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-	EXHIBITS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED CON'D:	1	It is in the EOF employment office zone and the
2	NUMBER DESCRIPTION PAGE	2	Clarksburg West environmental overlay zone. It is subject to
3		3	the 10 mile creek area limited amendment to the Clarksburg
4	sheets), site layout 45	4	master plan and Hyattstown special study area.
5	42CII Landscape Screening & Lighting Plan,	5	The land is owned by Montgomery County and is
6	photographs of existing site landscaping 46	6	identified as parcel P930 on tax map EW21, tax ID number 02-
7	43 3/15/19-Technical Staff Report of 3/15/19	7	03674732.
8	recommending approval with conditions 9	8	This hearing is conducted by the Office of Zoning and
9	46 3/19/19-Email from Karl G. Lotspeich to	9	Administrative Hearings. My name is Martin Grossman.
10	Elsabett with a photo of the Landscape	10	I'm the hearing examiner, which means I will take
11	Rendering attached; oblique view/street	11	evidence here, and write a report and recommendation or
12	View 71	12	
13	50A 3/27/19-Email from Technical Staff (Elsabett	13	identify themselves for the record, please?
14	Tesfaye) with a Memo of Address Verification	14	GREGORY RAPISARDA: Greg Rapisarda, law firm is Saul
15	from the DARC Division, in response to email		
16	(Exhibit 49); memorandum of address		Ewing Arnstein & Lehr, here on behalf of the Potomac Edison
17	assignment/verification 12		Company.
18		17	HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. And you have wit
19	EXHIBITS SUBMITTED		you today?
20	NUMBER DESCRIPTION PAGE	19	GREGORY RAPISARDA: So I'll have them introduce
21	62/A/B Affidavit of posting and photos of signs 10	20	themself themselves?
22	63 Resume of Karl Lotspeich 53	21	HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Sure.
23	64 Revised Impervious Area Plan 66	22	GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay.
24		23	KARL LOTSPEICH: I'm Karl Lotspeich, representing GAI
25		24	Consultants. We're the the design engineers for the
		25	project.
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1	PROCEEDINGS	1	HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay.
2	HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Good morning. All right. Mr.	2	JUSTIN WALTER: I'm Justin Walter. I'm an engineer with
3	Rapisarda, are you ready?	3	Potomac Edison, project manager for the project.
4		4	HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. And so I take it, Mr
5	HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. Court reporter	5	Rapisarda, that you will not be having John Webb
6	ready?	6	GREGORY RAPISARDA: That is correct.
7	COURT REPORTER: Yes. Ready.	7	HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: or Joel Schodi [ph]
ر 8	HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. And by the way,	8	[inaudible]
O	we're going to want the 48-hour transcript. [inaudible]	"	GREGORY RAPISARDA: That is correct.
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11		11	GREGORY RAPISARDA: They were all we we went over
12	COURT REPORTER: Okay.		just to see what we felt we were going to need and who would
13	HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. All righty. I'll call		be available also when we did our pre-submission.
	the case. This is a public hearing in the matter of Potomac	14	•
15	Edison, CU 1604, an application pursuant to zoning ordinance	15	GREGORY RAPISARDA: I'm these are our witnesses.
16	section 59.3.6.7.E, for a conditional use to allow	16	HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. And ordinarily
17	construction of a modular public utility structure known as	17	I'd ask at this time if there's anybody in the audience who
18	the Cabin Branch Substation at 22800 Whelan Lane in Boyds,		wishes to be heard here, because this is of course a public
19	Maryland.	19	
20	The site consists of a 0.702 acre plot carved out of a	20	
21		21	But I note for the record that there is nobody else in
22	The county granted the applicant a 99-year exclusive	22	the audience. Okay. Let me explain a little bit about the
	easement for the site, that's in Exhibit 5, which is located		nature of these proceedings. We proceed pretty much the way
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			a courtroom proceeds, that is witnesses are called, they're
15	with Clarksburg Clarksburg Road.	25	all sworn in, they're subject to cross-examination if there

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were anybody here to cross-examine you. A court reporter takes everything down. There will be a transcript. In this case I've asked for a rapid production

of the transcript. We -- when we get it, we usually put it

on our website so that you can look at it as well.

All right. And the rules of evidence are similar to a courtroom, a little bit more relaxed in terms of hearsay.

Okay. We're here today for consideration of a

conditional use application, which is a -- a use that's

10 permitted by the -- the zoning ordinance if certain

11 conditions are met. And they are set out in the technical

12 staff report, which I presume that you've all seen, Exhibit

13 43.

14 GREGORY RAPISARDA: We have. Yes.

15 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. I presume you've also

16 seen the planning board letter in this case.

GREGORY RAPISARDA: That is correct.

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. Let's start

19 out with the affidavit of posting. You have one of those

20 executed?

21 GREGORY RAPISARDA: I do.

22 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. Would you mind

23 reading that for us?

GREGORY RAPISARDA: We had the one that Karl had filled

25 out. And then I did another one this morning.

