic model is using a net 400 foot. 24 But no, there is not a log that has just a continuous 400 foot. 25 Page 133

Q. Did you have one of your experts or petrophysics or log analyses experts sponsor an oil saturation analysis that you used in your economic model?

5 A. I used lots of different bits of, pieces of data. As you can tell, there's a lot of different 6 varying opinions on an analysis. Right? Because when 7 8 you take logs and you do log analysis, it's always an 9 interpretation, and so some were high, some were low. 10 And if you take the core and average, it seemed like, 11 you know, that would be a good representative, would 12 be 30 percent. Because you don't know until you start 13 to take more core of the interval and a larger 14 interval than your currently have.

Q. Is that oil saturation that you're using in the economic model, is it based on any of your experts' opinions or any of the expert work that Ops Geologic did? Or is it based on the oil saturations that were prepared by Ops Geologic, for example, number one?

A. It's taken into account for what they all
said and saying that hey, a good representation would
be 30 percent.

24 Q. But you're not using -- for example, you're 25 not taking the evaluation or assessment that Ops

1 Geologic did and then using that for your economic 2 model, correct? 3 A. Not using one individual one. I'm taking all the data points. 4 5 Q. And you didn't take NuTech's analysis of their oil saturations that they did or even that 6 Empire instructed them to do. You're not using that 7 8 for you economic model. Agree? 9 A. Looked at NuTech's, looked at Ops Geologic. Looked what, you know, Exxon had said before, looked 10 11 at all of them and said, you know, let's -- you know, 12 look at the cores and said that 30 percent would be a 13 good representative to build a model off of. 14 Q. Then you took what they did and you made it 15 a continuous 30 percent oil saturation across 400 16 feet, correct? 17 A. Right. I don't have a fancier model that I could break it out. 18 19 O. You couldn't vary the oil saturations to 20 match one of your expert's opinions? 21 A. Not in the model. Q. It doesn't have a cell representative of 22 23 each foot? You couldn't evaluate it based on what your experts are telling you the oil saturations are? 24 25 A. You know, the model is over 10,000 acres.

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1	Picking one individual log would be incorrect.
2	Q. Okay. So rather than trying to match what
3	your experts are saying or doing, you made your own
4	decision about what the oil saturation should be
5	across a 400-foot interval. Agree?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. Okay.
8	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Mr. Rankin, would
9	this be a convenient time for a mid afternoon break?
10	MR. RANKIN: It would be a greet time,
11	Mr. Hearing Officer.
12	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Let's take
13	15 minutes.
14	(Recess held from 3:00 to 3:15 p.m.)
15	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Let's proceed.
16	Mr. Rankin, do you have any idea,
17	forecast, of how much more you might have?
18	MR. RANKIN: I'm afraid to get into the
19	business of prediction, but I really do want to try
20	to finish relatively soon. So I'm hoping that
21	sometime within the next hour I'll be done.
22	There's basically two main topics left
23	that I want to discuss, and I'm partway through one
24	of them. So I'm hoping that within the next 30 to 40
25	minutes, I'll be done.

1 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Okay. Well, it is 2 all relative. MR. RANKIN: It is all relative. 3 4 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Thank you. 5 MR. RANKIN: I understand. Are we ready to go, Mr. Hearing Officer? 6 7 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Sure. Please 8 proceed. 9 BY MR. RANKIN: 10 Q. Mr. West, we were, prior to the break, 11 discussing the economic model that you presented in 12 your testimony. As I understand it, the economic 13 model presents two cases, one for a 72-pattern CO2 injection case, and the other for a 250-pattern 14 15 injection case, correct? 16 A. Yes, sir. 17 Q. And for each of those patterns, you only ran one output, right? 18 19 A. That is correct. 20 Q. So you didn't run any sensitivities on any 21 of the variables or inputs that you used in economic calculations, did you? 22 23 A. Not at the time when we did that. 24 Q. And you didn't present the Commission with 25 any sensitivities based on different input parameters Page 137

1	for most models, have you?
2	A. I have not presented any.
3	Q. So no ranges for costs of CO2, for example?
4	A. Correct.
5	Q. And no ranges for different oil saturations,
6	correct?
7	A. Correct.
8	Q. And no ranges for prices of oil, correct?
9	A. Correct.
10	Q. And, in fact, you assume for your oil
11	pricing starting out at \$75 per barrel, correct?
12	A. That is correct.
13	Q. And you assume a 1 percent incremental
14	increase, escalation every year, correct?
15	A. Yes, a pretty conservative one over the 43
16	years of the project, I believe.
17	Q. Okay. And among the assumptions, as you
18	state in your testimony, you're assuming that
19	75 percent of the wells for the San Andres ROZ
20	projects are going to have to be new drills, correct?
21	A. I'd have to sit down and think on that
22	project. I mean, we've got, like, 105 existing
23	wellbores that we could deepen to reduce some of those
24	costs. But I think in the project, yeah, I think we
25	did assume, yes. That's what we assumed in the

1 project. Kind of little bit heavy on it. 2 Q. No problem. I guess my question is, why wouldn't you need to drill 100 percent new wells? 3 A. Because you've got 105 -- roughly 105 4 5 wellbores within the EMSU that have at least 7-inch casing down to the bottom. So you could use full-size 6 7 conventional tools to deepen that well. Q. Are those wellbores in a condition suitable 8 9 for injection of CO2? A. Whenever you drill the bottom part of it, 10 11 that would be an extra image you would run, and so 12 yes, it would be. 13 Q. And the cement would be in a condition 14 that's approvable for CO2 injection by the Division? 15 A. You would be, you know, drilling down into 16 the new intervals, so you would do cement to match 17 that. 18 O. Okay. So have you evaluated whether or not 19 those wells, those 25 percent of the wells what you'd 20 be able to reenter, would qualify under the Divisions's rules and regulations for injection of 21 22 CO2? 23 A. You would be drilling a new hole into it because they're not presently deep enough. And so you 24 would put, you know, what's the spec of the cement 25 Page 139

that would match the regulations of the Commission. 1 2 Q. My question is, did you do an assessment to determine whether or not the condition of those -- the 3 25 percent of wells that you would need to drill new, 4 5 have you made an assessment to determine if those wells would qualify under the Division's requirement 6 for injection of CO2? 7 A. I guess I would need to see the 8 9 requirements. But you're drilling a new hole where you're going to inject. You're putting whatever spec 10 11 cement in the well. 12 Q. I think you've answered my question, because 13 you haven't reviewed the Division's requirements for CO2 injection? 14 15 A. No. 16 Q. Okay. On your economic modeling which way 17 would the economics go if you decreased the ROZ 18 interval? A. If you decrease the ROZ interval, the CO2 19 20 would pass through the reservoir quicker, so you would 21 move the production forward and you would use less CO2. 22 And so your rate of return would go up and it would be 23 a little bit higher. Q. You think the economics would go up if you 2.4 25 decreased the CO2 interval -- I'm sorry. You think the Page 140