GREGORY RAPISARDA: And when we went back, not only did

we clarify that, but we went back and we found an email back

in June when they were back -- going back and forth about

when, you know, we need a 911 address for this property and

everything else.

And that's when they did a sign at 22800 Whelan Lane.

And it -- so I have that. And, you know, if you would like,

I can introduce that email on this --

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Well, I just wanted to make

10 sure I have the -- the emails exchanges are in the record.

11 We automatically put any exchanges we have in the record as

12 well as the -- the form that came back, that Elsabett [ph]

13 from technical staff sent over indicating that the address

14 had been assigned.

15 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. And then we have this

16 planning department, it is a form, it says the effective

17 date was March 27, 2019. And this is an address assignment

18 and verification.

19 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Right. I have that in the

20 record.

21 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay.

22 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: That's Exhibit [inaudible]

23 GREGORY RAPISARDA: I was looking through that. Because

24 some of the Exhibit numbers, I wasn't sure where they were

25 coming from. And then when I saw this list, it was massive.

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HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. Double --

GREGORY RAPISARDA: And now we have photos that go with 2

that as well.

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. So I'll say

Exhibit 62, this affidavit of posting and photos of the

signs. Why don't we do this since we've got multiple

documents here, just so we got them clearly identified.

We'll call the one you did today is the notarized one,

9 which we'll say is Exhibit 62. And 62A will be an earlier

10 one that was made out on December 19 -- 18 -- 2018. That's 11 A. And then 62 -- I'll say 62 and it's going to be hard to -

12 - it has to be visible, 62B, photos of notice sign.

Okay. All right. Now let's turn to the questions which

14 I indicated in an email to you that I would be raising

15 today. And you -- some of them can be responded to by your

16 witnesses, others maybe by you.

17 Let me pull out that list. First question is, does the

18 applicant agree as stated by technical staff in exhibits 49,

19 50 and 50A, that the correct parcel number is P930 on tax

20 map EW21 on tax ID number 02-03674732?

21 GREGORY RAPISARDA: We do.

22 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. And that's located at

23 22800 Whelan Lane in Boyds, Maryland?

24 GREGORY RAPISARDA: That is correct.

25 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. It includes everything I saw.

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Right.

GREGORY RAPISARDA: So.

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Yeah. We -- we try to make

sure that the -- the file has all the exchanges in it so

that we have no ex parte contact. Yeah, that's -- what

you're referring to is Exhibit 50A.

GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay.

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. Does the applicant

10 agree to the findings and conditions recommended by

11 technical staff and the planning board?

GREGORY RAPISARDA: So generally, yes. There are -- we

13 have a couple questions about them that are getting worked

14 out. So for instance, as to number one, no problem

15 whatsoever about no sign except other than safety signs or

16 signs that are required by law [inaudible]

17 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Before we turn to the

18 conditions, what about the findings that are in the

19 technical staff report and the planning --

20 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Oh, the findings, yes.

21 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: You all -- you agree to all

22 this?

23 GREGORY RAPISARDA: We're okay with it.

24 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. And now turning to the

25 conditions they recommended, number one, let me pull that

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22 Road.

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1 Clarksburg Road. Is that --

they're not final.

GREGORY RAPISARDA: That is correct.

agreeable to a condition which will require that show -- the

problem is that the plans usually should be final as plans

when they go through this process, the OZAH hearing.

11 find. The county doesn't -- and our partial does not cut

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: I see.

16 parcel, the Potomac Edison parcel, is not at the corner of

17 that intersection. So I don't think Old Clarksburg right of

20 suggesting is that that condition should be rewritten or it

GREGORY RAPISARDA: That is correct.

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay.

21 should be -- it should not say, to illustrate Old Clarksburg

13 is all on the county's parcel that we're not a part of.

12 into. So the -- the -- the Old Clarksburg Road right of way

GREGORY RAPISARDA: Right.

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. And so are you

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: And you're telling me that

GREGORY RAPISARDA: Well, they are final to what we can

GREGORY RAPISARDA: And so we're not actually -- our

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. So what you're

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out. This is in Exhibit 43, page 2. No identification sign

- other than safety signs and those required by law shall be
- placed on a property. You have a problem with that?
- GREGORY RAPISARDA: No.
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. Number two?
- GREGORY RAPISARDA: Number two is that illustrate the
- right of way width on both Whelan Lane and Old Clarksburg
- 8 Road.
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Right.
- 10 GREGORY RAPISARDA: That -- that might be something
- 11 that you -- as you can see, for one, they're in the process
- 12 of doing a right of way application.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 15 Road, not a problem. And that is shown actually on one of
- GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay.
- 20 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Then we can go from there.
- 21 The ones filed on March 14, 2019.
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. So which Exhibit are
- 24 we referring to now?
- GREGORY RAPISARDA: So I would go with the -- the
- explanation as to why and how we think that move, Old
 - Clarksburg Road move, Mr. Walter could address that.
 - HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. You can have him

GREGORY RAPISARDA: And if -- if you'd like a better

do that when he testifies.

18 way is necessary for this.

- GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay.
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: I take it that you wouldn't
- have opposed it if a right of way, whatever the county
- decides as the appropriate right of way for Clarksburg --
- GREGORY RAPISARDA: Absolutely wouldn't oppose it. But
- 10 we couldn't find it. It's not available. And there could be
- 11 some fluctuations in there about how the county has moved
- 12 that road --
- 13 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 14 GREGORY RAPISARDA: -- over the years that may cause
- 15 some issues, so.
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. So modified condition
- 17 two. Now condition three, the applicant must construct the
- 18 access entrance with a maximum 15-foot curb radius as
- 19 required by the EOF zone and with a 22-foot width.
- To accommodate emergency vehicle access, the curbs must
- 21 be mountable. What about that condition? Are you agreeable
- 22 to that?
- 23 GREGORY RAPISARDA: We are.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: And is it -- is it displayed
- 25 on the existing plans?

- GREGORY RAPISARDA: But the right of way for Old Whelan
- 16 the -- it's a 60-foot right of way.
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. Let me pull out
- 18 the -- the final set of plans that you filed.
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- GREGORY RAPISARDA: [inaudible side conversation]
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- conditional use plan, which page one is the vicinity map.
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. So the conditional
- 3 use.
- GREGORY RAPISARDA: And then page two --
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Hold on one second. Let me | 5
- get -- get that out. [inaudible] look at this. Okay. So the
- conditional use plan is in Exhibit 42B [inaudible]. Pull
- that out. There it is.
- Okay. If you look at the second page there, that would
- 10 be 42B as in boy, II, is the second page. All right. And
- 11 that you will see the designation of a 60-foot right of way.
- 12 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Oh, the 60-foot right of way for
- 13 Whelan Lane.
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay.
- GREGORY RAPISARDA: And then I'll probably have my 15
- 16 witness -- or one of them, explain probably some of the
- 17 challenges that come with Old Clarksburg and how that road
- 18 has shifted. So basically you have where [inaudible] would
- 19 you like to, Justin, just kind of explain your understanding 20 of it?
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. Before you get to
- 22 that, let me just -- let me just -- before he explains it, I
- 23 just want to make sure I know what you're saying.
- Are you saying that you've shown what you intended with
- 25 a -- a 60-foot right of way on Whelan. You do not show Old

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19 KARL LOTSPEICH: Is it displayed on the existing plan -GREGORY RAPISARDA: Right. 2 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: And I don't think that this 3 GREGORY RAPISARDA: It's not. So -- and no, it is not. represents a -- a substantial change in what's been required And so that would be a condition, if you could add that in here. So I don't think I have to do that. as a condition of approval, because that is getting worked Okay. All right. We've already essentially covered the out right now with -- is it state high- -recommended conditions in three. I wanted to have a witness KARL LOTSPEICH: Through the right of way county explain about the electrical equipment to be provided, transportation and the right of way application process -transformers, how many, the housing, is there a roof, and so GREGORY RAPISARDA: So they're doing a right of way 9 10 application process. And they're basically looking to add 10 Because you say on your plans there'll be no structure 11 ways to make that work without having to seek a variance. 11 or building. No proposed buildings are structures. Of course 12 And they have come upon a way and a strategy that will make 12 under the county's zoning ordinance, all that electrical 13 it work. And so that could become conditioned -- a -- a 13 equipment, all that fencing are structures, so. All right. 14 condition of approval because it will get worked out. The definition of the neighborhood. In reading the HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. So I take it that the 15 technical staff report, Ms. [inaudible] suggested defining 16 applicant will not oppose setting it up in any way that the 16 the neighborhood essentially as coincident with the 17 county decides is the appropriate curb radius and -- and 17 electrical supply area. That to me is not really the -- what 18 width. 18 defining the neighborhood is supposed to be about for zoning 19 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Correct. 19 purposes. 20 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. 20 Really it's -- the question that we try to deal with in 21 GREGORY RAPISARDA: And they're in the process of 21 that is -- is to what extent will the neighborhood be 22 finalizing that now. 22 affected. So the -- the definition of the surrounding 23 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: And what section of the 23 neighborhood is linked to those most affected by the 24 county government is working on that? 24 proposed conditional use. GREGORY RAPISARDA: Karl? Do you know who you're 25 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Right. 18 working with? It was --HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Sight, sound, traffic to 1 KARL LOTSPEICH: It's probably right of way management 2 some extent --transportation. GREGORY RAPISARDA: Right. GREGORY RAPISARDA: DOT? Montgomery County? 4 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: -- and so on. So I would 5 KARL LOTSPEICH: Montgomery County. propose to define the neighborhood differently. Sometimes we 6 GREGORY RAPISARDA: DOT? Okay. do it in an area like this, by a radius around it. Might be KARL LOTSPEICH: [inaudible] 1,000 foot radius around the specific center of the -- the GREGORY RAPISARDA: I'm trying to remember the man's site. What do you think about that? Do you have an opinion about that? name, Chris --HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. Well, he can 10 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Well, I think, yeah, there were a 11 extrapolate or explain that further in -- in his testimony. 11 couple faults on it. One, it's particularly where this is, 12 All right. And the size of the two parking spaces that are 12 it's primarily wooded and undeveloped. There's a nearby 13 shown on the conditional use plan must be -- meet the 13 prison at the top. And it is separated from the residential 14 minimal dimensional standards for parallel parking. 14 development by primary roads. 15 GREGORY RAPISARDA: No problem 15 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Right. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Is that already shown in GREGORY RAPISARDA: And so it's really sectioned off on 17 that fashion on the plans? 17 its own. I think that that would probably be the -- and --18 and this -- this is adjusted a little bit. This is -- I know 18 GREGORY RAPISARDA: It is. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. Okay. I just didn't 19 this Old Clarksburg Road has changed a little here. But this 20 want to hold up the process of this application for a change 20 shows how it's mostly --21 of plans. I think that this is sufficient explanation not to HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Well, you're referencing a 22 have to do that. Because if I have a filing of specifically 22 photo that's not in the record yet. So why don't we look at