1 economics go up if you decreased the oil saturation 2 interval? 3 A. The net thickness? Which --Q. Your economic model uses an oil saturation 4 5 of 30 percent over 400 feet, correct? 6 A. That's correct. 7 Q. And if you reduce that ROZ interval to 300 feet, what would that do to the economics of your 8 project? 9 A. So you shorten the thickness of the 10 11 interval, the CO2 would be able to impact the rock 12 quicker and you would produce oil back faster, would 13 move through the reservoir guicker. So that would bring forward your oil curves and it would also bring 14 15 forward your CO2 recycling. 16 Q. Have you done that analysis in your economic 17 model? 18 A. Since then we've played with the model. 19 Q. Have you done an analysis to evaluate what 20 happens when you decrease the ROZ thickness? 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. And what does that do to your economics? 23 A. Like I said, it will bring your net present 24 value -- it will increase that. Overall, you know, 25 since there's less reserve, the overall, you know, Page 141

1	and would an down a little bit. Your rate of return
1	cash would go down a little bit. Your rate of return
2	would go up because you're getting product back
3	faster.
4	Q. And overall, what does it do to the
5	economics?
6	A. I just which piece of the economics are
7	you talking about? There are a lot of
8	Q. Bottom line.
9	A. Which there's lots of I mean, people
10	look at lots of different pieces of economics.
11	Which do you know, you know, which category?
12	Q. So what I'm trying to figure out, when I
13	look at your PowerPoint, for example, and you're
14	telling the Commission that there's going to be a
15	cumulative cash flow of \$5.5 billion, what does the
16	decrease in the ROZ interval, say, from 400 feet to
17	300 feet do to your cash flow?
18	A. It will reduce it.
19	Q. What happens when you reduce the oil
20	saturation in your model?
21	A. It'll reduce the cum cash a little bit.
22	Q. You talked about just now that there
23	about the potential for reducing the cost by recycling
24	CO2. Do you recall you just mentioning about there
25	would be a if you decrease the interval of the ROZ

1	that it would increase the rate that you gave your CO2
2	back, correct?
3	A. It will come back earlier.
4	Q. Have you done any analyses to determine at
5	what rate CO would come back?
б	A. Can you clarify your question?
7	Q. You're telling me that if you decrease the
8	ROZ interval, that you're going to get CO2 back more
9	quickly, right?
10	A. That is correct.
11	Q. So I'm asking you, have you done any
12	analyses to determine at what rate you're going to get
13	CO2 returns in your CO2 project?
14	A. It'll come back earlier. I mean, it would
15	have to be a particular run and run a sensitivity on
16	it. It's going to come in faster.
17	Q. I guess my question is, you're just telling
18	me that right now. Is that off the top of your head
19	or is that based on your experience? Or did you
20	actually conduct an analysis to determine what the
21	rate of return of CO2 would be for the San Andres?
22	A. It's just a mass balance. So if you're
23	putting in the same amount of CO2 and there's less
24	reservoir, it's going to come out the other end
25	quicker, so you would have it back into place to put

1	back in.
2	Q. So that's just based on your rationale or
3	logic, that response?
4	A. Just two particles can't be in the same
5	space at the same time.
6	Q. My question is simply, like, did you do some
7	sort of engineering analysis to determine what your CO2
8	return would be?
9	A. The model will do it.
10	Q. In your testimony, where does it do it in
11	the model?
12	A. I mean, you can see there where it's, you
13	know, the CO2 recycle volumes, or whatnot. It would
14	calculate and make that curve.
15	Q. Do you address that anywhere in your
16	testimony?
17	A. I did not run those sensitivities and put
18	them in my testimony.
19	Q. Did you describe how you made that
20	determination in your testimony, how the model makes
21	that determination, in your testimony?
22	A. Which part of it?
23	Q. The CO2 return, the CO2 recycle volume, how
24	it calculates that.
25	A. We provided you with the data sheet that has
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1	all the inputs and the spreadsheet. It's not in my
2	testimony, but you were provided the data, the whole
3	model.
4	Q. Okay. But it's not in your testimony, it's
5	not in your exhibits. Agree?
6	A. Agree.
7	Q. So the Commission hasn't seen that and it
8	wasn't provided to the Commission. Agree?
9	A. Agree.
10	Q. Okay. So when I go back to your PowerPoint
11	presentation, I think you're discussing the larger
12	project here, the 250-pattern project in Slide 7 of
13	your presentation, correct?
14	A. Correct.
15	Q. And the capital costs here are calculated
16	from your economic model for that pattern, correct
17	for that project?
18	A. The 250-pattern project.
19	Q. And the total capital expenditure would be
20	1.2 billion over the entire life of the project,
21	correct?
22	A. That is correct.
23	Q. We heard yesterday in testimony from
24	Mr. Wheeler about the financial status of the company
25	over the last two years. How will Empire finance this
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1 project \$1.2 billion? 2 A. We'll get funding for it. It won't be a 3 problem. Q. Who is going to fund it? 4 5 A. It'll be funded by investors. 6 Q. Okay. Have you prepared any statements for 7 investors to consider how Empire is going to pursue this project? 8 9 A. I've got to stop this pollution first before we can ever go to raise money. 10 11 Q. So Empire has undertaken no steps at this 12 point to put together a proposal for developing any 13 investment for this project; is that correct? A. There's been discussions. You know, upper 14 management and things had discussions of this project 15 16 in particular with people that would be able to well 17 fund it. But we cannot move past initial discussions 18 until you stop the pollution into the reservoir. 19 Q. Empire has had discussions with potential 20 funders? 21 A. The investors, chairman and things, yes, he 22 has. 23 Q. To your knowledge, Mr. Mulacek has had discussions with potential funders for a CO2 project in 2.4 25 the EMSU? Page 146

1	A. Yes.
2	Q. Do you know who those potential funders
3	would be?
4	A. No, I do not.
5	Q. Have you obtained any bids or estimates for
6	any of the wells facilities or other costs that would
7	be required to undertake a CO2 project of any kind
8	November EMSU?
9	A. At this point in the process, we have
10	estimates, as you don't really go out to bid until
11	you're ready to buy equipment.
12	Q. So you do have estimates for costs for a
13	potential project? Yes?
14	A. They're in the model.
15	Q. They're in the model. Okay. What are those
16	assumptions based on?
17	A. They're based on the rough price of what the
18	equipment would be that you would plan to acquire for
19	the pipelines, the facility, the wells.
20	Q. Did you provide any basis or substantiation
21	for the assumptions made on those prices in your
22	testimony.
23	A. I think you're early in the project and all
24	of it, so, you know, you make the assumptions. You
25	don't go out for bids.