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24 can reference it.

23 changed plans before I issue my decision, before the record 24 closes, I have to give the public an opportunity comment on

25 it.

23 one that's from the -- on the -- the staff report. And so we

GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. Yeah.

23 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Exhibit 43. Turn to a page electrical impact of it, but it's not the actual zoning that has a photograph that -- that you could use for this purpose. 3 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Right. And so do you agree 3 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Exhibit 43? to a -- to defining a neighborhood in terms of a radius of HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Yeah. 43 is the -- is the some distance from the -- from the center of where you're -technical staff's report. like I suggested 1,000 feet. It could be 500. It could 750, GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. whatever --HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: So you have a number of GREGORY RAPISARDA: Any of that would be fine. photographs and one on page four for a report. Then she has HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. 10 -- which is kind of a blowup of the area. 10 GREGORY RAPISARDA: And -- and particularly when you 11 Then she has one on page five, which is a -- her 11 look and it's in the -- in there too. 12 neighborhood outline. So if you're going to reference The noise generated from this isn't going to travel 13 something, tell me what you're trying to say about the --13 past, you know, it's -- it's going to be within the county 14 the area. 14 noise. So you can't -- when you go 500 feet, you're going 15 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. And I'm looking at page four 15 well beyond what any impacts would be. 16 16 --HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. And you can 17 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. 17 have a witness testify to that point. 18 GREGORY RAPISARDA: -- where it says the -- where it 18 GREGORY RAPISARDA: [inaudible side conversation] HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. And you can have a 19 has the subject property outlined --19 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Yes. 20 witness testify to that. 21 GREGORY RAPISARDA: -- and it's in yellow. And then 21 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. 22 page five where she defined -- the staff defined the 22 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. The question I 23 neighborhood outlined in red, which is much broader. 23 had about the vicinity map, it seemed to me that the scale 24 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Right. on the vicinity map you provided, Exhibit 42BI, that's the 25 GREGORY RAPISARDA: So if you look at four and think first one, was off just from my observations, so your 22 24 1 about how that -- how that expands out, the neighborhood witness can address that. 2 directly adjacent and surrounding before you hit roads is 2 Then please explain the discrepancy between the primarily undeveloped woodland. lighting on your plan, Exhibit 42C, which shows only two And the closest development on the side of it is that downward facing lights. And your statement -- and that's prison to the north. There are no -- and there are no what the staff essentially says. planned developments for that side. And that's -- it's And your statement in Exhibit 1, page 9, which refers sitting on a 12-acre parcel that the county owns that won't to also to upward facing lamps. be developed. GREGORY RAPISARDA: Right. There -- so it's actually going to serve -- there are 9 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: What's the explanation for 10 residential communities on the other side of the road that 10 that? 11 will be developed. And that's actually where it will be GREGORY RAPISARDA: I can -- I can show you or I can 12 served. So it's really sitting away from it, but nearby to -12 have the witness show you. The -- both lights are shown on -13 - we describe it, and then both lights are shown in the 13 - to be able to provide those electrical services. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: If I understood the -- the -14 drawing --HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Well, there are four lights 15 - the staff report correctly, there's also a plan to develop 16 property on the same side of the road as your facility in an 16 you describe in the -- you have upward and downward facing -17 RE-1 zone. I don't know when that -- I mean it currently 17 -18 doesn't exist. But that's my understanding of it. 18 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Right. 19 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Hmm. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: -- in your -- I'll let you -

> 21 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Both the upward and downward lights 22 are shown in that drawing. They're just not -- each of them

23 is just not called out. But we can -- we can show that.

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. You can

25 have a witness show me that.

20 - I'll let you have a --

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HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: In any event, let's talk

GREGORY RAPISARDA: Right. That -- that's how -- the

21 about defining -- I take it that you agree with my

24 the neighborhood for the zoning purposes --

22 observation that defining it as broadly as staff did with

23 the area to be served electrically is not the way to define

27 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Well, everything --GREGORY RAPISARDA: Yep. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. You refer to or everything is in our record of -- our administrative record. technical staff refers to the applicant's supplemental Usually the way we proceed in these, at the end of this statement. hearing you would move into evidence --GREGORY RAPISARDA: Right. GREGORY RAPISARDA: That sounds good. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Exhibit 43, page 6. I don't HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: -- the exhibits. And unless think I've ever seen that. Or unless you can tell me what there's some objection that I would grant, that would -- we exhibit it is in the record, and I'll -would accept the file into evidence. GREGORY RAPISARDA: So I -- let me just double-check on GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. So I would just -- my -- I 10 what Exhibit it is. So we called it a supplemental statement 10 guess my only kind of big picture opening statement is that 11 because in -- we originally put this statement of compliance 11 we're ready to bring in the -- the witnesses to do it. I 12 and justification together in August. 12 think we have a comprehensive look at what we tried to 13 Then we got county comments. And when we addressed 13 address all these. And that I think we have provided at 14 those county comments, the package hadn't been accepted yet. 14 least substantial evidence to -- to show that this proposal 15 We called this the updated statement. And so it basically --15 meets or exceeds all the requirements. 16 it incorporates the initial filing package plus the updates HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. You may then call 17 that addressed the county's first round of comment. 17 your first witness. 18 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. So what Exhibit number 18 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Sounds good. I'll call Mr. Justin 19 Walter. 19 is that? 20 GREGORY RAPISARDA: So this is the November -- this is 20 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. Mr. Walter, will 21 the November submission -- it would be number one, I think, 21 you state your full name and your business address, please? 22 the statement of justification. Because it wouldn't have JUSTIN WALTER: My name is Justin Paul Walter; business 23 gotten on to -- there's this Exhibit 1. 23 address is Potomac Edison, 10802, Bower Avenue, 24 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. 24 Williamsport, Maryland. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. Would you raise 25 GREGORY RAPISARDA: It wouldn't have gotten on as a 26 1 statement of justification before this was accepted. your right hand, please? Do you swear or affirm to tell the HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. So your -- your truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, under penalty of perjury? supplemental statement is Exhibit 1 --GREGORY RAPISARDA: Yes. JUSTIN WALTER: I do. 5 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. You may proceed, HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: -- in there. Okay. All 6 right. And the impervious area plan, I've seen one in there, Mr. Rapisarda. but the one that I have, Exhibit 37C, is different from what GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. Mr. Walter, let's -- let's staff is showing on page nine of the -- of the report. talk big picture about what this -- what this does. GREGORY RAPISARDA: And I can explain it or I can have And if you could, use the plans that we have in the 10 a witness explain that. 10 record right now to walk through the setup and the HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Whatever you'd prefer. 11 electrical components to it which addresses one of the GREGORY RAPISARDA: I think we have a witness that can 12 judge's questions about explaining the electrical equipment 13 walk through that. 13 to be provided --14 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. 14 JUSTIN WALTER: Sure. GREGORY RAPISARDA: And can you point us to which one -15 15

GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay?

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. Are there any

17 other preliminary matters?

GREGORY RAPISARDA: No. The posting was done. I was

19 going to ask if this has all been, you know, the -- the

20 supplemental everything that we've put in, plus the newest

21 drawings.

We have a couple things this morning that we may need

23 to enter into evidence as we discuss them. But has

24 everything else been entered in -- into evidence, in the

25 record --

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JUSTIN WALTER: This is -- this is the landscape and 18 lighting plan [inaudible]

GREGORY RAPISARDA: This is the conditional use plan

20 actually. So we have the conditional use plan --

21 JUSTIN WALTER: Okay.

22 GREGORY RAPISARDA: -- is under the -- the Exhibit

23 number 42B.