1	Q. And briefly, we discussed your starting
2	price of oil at \$75 a barrel, correct?
3	A. Correct.
4	Q. I just happened to look at the oil price
5	last night, and it's down to \$58 a barrel, or
6	something. And have you run any I think you know
7	the answer to this question, but just to be clear, you
8	haven't run any other models of variation of range of
9	prices. Agree?
10	A. There wouldn't be a need to at this point in
11	time.
12	Q. Why not?
13	A. Because 75 is a good starting point whenever
14	the model was ran at the beginning of the year. And
15	you're not starting the project right now until we get
16	this cleared up. And if you, you know, look in the
17	history of the oil, that's a very reasonable starting
18	point for where we're at.
19	Q. But you didn't run a flat price scenario,
20	did you?
21	A. No one would really do a flat price scenario
22	for a 42-year project.
23	Q. Mr. Marek ran a flat price analysis for the
24	EMSU waterflood, didn't he?
25	A. Why don't we pull up that analysis of
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1	Mr. Marek's, that Cobb Report, because it has a 5
2	percent escalation point in there, too.
3	Q. It does, it has an escalation. It has a
4	range. He did a range. He did 5 percent and he did
5	flat price. So he had a range of analyses that he
6	did, correct?
7	A. That's correct.
8	Q. And you only ran one analysis, correct?
9	A. At 1 percent, pretty conservative. If you
10	go back the last 42 years, that's about a 1.82 percent
11	increase, annual percent increase. So one is pretty
12	fair.
13	Now, he ran a pretty aggressive
14	5 percent case in that economic analysis. We're not
15	anywhere near a 5 percent.
16	Q. Okay. And is past performance an indication
17	of future performance, Mr. West, in your experience?
18	A. You got to use the past to help to build a
19	model to predict the future. So, you know, past
20	indications of oil, where you have a long history,
21	that's a pretty good .
22	Q. Generally, isn't a flat price required for
23	and SEC report?
24	A. For SEC, but that's just looking, like, in
25	the short term, and that's been like a year.
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1 Actually, that's not looking for something that 2 somebody would invest in a 42-year project. Q. In other words -- I'm sorry, I didn't mean 3 to interrupt you. 4 5 A. If we took Mr. Marek's project, right, where I think it was \$18 a barrel of oil, and if you just 6 7 took that as a point and ran a flat case and a 5 percent and if you took that, escalated it to the 8 9 beginning of this year, that was about a 3.88 increase annually. So, you know, kind of undershot on the one, 10 11 maybe overshot, I mean, add them, you know, flattened out after a while. 12 13 O. I quess my point simply is, though, 14 Mr. West, that he provided a range of potential outcomes, not just a single scenario. Correct? 15 16 A. Correct. 17 Q. Now, another assumption in your model is that you used a \$1 price per MCF for CO2, correct? 18 19 A. That is correct. 20 Q. And you state that the project would allow 21 for 471 cubic feet of CO2 to be sequestered as a result 22 of the injection, correct? 23 A. Yes. It could be. Q. Have you done any studies to confirm that 2.4 25 volume of CO2 could actually be sequestered in the Page 150

1	San Andres?
2	A. There would be some that would be left
3	behind, just by the nature of the flood. And it's,
4	you know, a reasonable number.
5	Q. My question is, did you do any studies to
6	determine whether that volume could be sequestered?
7	A. Any extra studies, no.
8	Q. So that was just a reasonable number that
9	you chose as a potential amount that could be
10	sequestered?
11	A. Yes. So talking with, you know, other
12	people, staff and things and putting together, yes.
13	Q. Okay. And you, among other experts, on
14	behalf of Empire testified that there are natural
15	fractures all through the San Andres and Grayburg,
16	correct?
17	A. That is correct.
18	Q. Causing the formations to be in fluid
19	communication, correct?
20	A. That is correct.
21	Q. How would this project ever qualify for a
22	45Q tax credit just based on Empire's testimony and
23	the exhibits that it has presented in this case?
24	A. So the top of the reservoir, there's an
25	established used to be a gas cap up there. And so
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1 you've got an established gas cap up there. 2 Also, you've got a really pretty good perm barrier around Zone 3 or 4 in the Grayburg. And 3 that part that's a baffle, you could -- one of the 4 5 ways you could go about it, you could flood Zones 1 6 and 2 with a lot of water, add another water cap, which is very common in a CO2 project. So there's a 7 8 lot of different ways to add extra barriers in. 9 Q. Beyond just conceptual discussion, have you done any actual engineering or geologic determinations 10 11 to confirm whether that would meet the requirements of 12 a 450 tax credit? 13 A. We'd have to, you know -- we have sister companies and things that do a lot of that business, 14 15 and it seems reasonable that we would be able to go 16 through all that, but there's a lot of expense and a 17 lot of things that go into that. And we can't really move forward with an investment while there's ongoing 18 19 damage to that ROZ. 20 Q. My question is, though, have you done any 21 determination -- I mean, you're making a big 22 assumption that it would qualify and would have big impact on your economics, correct? If you can 23 24 qualify, it has a big impact on the economics of this project. Agree? 25