JUSTIN WALTER: Yeah. Okay. So yeah, I guess the -- the

25 big picture is -- and the details are obviously in the

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29 31 application, but -- in the statement of justification. 1 -- when did -- how long have you been a licensed But the -- the developments in that area, primarily the professional engineer? 3 Cabin Branch residential and commercial developments, as JUSTIN WALTER: I believe it was 2013 is when I -- I 4 well as some of the other developments in that area, based received my license. 5 on the projects the -- the projections of the developers and GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. 6 the existing load in the area, we anticipate that they're HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Do you recall your Maryland 6 going to exceed the existing distribution system within the 8 next -- within the next year at this point based on current JUSTIN WALTER: It's 44106. Thanks, Greg. projections. GREGORY RAPISARDA: Yeah. So that -- that requires that we -- we bring in 10 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: 44016? 11 additional capacity. And so that's the purpose of -- of the 11 JUSTIN WALTER: I'm sorry, 44106. 12 substation in this area, to -- to increase the capacity to 12 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: 106. Okay. All right. 13 allow us to serve the additional load. 13 GREGORY RAPISARDA: And how long have you been with HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: I noticed you call it the 14 Potomac Edison? 15 Cabin John substation -- or Cabin Branch, I'm sorry, 15 JUSTIN WALTER: Almost five years. It'll be five years 16 substation. Whereas technical staff calls it -- maybe it's 16 in June. 17 Clarksburg -- Clarksburg. What do they call it? 17 GREGORY RAPISARDA: And you're a project manager? GREGORY RAPISARDA: Clarksburg substation. 18 JUSTIN WALTER: Yes. That's -- that's my function in 19 19 this project. My title is engineer in the project and JUSTIN WALTER: Oh, really? 20 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Yeah [inaudible] 20 portfolio management group. 21 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: But I take it you still --21 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. 22 you are calling it Cabin branch substation, is that --22 JUSTIN WALTER: But yeah, I'm functioning as a project JUSTIN WALTER: Correct. Yes. Our -- Potomac Edison's manager for this project. 24 name is Cabin Branch substation. GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. And you're familiar with 24 25 these -- these substations? HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. 30 32 GREGORY RAPISARDA: We'll have to make sure that JUSTIN WALTER: Yes. From a conceptual perspective, 1 doesn't cause confusion [inaudible] 2 yes. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: No. I just thought I'd make GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. 4 4 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Have you ever testified as 5 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. So then just [inaudible] we an expert before? 6 didn't get into it, he earlier mentioned he's a project JUSTIN WALTER: No. No. I have not. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: And you say you're familiar But, you know, he's also a stru- -- an engineer who's from a conceptual standpoint, is that -- what does that mean? Do you -- do -- you don't know about this particular been with the army, he's been with Potomac Edison, Army 10 Corps of Engineers, army reserves --10 project or --HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: So are you -- you calling JUSTIN WALTER: Yes. No. I'm sorry. I'm -- I'm not a 11 12 Mr. Walter as an expert? 12 substation designer, I guess is what I'm saying. I -- I --GREGORY RAPISARDA: I'm calling -- yes. 13 I'm -- so -- so yes. No. I'm -- I'm very familiar with this HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. So let's qualify 14 project. 14 15 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. 15 him as an expert. GREGORY RAPISARDA: Let's qualify him as an expert. If JUSTIN WALTER: This is one of my projects that I'm 17 you could just touch -- what is your education? Post high 17 managing. So -- so -- so yes, I am -- I'm not --18 school? 18 GREGORY RAPISARDA: You're saying you didn't design 19 this? JUSTIN WALTER: Yeah. My -- I have a bachelor of JUSTIN WALTER: I did not do -- no, I did not do like 20 science in civil engineering from -- from Penn State 20 21 University. 21 the electrical engineering for the substation. No. I -- I'm 22 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. And are you a licensed 22 the project manager. 23 professional engineer? GREGORY RAPISARDA: So Potomac Edison designed it in JUSTIN WALTER: In the state of Maryland, yes. 24 accordance with whatever guidelines and best practices they 24

25 do, right?

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GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. And how long have you -- when

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JUSTIN WALTER: Correct. The first --1 right. GREGORY RAPISARDA: Then they hand -- then it's 2 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. designed and you're doing the development part of it? GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. So Mr. Walter, if you could, 3 JUSTIN WALTER: Correct. The First Energy substation I mean one of the -- the hearing examiner's questions was engineering group out of Greensburg does the -- our about can you walk us through. And I'm looking at this, it substation engineering. says the conditional use plan, and it has the -- the cross-GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. section view. If you could walk us through what this is. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Have you ever testified as JUSTIN WALTER: Right. I'm trying to -- the -- yeah. So an expert before? this would be the -- sheet three, the third -- the third 10 JUSTIN WALTER: No. 10 page on that conditional use plan, the typical modular 11 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. 11 substation cross-section. GREGORY RAPISARDA: I have a copy -- do you have -- is HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: What am I looked at here? 13 this a fair and accurate representation of your resume? 13 JUSTIN WALTER: So the -- the top drawing there 14 JUSTIN WALTER: Yes. 14 starting at the left hand side, you've got a structure there 15 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. I would like --15 that is indicated at 37 feet maximum including -- there's a HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Was Mr. Walters one of the -16 basically lightning protection that -- that extends up to 16 17 - you attached a --17 that 37-foot maximum. 18 GREGORY RAPISARDA: I did. I did attach it. 18 But what that is, is that is the entrance where --HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: -- a resume to one of the 19 19 where the high voltage sub-transmission lines will come into 20 filings. Let me see which one that was, so we don't have to 20 the substation. They're going to come in underground and 21 have it again if you've already submitted that with your 21 that -- that structure brings them up so that they have 22 pre-hearing [inaudible] 22 adequate clearance about the -- the ground so that it's safe 23 GREGORY RAPISARDA: I mean, knock that -- nail that 23 for our employees to walk underneath. 24 down too. It is the same one that was attached. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: And what exactly do you call HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: What Exhibit that was --25 that structure, that first structure? 34 36 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Here -- 3/13 --JUSTIN WALTER: It -- it's --1 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Are these transformers of HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: 3/13 --2 GREGORY RAPISARDA: So it's number 40. Oh, applicant's some kind? pre-hearing submission is 41. 4 JUSTIN WALTER: No. The -- I -- the transformer is --HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. is a -- is too -- too over there. So I will -- I will get there. GREGORY RAPISARDA: And that included Mr. Walter's email. I mean [inaudible] HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. Let me just take a JUSTIN WALTER: It's -- it is basically just an quick look. Okay, here's 41. Yes. I see it attached. Okay. entrance structure. So it's -- it -- it --10 Well, based on -- I take it you're offering him as an expert 10 GREGORY RAPISARDA: But it's taking in high voltage, 11 in civil engineering, electrical? 11 right? GREGORY RAPISARDA: Civil engineering and this -- and JUSTIN WALTER: Correct. So --12 13 the details of this project, substation development. GREGORY RAPISARDA: So this whole substation, okay, big HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. So based on his 14 picture, this substation is bringing in high voltage and 15 education, background, and experience, as indicated in his 15 dropping it down? 16 resume and his testimony, I accept Mr. Walter as an expert JUSTIN WALTER: Correct. So it will be coming in at --17 in civil engineering and specifically towards this kind of 17 at 34.5 kV, or 34,500 volts. And the substation will be 18 electrical substation. 18 stepping that down to nominally 12,000 volts which is our GREGORY RAPISARDA: Very good. Thank you. Now you can 19 distribution voltage. 20 answer that question in the future in a different way. Yes, So that's the voltage of the -- the -- the lines that 21 I have [inaudible] 21 will then be going to serve the residences and the -- and HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: I tell you, your wife, if 22 the commercial customers. 23 23 you have one, that you're an expert, that's -- that's the HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. 24 most important. 24 JUSTIN WALTER: So the next structure over to the right GREGORY RAPISARDA: I'm sure that [inaudible]. All 25 from that -- the entrance structure, that is our circuit