1	A. It's not necessarily solely on the
2	sequestration.
3	Q. So part of the assumption is that you or the
4	seller of the CO2 would be able to qualify for a 45Q
5	tax credit. Agree?
6	A. Agree. That can you know, that's a lot
7	of things that can affect that CO2 price.
8	Q. I'm just talking about the model. You made
9	an assumption that based on qualification for the 45Q
10	tax credit, you would be able to buy CO2 at a \$1 per
11	MCF, correct?
12	A. No. Made an assumption that we'd be able to
13	buy CO2 at \$1 an MCF.
14	Q. Okay. And that was based on the 45Q tax
15	credits. Agree?
16	A. That could affect the price of the CO2.
17	Q. When I deposed you, Mr. West, you told me
18	that that basis for the 50 cent discount was based on
19	the 45Q tax credit, correct?
20	A. That's definitely something that can give
21	you the discount.
22	Q. So if you aren't able to acquire a 45Q tax
23	credit, then what's the basis for the \$1 per MCF
24	price?
25	A. That's a negotiation. You could, you
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1	know it's, you know, "Hey, I've got this project.
2	I want to buy this much CO2," and you negotiate
3	different terms.
4	Q. And just to be clear, who would benefit from
5	the 45Q tax credit? Would it be Empire or would it be
6	the seller of the CO2?
7	A. I'm not sure. Depends on which deal was
8	negotiated.
9	Q. When I deposed you, you told me that the
10	seller of CO2 would be the beneficiary of the tax
11	credit, correct?
12	A. Probably. It could be either way, but yeah,
13	I mean.
14	Q. That's what you testified to in your
15	deposition, correct, that the seller of the CO2 would
16	be the direct beneficiary of the tax credit?
17	A. I'll believe what you say. That's one
18	scenario for sure. We have not negotiated a contract,
19	so it's hard to say.
20	Q. Okay. Well, I'm not going to spend the time
21	impeaching you, Mr. West.
22	So the question I have, then, is, have
23	you had any discussions, then, with any CO2 suppliers?
24	A. People within the company have.
25	Q. And under the 45Q tax credit, in order to
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1	qualify, would it have to be anthropogenic CO2?
2	A. That's one method.
3	Q. Are you aware of any other methods to
4	qualifying for the 45Q tax credit that are not
5	anthropogenic?
6	A. I think you can get some if there ends up
7	being some that stays in the reservoir and it's stored
8	in the reservoir.
9	Q. Okay. So you're assuming that some is going
10	to be stored in the reservoir, but you haven't done
11	any analyses or studies to confirm what volumes would
12	actually be stored, correct?
13	A. No studies where volume is concerned. But,
14	you know, you put it down in there, not all of it is
15	going to come back.
16	Q. And you haven't done the study to evaluate
17	how much of that CO2 would likely stay in the
18	reservoir. Agree?
19	A. Agree. We would need to go ahead and gather
20	more core and we would need to do more analysis.
21	Q. You haven't yet done that analysis. Agree?
22	A. That's correct.
23	(Pause in the proceedings.)
24	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: All right. We're
25	back on the record.
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Mr. Rankin, you better speak fast. 1 2 MR. RANKIN: Mr. Hearing Officer, thank you 3 very much. BY MR. RANKIN: 4 5 Q. Mr. West, in terms of the proposed CO2 injection, has anyone from Empire, to your knowledge, 6 7 met with OCD to discuss Empire's proposed CO2 injection plans to see if CO2 would even be approvable by the 8 Division in this formation? 9 10 A. No need to do that until we get this cleared 11 up first. But then yes, the intention will be to. 12 Q. I guess if it's not approvable by OCD, then 13 maybe it's not an issue. Aqree? 14 A. Say that again. 15 Q. If the CO2 injection is not approvable by 16 OCD, given the conditions in the formation, then maybe 17 it's not even an issue. Agree? 18 A. Well, it would take a lot of work to make 19 that determination and probably gathering core and 20 different pieces of data that we do not have at 21 present time. 22 Q. Well, I'm asking about the CO2 containment. 23 You haven't discussed anything with any agency about whether or not there's sufficient containment by the 2.4 25 formation to determine if CO2 injection is approvable Page 156

1 in this zone, correct? 2 A. There's a long process and there's a lot of data that you better bring to the table, and some of 3 that we do not have now. So we do not have all the 4 data to make that proposal to them yet. 5 Q. So the answer is you haven't met with OCD to 6 7 discuss whether it would be approvable, correct? 8 A. That is correct. 9 Q. Now, are you aware that there's a history of fluid communication between the Grayburg and the 10 11 overlying Penrose and Queen Formation? 12 MS. HARDY: Objection. States facts not in evidence. 13 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: You might have to 14 15 lay more foundation for that. 16 MR. RANKIN: Sure, Mr. Examiner. I'll bring 17 up what I'm going to mark as Goodnight Cross Exhibit 18 Number 24. As soon as I get my screen-sharing, I'll 19 pull that up so everybody can see it. 20 Mr. Hearing Officer, this is a 21 prehearing statement in Case Number 12320 before the Oil Conservation -- I believe it's before the 22 23 Division. And this is regarding an application by 24 Chevron for the approval of additional waterflood 25 injection wells in the EMSU. I'm going to move this

1 prehearing statement and its attachment as Goodnight 2 Cross Exhibit Number 24. And I'll share it with 3 Ms. Hardy. 4 MS. HARDY: I object. I think a prehearing 5 statement is an argument filed by a party. It is not any sort of evidence submitted in a case. 6 7 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: I'm not hearing 8 what it's being offered to prove, I mean, so --9 MR. MOANDER: Mr. Hearing Officer, I'd like to point out that pleadings are generally admissible 10 11 in most proceedings because they've been filed as a 12 matter of record. 13 MS. HARDY: Well, I'm not sure this is Mr. Moander's exhibit. I don't believe it is. So I 14 15 think that the Commission can take administrative 16 notice of pleadings, but it's certainly not evidence. 17 And it wasn't evidence in the case in which it was 18 filed either. 19 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: What's the purpose 20 for offering this? 21 MR. RANKIN: Mr. Hearing Officer, I 22 appreciate the question. I'm happy to pull up the 23 evidence from the record. I thought this was a 24 shortcut, but I can actually -- I'm happy to present 25 the evidence what Mr. Doyle Hartman presented showing Page 158

1 that there was communication up in the Penrose from 2 waterflood injection in the EMSU. And I'm happy to 3 bring that up. My simple point here I wanted to make 4 5 was that an overlying operator of wells made the 6 claim at the time that there was fluid communication from the EMSU into the shallower gas producing wells 7 8 as a result of the waterflood injection. 9 And I'm happy to do it, I can do into the OCD records and pull up the data that shows where 10 11 wells that previously had not been producing water 12 that are gas producing wells started producing water 13 following the waterflood injection. 14 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: I'm going to take 15 that statement as an offer of proof as to this potential exhibit. But my understanding is you had a 16 17 pending question with this witness about the 18 communication between the Grayburg and the Penrose, I 19 believe, above it. 20 MR. RANKIN: My question was whether he was 21 aware that there was a history of fluid communication issues between the Grayburg and Penrose. 22 23 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: So my 24 understanding is you're going to try to use this document to establish the foundation for that and see 25 Page 159

1	if the witness has a better answer.
2	MR. RANKIN: That's my intent, Mr. Hearing
3	Officer.
4	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: I'll let you make
5	that effort.
6	BY MR. RANKIN:
7	Q. So, Mr. West, this is a prehearing statement
8	that was filed in this case by Mr. Doyle Hartman.
9	He's an operator of oil and gas wells and shallower
10	formation at the time and made a complaint and
11	objected to Chevron's application for additional
12	waterflood injection wells.
13	And according to his prehearing
14	statement, Mr. Hartman states that he's experiencing
15	significant produced water in his Eumont gas wells
16	within the boundaries of Chevron's waterflood.
17	As a senior VP of operations in the
18	EMSU, have you been aware of any issues about fluid
19	communication between the shallower formations in the
20	EMSU?
21	A. I've never seen this document before.
22	Q. That's not my question. My question is,
23	have you been aware, as a senior vice president of
24	operations of Empire for the EMSU, of fluid
25	communications between the Penrose and Queen and the
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1	Grayburg in the EMSU?
2	A. I know that the Penrose, a lot was the, if I
3	believe right, the gas cap piece of the reservoir.
4	And that's kind of always been in that unit
5	documentation.
6	Q. So I don't think that answered my question.
7	Are you aware of a history of fluid communication
8	between the Queen and Penrose and the Grayburg in the
9	EMSU?
10	A. I mean, you know, if it's the gas, gas is a
11	fluid, so that would be you know, that's part of
12	the gas cap. Then that's
13	Q. Are you aware that there's fluid
14	communication between the Penrose and the Grayburg?
15	Yes or no.
16	MS. HARDY: Objection. I think there's not
17	been sufficient evidence to establish that there's
18	migration between
19	MR. RANKIN: I'm asking if he's aware of it,
20	and he can say yes or no, "I am aware" or "not
21	aware."
22	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: All right. I'm
23	going to construe that has a hypothetical, because I
24	don't see this statement, Hartman's statement of the
25	case on the screen as establishing a foundation for
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1 that. MR. RANKIN: Okay. 2 3 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: So we'll treat your question as a hypothetical. There hasn't been a 4 5 straight answer to it, so it is a yes or no question. A. Can you repeat the question? 6 7 Q. Sure. Are you aware of a history of fluid 8 communication between the Penrose and Queen formations 9 and the Grayburg in the EMSU? 10 A. You know, gas is a fluid and it's being 11 considered as part of the gas cap. Am I aware of what 12 the pieces of this case of -- this case, I've never 13 seen that part before, no. 14 Q. So are you telling me that because gas is a 15 fluid and you have gas in both the Penrose and 16 Grayburg, that there is communication between those 17 formations? 18 I mean, you know, gas is a fluid. A. Yes. MR. RANKIN: No need to move to admit that 19 20 exhibit, Mr. Hearing Officer. 21 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: I'm sorry, what 22 was that? 23 MR. RANKIN: No need to move to admit that 24 exhibit, Mr. Hearing Officer. Thank you. 25 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: All right. It's Page 162

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1	withdrawn, then.
2	MR. RANKIN: Thank you.
3	BY MR. RANKIN:
4	Q. Mr. West, are you also aware of the issue
5	presented at the EMSU unitization hearing regarding
6	122 wells that were drilled in the '30s and '40s with
7	open hole completion that had commingled production
8	between both the Penrose and the Grayburg within the
9	EMSU?
10	A. I can't say I reviewed all those wells
11	from restate your question.
12	Q. Sure. I'll start over okay. This is
13	Goodnight's Exhibit B-49 from Mr. McGuire's testimony.
14	And it shows a map of the EMSU and identifies 122
15	wells that are commingled between the Penrose and
16	Grayburg. And it was presented at the unitization
17	hearing. Are you familiar with this map?
18	A. I'm not familiar with it, but it looks like
19	the unit and what was in it.
20	Q. Are you familiar with the fact that there
21	are these wells that had commingled production between
22	the Penrose and Grayburg?
23	A. If I remember correctly, on the unit
24	agreement, isn't it doesn't it extend 100 feet
25	above the Grayburg to address a lot of these issues?
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1	Q. Partially. But some of these wells are
2	completed in the Eumont gas pool.
3	A. I don't see documentation that says that it
4	is or not on this. I don't
5	Q. So you're not aware about the issues that
6	these wells were completed in the Eumont gas pool and
7	they were also completed down into the Grayburg?
8	You're not aware of that?
9	MS. HARDY: Objection. I don't see that
10	this exhibit necessarily shows that. I mean, it
11	MR. RANKIN: It does. It's says the
12	title says, "Completions Overlapping Eumont and
13	Eunice - Monument Oil Pools." So there's two
14	different pools and these wells are commingled in
15	both those pools.
16	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Does that resolve
17	your objection, or not?
18	MS. HARDY: Well, I can't tell if the wells
19	are commingled. I understand the map is showing two
20	overlapping fields, but I'm not sure that's the same
21	thing.
22	MR. RANKIN: Mr. Hearing Officer, if I may
23	respond.
24	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Go ahead. I
25	frankly don't have the technical expertise to
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evaluate the merits of the objection.

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2	MR. RANKIN: Sure. What this map is
3	showing, it says that there are completions. Okay?
4	Which means that the wells are completed and that
5	perforations in the casing allow them to communicate
6	with the formation. And what it's saying here, is
7	that there are completions in two different pools;
8	one in the Eumont gas pool and the other in the
9	Eunice pool. So there are two different pools.
10	And the point of this exhibit, which was
11	discussed extensively in the unitization hearing, is
12	that these wells are commingled between not just
13	wells intended to be unitized, but also shallow a
14	shallow gas pool.
15	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Okay. I'll
16	overrule the objection.
17	BY MR. RANKIN:
18	Q. My question, Mr. West, is simply whether
19	you're aware of this issue. Number one, are you aware
20	of it?
21	A. This was I'm still unclear of the way
22	this is, that I don't necessarily say that it says
23	that it's commingled into it. And I don't know what
24	they did from the 1930s to the unitization to each one
25	of those wellbores to you know, to form the unit,

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if they put plugs in them or not.