37 39 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: [inaudible] switcher. So that functions to protect the rest of the equipment in the substation. If there were to be a fault out JUSTIN WALTER: Again starting from the left, you have on the sub-transmission line, it would disconnect. the -- the entrance structure, and then the -- the circuit It would -- it would open up so that the current -- the switcher structure, and then the -- the transformer, and 5 fault current doesn't flow through and -- and damage then the switch gear structure. additional equipment. And you can see in the switch gear structure, it is HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. shown with -- with multiple bays in -- in the drawing. And JUSTIN WALTER: And then the -- the third structure to those would be the bays for the -- the circuits. the right there is the transformer. So that is where the And then there's going to be a -- a bay where the 10 voltage is -- is transformed from the -- the sub-10 controls, the -- the electronic and communications for the 11 transmission voltage, the 34,500 volts to the 12,000-volt 11 controls, we have remote -- remote visibility of the status 12 distribution voltage. 12 of the equipment in the substation, as well as electronics 13 And then the -- the -- the final item there on the 13 that -- that operate the equipment in there. So -- so that's 14 right is what we call switch gear. And it has multiple bays. 14 what's in that -- that switch gear. 15 And that's where each of the individual distribution HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: So those -- well I see the 15 16 circuits would come out. 16 multiple bays, there are more than four bays there. And so with this -- this substation will be designed to 17 JUSTIN WALTER: Correct. 18 have the capability to feed four different distribution --18 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: So how many circuits are 19 what we call distribution circuits. So individual --19 coming out of there? I take it each one of those circuits HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: So you'd have four of these 20 coming out is carrying 12,000 volts, is that --21 layouts where you have the receiving of the -- the high 21 JUSTIN WALTER: That's -- that's correct. The -- there 22 voltage in it? 22. would ultimate -- this substation will have the capacity 23 JUSTIN WALTER: No. 23 ultimately for four circuits coming out of it. 24 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. 24 25 JUSTIN WALTER: No. I'm sorry. The -- there is only one 25 JUSTIN WALTER: Initially I think we will have, if I 38 40 1 -- one of each of these in the substation. But there would remember correctly, there would only be two or three needed be four -initially, but it'll have capacity for future growth. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: One each of which? The --HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. 4 the initial receiving structure or the transformer --JUSTIN WALTER: As needed. JUSTIN WALTER: There's -- there's one -- one HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: So why do I see one, two, 5 structure, one circuit switcher, one transformer, and one three, four, five, six different little bays, and then a switch gear in the substation. There would then be four larger one at the bottom looking at 40 -- Exhibit 42BII? lines coming out of the switch gear. JUSTIN WALTER: I will have to --And those would -- those would go underground and --9 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Just [inaudible] more than 10 and then feed the -- those would be then be the underground 10 four. 11 lines that would then go out to the -- the development to 11 JUSTIN WALTER: I'm not sure. I can't answer 12 feed the customers. 12 [inaudible] I can't --HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Well, technical staff 13 KARL LOTSPEICH: [inaudible] response. 14 described this as having four transformers. Is that 14 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: What? You want to come 15 incorrect then? 15 forward and we'll identify you and swear you? JUSTIN WALTER: That -- that is incorrect. Yes. 16 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Sure. 16 17 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. 17 KARL LOTSPEICH: [inaudible] that's out of my capacity, JUSTIN WALTER: There are -- there are four circuits, 18 my professional capacity, but --HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Will you state your full 19 but only -- only one transformer. And on the -- the previous 20 page of the conditional use plan, I guess what is that --20 name and work address, please? 21 GREGORY RAPISARDA: 42B. 21 KARL LOTSPEICH: Good morning. Karl Lotspeich with GAI 22 22 Consultants, 4198 Cox Road, Suite 114, Glen Allen, Virginia. JUSTIN WALTER: 42BII. 23 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Would you raise your right GREGORY RAPISARDA: Yep. 24 JUSTIN WALTER: You can see the plan view where the --24 hand, please? Do you swear or affirm to tell the truth, the