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Q. I understand. That's my question, just whether you're aware of it, whether you have knowledge about these wells, whether they have been addressed or not. And you're telling me that you're not aware, correct?

A. This is an old document. If I'm aware of
your document that you put in front of me now, that's
about it.

Q. And so you don't know whether these wells have been remediated to correct -- assuming they are completed in two different pools, you don't know, as you sit here today, whether those wells have been remediated so that they're no longer commingled in those different zones, correct?

A. I would assume that in the formation, the unit has agreements that they worked on the wells to be the different -- you know, so one's in the unit, one's in the bowls to remedy that. I would assume that they remedied that.

Q. That's just an assumption, correct? A. Correct.

Q. Mr. West, this is Exhibit B-6.1 from
Goodnight's direct testimony, Mr. McGuire's direct
testimony. And it's also from the unitization

1	documents. Have you ever seen this exhibit before?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. Do you agree with me this is basically a
4	cartoon characterization of the generalized
5	cross-section of the EMSU? Correct?
6	A. A generalized tract section, right.
7	Q. What you're describing to me is that the
8	unitized interval is defined as minus 100 feet subsea,
9	which in some areas captures the Grayburg and some
10	areas goes above the Grayburg, correct?
11	A. And this is what this diagram shows?
12	Q. Is that not the case in reality? Does the
13	minus 100 feet not go above the Grayburg in some
14	portions of the unit?
15	A. I'd have to look at you know, this, I'd
16	have to look at the maps to determine that. I don't
17	know that off the top of my head. You're going to
18	have to show me.
19	Q. Very well.
20	A. Like you said, this is a cartoon.
21	Q. So, Mr. West, this is Goodnight
22	Exhibit F-26. And do you recognize this document,
23	which is the basis for your 250-foot subsea formation
24	pressure? Correct?
25	A. Could you scroll up to the stop so I can
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1	see?
2	Q. Well, it's an excerpt from that document,
3	correct?
4	A. I don't know. I guess I don't know which
5	document you pulled it out of.
6	Q. This is from Mr. McGuire's Exhibit F-6. And
7	these are the cross-sections that were presented at
8	the EMSU unit hearing. This is Figure 98. Do you see
9	that?
10	A. Figure 98, on the bottom left?
11	Q. When I scroll through, there's a series of
12	these cross-sections in each one of the different
13	figures from the EMSU unitization hearing. Okay? And
14	it shows that you have the top of the Queen is the
15	black, the top of the Penrose is the green, and the
16	top of the Grayburg is the red. Do you see that?
17	A. Okay. Yeah, I see that's what the diagram
18	is depicting.
19	Q. So Figure 100 from the EMSU unit hearing, it
20	shows that minus 100 subsea in some places is below
21	the Grayburg, in some places it is above the Grayburg,
22	especially when you get off the structure to the west
23	and southwest. Do you see that?
24	A. Yes. Just looking at the directions. Okay?
25	Looks like it's an east/west line.
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1	Q. So as you go to the west, you get off
2	structure, the minus 100 subsea goes or rather,
3	above the Grayburg. Do you see that?
4	A. Yes, I see that.
5	Q. So, as you explained to me, the reason they
6	did that was in order to ensure that they could
7	capture production from the Penrose, correct?
8	MS. HARDY: Mr. Examiner, I'm going to
9	object to this entire line of questioning. I don't
10	think it's relevant to the issues that are before the
11	Commission. We're not here on a unitization
12	application filed by Empire. This is taking us far,
13	far afield, and we've already taken a very long time.
14	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Where are you
15	going with this?
16	MR. RANKIN: Mr. Hearing Officer, Mr. West
17	testified that there's communication, gas
18	communication, fluid communication, between the
19	Penrose and the Grayburg.
20	And I'm establishing here that within
21	the EMSU and the boundaries, there's no barrier
22	between the Grayburg and the Penrose.
23	MS. HARDY: I don't think he did testify to
24	that. I think Mr. Rankin has attempted to establish
25	that. It's not at issue anyway.

1 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Okay. What is the 2 relevance, even if he --3 MR. RANKIN: Well, my point --HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: I think what he 4 5 said is that if you consider gas as a fluid, then 6 there's going to be an occasion between the two --7 MR. RANKIN: Right. 8 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: -- in answer to 9 your question. Assuming that's true, what is the relevancy? 10 11 MR. RANKIN: The relevance here, Mr. Hearing 12 Examiner, is that when Empire seeks to inject CO2 into 13 the EMSU, there's no containment within the EMSU to hold that CO2 in place. And it's an issue that cannot 14 15 be resolved by engineering or any type of operational 16 approach. 17 And my point here is to establish on the record that there's no basis for them to inject into 18 the EMSU because there's no way that they're going to 19 20 be able to contain that CO2. 21 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Response. 22 MS. HARDY: Yes. We are not here on a unitization application. And I can pull up the 23 24 orders from the Commission on the original unitization application, which did refer to tertiary 25

1 So it has been contemplated and it has recovery. 2 been discussed. And regardless, I think it's not 3 relevant. I think Goodnight is trying to turn this 4 5 into a case about unitization by Empire on tertiary 6 recovery, and that's not why we're here. 7 MR. RANKIN: One response, Mr. Hearing 8 Examiner, and I want to make this point very clear, 9 that Empire has said throughout this hearing that the only way to move the ROZ oil in the San Andres is to 10 11 use CO2, that's the only way to recover that oil. So 12 it's absolutely at the heart of this case. 13 If it's impossible for them to get approval for CO2 injection because there's no way to 14 15 contain the CO2, which is a gas, in the EMSU, then 16 it's very critical to this case. 17 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: All right. Well, I'm going to rule in favor of Empire on this issue. 18 19 You still have your entire case to put on, 20 Mr. Rankin. You can establish that with your 21 witnesses. 22 MR. RANKIN: Mr. Examiner, because this is 23 Empire's last witness, and a critical one, I might 24 ask just for three minutes to confer with my clients 25 to make sure I have no further questions.

1 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Totally. 2 MR. RANKIN: Thank you. HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: We'll come back at 3 4:15. 4 5 MR. RANKIN: Thank you. 6 (Recess held from 4:10 to 4:15 p.m.) 7 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Go ahead. 8 MR. RANKIN: Thank you, Mr. Hearing Officer. 9 After having a chance to confer, I have no further questions at this time for Mr. West. 10 11 I appreciate the testimony, Mr. West. 12 And thank you, Mr. Hearing Officer. 13 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Rankin. 14 All right. Mr. Moander. 15 MR. MOANDER: Yes. I have a relatively 16 short cross-examination, recognizing that's coming 17 from a lawyer. But I'll go ahead and get started 18 here. CROSS-EXAMINATION 19 20 BY MR. MOANDER: 21 Q. So just to confirm, you're senior vice 22 president of operations at Empire; is that right? 23 A. That's correct. 24 Q. And you were presented here today, if my notes are correct, as a petroleum engineer with, we'll 25 Page 172

1	call it, maybe specialization in production and
2	operations, right?
3	A. Yes, sir.
4	Q. Your attorneys in this case filed your
5	direct testimony in this case. And I'll represent
6	that was about August 26th, 2024. Does that sound
7	about right?
8	A. That sounds about the right time frame.
9	Q. And then after that, you were called to a
10	deposition on December 3rd and 4th of 2024, correct?
11	A. Yes, sir.
12	Q. And I asked you some questions that day,
13	right?
14	A. Yes, sir.
15	Q. We're going to walk through this a little
16	bit, because I just want to firm up what was
17	discussed. So at that deposition you were sworn under
18	oath to tell the truth, correct?
19	A. Yes, sir.
20	Q. During that deposition, I asked you some
21	questions about Empire's anticipated plans for
22	development of the ROZ that forms the core of this
23	case, correct?
24	A. Yes, sir.
25	Q. And one of the questions I asked about that
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1 anticipated development plan for the ROZ was whether or not Empire had factored in Safe Drinking Water Act; 2 is that right? 3 4 A. Yes, sir. 5 Q. And when I made inquiry of you about that, what you testified to was that Empire would handle 6 that issue through surface casing depths and surface 7 8 casing settings and proper isolation through concrete. 9 Does that sound right to you? 10 A. Correct for wells, yes. 11 Q. And that's what we're focusing on here, is 12 the wells. Would you agree with that, as well? 13 A. Yes, sir. 14 Q. All right. And then we had a discussion, as 15 well. I asked you about whether or not Empire's 16 anticipated ROZ development plans addressed migration 17 from the San Andres to the Hobbs Channel to the Capitan Reef, right? 18 19 A. Correct. 20 Q. And when I inquired about that, you referred 21 me to Empire's expert, Robert Lindsay? 22 A. Correct. Q. But prior to that, I asked you whether the 23 24 anticipated ROZ development plan referenced the Hobbs Channel in and of itself; do you recall that? 25 Page 174

1	A. I lost you in the question. Can you repeat
2	it, please?
3	Q. I can repeat that. Verbosity is a problem
4	with these things.
5	At the time that you were deposed, did
6	the anticipated ROZ development plan incorporate or
7	factor in the Hobbs Channel?
8	A. Since that time, I believe we had the
9	discussion that we would be working on the full plan
10	of the ROZ. We did not have the full development plan
11	put together yet.
12	Q. And so at that time, you did not, in fact,
13	address the Hobbs Channel in the anticipated ROZ
14	development plan, right?
15	A. Correct. But we would anticipate take
16	all factors in.
17	Q. One last question, though, about the
18	San Andres to Hobbs Channel to Capitan Reef. Aside
19	from referring me to Dr. Lindsay, I inquired whether
20	or not the plan at the time had incorporated that
21	concern. And do you recall your testimony in response
22	to that?
23	A. I can't say I remember it word for word.
24	Q. Fair. I'll read this back to you. You
25	said: Into this plan right now in its current state,
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1 no, we don't have that. 2 Do you have a reason to dispute that? 3 A. It's because we just hadn't developed the 4 plan. 5 Q. Subsequent to your deposition rebuttal testimony was filed on your behalf and all other 6 witnesses on or about February 10th of 2025. Do you 7 8 have a reason to dispute that? 9 A. No. Sounds about right. 10 O. Have you had a chance to review that 11 rebuttal testimony in anticipation of today? 12 A. I've reviewed a bunch of testimony, so yeah. 13 Q. Is that a yes? It was part of it that I reviewed, but 14 A. Yes. 15 there's been a lot. 16 Q. Would you agree with me there was 17 approximately a two-month gap between your deposition 18 and filing of that rebuttal testimony? 19 A. Yeah. It was what, December? So yes. 20 O. Approximately? 21 A. Yeah, right. Dates blend together in my 2.2 brain. 23 Q. It's okay to use your fingers. 24 Would you agree with me, then, that your 25 rebuttal testimony does not address the Safe Drinking Page 176

1 Water Act? 2 A. We didn't put anything else in there to address that. 3 Q. Would you agree with me that your rebuttal 4 5 testimony didn't address the topic of just the Hobbs 6 Channel? 7 A. That is correct. 8 O. And would also agree with me that your rebuttal testimony didn't address migration from the 9 San Andres to the Hobbs Channel to the Capitan Reef? 10 11 A. That is correct. 12 MR. MOANDER: I'll pass the witness, 13 Mr. Hearing Officer. 14 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Rice? 15 MR. BECK: No question. 16 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Mr. Suazo, for Pilot? 17 18 MR. SUAZO: No questions. 19 HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Okay. So this would normally be the point when we would turn this 20 over to the Commission. Mr. Rozatos, let me bring 21 22 you into the discussion on that. 23 It's 4:22 p.m. To me, that seems a 24 little early to quit, on one hand. On the other 25 hand, I want the Commission to be fresh and ready for Page 177

1 its questioning. What are your thoughts and what is 2 the Commission's preference? Ironically, Dr. Ampomah is 3 CHAIR ROZATOS: smiling, so, to me, it is a little early, but I do 4 5 want the commissioners to be able to have their 6 questions answered. I don't think Dr. Ampomah is 7 going to -- no offense, Dr. Ampomah, but I know you 8 probably have a lot of questions. Mr. Lamkin 9 probably has a lot of questions, as well. It may behoove us to you call it here and start fresh with 10 11 questions in the morning. 12 Commissioners, how do you feel? 13 COMMISSIONER LAMKIN: I'm fine either way. It's up to whether or not Dr. Ampomah wants to get 14 15 into it. 16 CHAIR ROZATOS: Dr. Ampomah? 17 COMMISSIONER AMPOMAH: Do you have any questions? 18 19 COMMISSIONER LAMKIN: I have a few. 20 COMMISSIONER AMPOMAH: Yeah, so he barely do 21 have a few. Probably he can go through it and then I 22 can start mine tomorrow morning. 23 CHAIR ROZATOS: Okay. So let's start with 24 Commissioner Lamkin right at the moment, and then we 25 can call it. And then Dr. Ampomah can start us in

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1	the morning with his set of questions.
2	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Sounds like a
3	great compromise.
4	EXAMINATION
5	BY COMMISSIONER LAMKIN:
6	Q. Good morning, Mr. West. Thank you for
7	testimony. I just have a few clarifying questions.
8	The east unit that you guys referenced
9	in your testimony for the depths into the San Andres,
10	do you know where that is on trend with the fairways
11	previously mentioned by Dr. Lindsay?
12	A. Can you clarify?
13	Q. The flow paths of the meteoric water that
14	were discussed.
15	A. Oh, that big
16	Q. I think the Artesia Fairway was the fairway
17	underlying the EMSU. I don't know if you know the
18	other units that you referenced, that takes you along
19	the same fairway or not.
20	A. Yes, it would have been on the fairway as
21	you went up and across. I mean, because the whole
22	fairway would extend all the way in the Guadalupe
23	Mountains, all the way up on top of the Central Basin
24	Platform to the other side.
25	Q. Right. But there were several different
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1 flow paths, different fairways in those channels. I
2 think maybe the San Simon system or something is the
3 overarching name of the channel system, but there were
4 several different fairways in the channel system?

A. I do vaguely remember the slide. Your memory is better than mine, I'd have to say. We could maybe be able to find it and bring it up.

Q. Well, I mean, if -- yeah, your answer would
just be interpolating it off the slide, then?

10 A. That's correct. He's way more of a master11 of geology than myself.

Q. The next question I had was with regard to the precipitates that have been discussed, the sulfides in the San Andres water. Can that issue be mitigated by pretreating the chelating agents?

A. You can, you know, try to prevent the barium scale and different things by different chemicals, different chemistry. Most of the time you still end up with a little bit of it. Whenever it wants to form and bound, it's tough to totally get away from it.

We have treated in the field -- I can't remember the exact chemical makeup to help to try to prevent the barium sulfate. But it's a tough one, right? I'd much rather deal with calcium carbonate or something like that, where you can, you know, dissolve

easily.

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2 Q. Thank you for that. On the slide that you 3 guys showed, the radius of influence from the 4 injection volumes from the Goodnight SWDs, do you know 5 how you determined what those radii were?

A. So we took the perfs in there, and that's your, you know, net interval. And then we took the porosity, and that one is referenced. And then, you know, you would take out your 30 percent for your oil saturation, and then just did a, you know, 50 percent net to gross.

And then, you know, every barrel you put in, push another barrel. Right? So really, the outer circle is the influence right, because you pushed other fluid to there and so it's where it is. So, you know, this barrel pushes that barrel, so that's the structure of the way that it was built.

18 Q. So it was more mass balanced than anything 19 empirically derived?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay.

A. And it's just a simple circle, right, tomake the math easier.

24 Q. Some of those higher vertical permeability 25 zones that have been discussed between the San Andres

1 and the Grayburg Formation, do you see those as being 2 potential impediment to establishing a successful 3 tertiary recovery project?

A. I think in the tertiary here, you're going 4 5 to have vertical migration be part of it. And Mr. Melzer had one possible thing that we haven't 6 7 looked to and would improve the economics, too, is the 8 idea of a horizontal injector. So you could lay 9 underneath a bunch and that would save a lot of cost, 10 right? So you drill that, you lay it underneath the 11 reservoir. You let it extend out and let it migrate 12 up.

And I don't think in this field you can get away from the vertical fractures. It's a part of it. It's shown up on the core. Mr. Lindsey looked back at the RR Bell, too. It's got fractures all the way and down it, vertical fractures.

And so, you know, you're just going to have to engineer it into the factor, right? And I think one of the great ideas Melzer has, and some people are doing it, too, you just put it in, let it soak, it'll go out radially. But then you'll come up and catch it.

And in this reservoir, you've got around Zone 3 or 4, there's a real reference of a pretty good

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1 high perm streak in the Grayburg, and that could be 2 the top of everything. You could flood Zones 1 and 2 with water, and you could have that as the barrier, so 3 you migrate things up to that catch. And since those 4 5 have been the least swept, those would be where you would gather a good recovery of oil. 6 7 Q. So then the potential EOR project would utilize more of a huff and puff, rather than constant 8 9 CO2 injection? A. Not a huff and -- it would be a constant CO2 10 11 or a WAG. 12 Q. Well, then how would you create the soaking 13 period if you were constantly pushing CO2? A. Whenever you push, it's going to soak into 14 15 it. So the idea behind the huff and puff is that you 16 would pump it out into the formation, it would go into 17 the oil, work on the viscosity or different things. And that's kind of your -- a little bit of soaking 18 19 period, and you're letting it just -- you know, that pressure, you know, radial pressure, work its way out 20 to the reservoir, right? 21 22 And then what you do is you turn it around after that distributes. Because its got to 23 24 push through the rock. And you don't want to, like,

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blow back the pressure real quick. So that's kind of

1 the soaking. And then you would allow it to come back 2 in, and hopefully it moves. You know, the idea behind it, it'll move that oil, it'll reduce the viscosity 3 and would have pushed the oil out of the tighter pore 4 throats into the bigger ones and allow it to come back 5 into the wellbore. 6

7 Q. Okay. Let me see if that was -- oh, one other question I had. On the study that you did for 8 9 the abnormally high water production volumes in the 10 EMSU, was that data -- or I quess were those data 11 points determined from publicly available data or was 12 that from internal data supplied from XTO?

13 A. That was -- publicly and historically, there's a time frame in there where, I can't remember, 14 15 where OC records go back to. There's part of it 16 historically that brings you forward in a lot of 17 documentation. I can't remember exactly, so it would 18 be publicly -- data, you know, if you pieced together 19 all the records, you could piece it together. I can't 20 remember exactly. It's been so much data that I've worked through. But it's, you know, representative of 21 22 that time.

Q. Okay. I think that's the last question that 23 24 I have. Thank you.

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A. Good questions. Thank you, sir.

1	HEARING OFFICER HARWOOD: Okay, folks.
2	We'll give everybody a chance to rest their brains
3	and their voices. Until tomorrow morning we'll be
4	off the record, then, and reconvene promptly at
5	9 o'clock.
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