25 again starting from the left --

25 whole truth, and nothing but the truth, under penalty of

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perjury? roof over this proposed structure? 2 KARL LOTSPEICH: I do. GREGORY RAPISARDA: He brought a picture -- we have a HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. You may proceed rendering, but he also brought a picture of a similar if you can add to the explanation here. substation. KARL LOTSPEICH: I -- I think what -- what -- this is 5 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: That's a rendering you not the detailed electrical configuration, I mean as the already have in the record as Exhibit -final drawings. This is meant to be a typical representation GREGORY RAPISARDA: [inaudible] HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Yeah. It was filed. Let's of what the station looks like. see, that's Exhibit -- that might be 46. Mr. Lotspeich So I think when you see the final actual physical 10 elements, the -- the electrical components being engineered, 10 [inaudible] photo of landscape being -- rendering attached. 11 they may not look exactly like that final bay layout. But I 11 An oblique view and a street view. Is that what we're 12 think his numbers of circuits exiting is the more key item 12 referring to? 13 to understand. 13 JUSTIN WALTER: That's correct. 14 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: I mean, I don't know that it 14 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. So yeah, I saw that. 15 ---15 GREGORY RAPISARDA: All right. There no roof --KARL LOTSPEICH: It's not going to change the capacity, JUSTIN WALTER: Correct. Yes. There -- there are no 16 16 17 or size, or magnitude of -- of that component. 17 roofs. The -- the only -- the only thing in here would be HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. I mean from a -- from 18 the -- the -- the transformer. 19 a zoning perspective, I suspect it doesn't matter. It's just And then the switch gear itself is basically an 20 that conditional uses are enforced by the Department of 20 electrical cabinet that houses the -- the -- the breakers 21 Permitting Services. 21 that are inside it, and then also the -- the control They'll inspect every year. And if things don't match 23 up with the plans, they may have a problem. I doubt that 23 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: So there's a -- that -- what 24 they're going to go inside the electrical structure here and 24 appears to be a -- it appears to be a cabinet on that 25 count the bays that way. But just that's the reason I ask 25 rendering. 42 44 1 that question. Okay. JUSTIN WALTER: Correct. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: So that's a -- that's a So this is more a question -- this is typically and it 2 could have additional bays. But -- but the idea ultimately switch gear cabinet. Is that what you're saying? is you have one transformer there and it's branching out JUSTIN WALTER: Yes. Yes. We -- we call it a switch into essentially four -- ultimately four circuits, each one gear, but it's -- I mean for lack of a -- since that's not of which would carry the 12,000 volts, which has been common, that -- that's not a common term. Yeah, it's -- it's stepped down from the 34,500 volts. Is that -- is that fair? a electrical equipment cabinet. JUSTIN WALTER: Yes. That's --Basically like a larger version of, you know, a pad HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. mounted transformer like you would see in an underground 10 JUSTIN WALTER: That's correct. 10 application. So it's -- but it's not a -- it's not a HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: So I wonder where the staff 11 building with -- you know, it's electrical equipment, it's 12 not like a structure --12 got the description, if they did [inaudible] convey -- they 13 say on page six, the components of the substation include HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: So there will be no 14 four successive transformers and transformer bays, with all 14 buildings on this site. 15 distributions lines leaving the facility placed entirely 15 JUSTIN WALTER: No. Correct. 16 underground. I take it the underground part of that's HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Yeah. The reason I ask that 17 correct, is that --17 question is the zoning ordinance makes a distinction between JUSTIN WALTER: That's -- that's correct. It sounds 18 18 buildings and structures. And it makes that distinction also 19 like --19 in the context of what setbacks are required and so on. GREGORY RAPISARDA: They're referring to the bay -- the 20 So that's why I ask that is to know what the 21 bays as -- they've gotten a description, but it's 21 appropriate setback requirements are for these structures. 22 transformers. And they're not four transformers. 22 Okay. JUSTIN WALTER: Correct. 23 23 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. Well, if I have any -- if 24 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. What about the 24 that answers your question, then we don't have to get into 25 question of -- of the -- the housing for this? Is there a 25 the -- another picture. Because it does -- those are the

Transcript of Administrative Hearing Conducted on April 12, 2019 45 And you're saying that's the down lighting. And the cabinets, but they're not --HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. thing above the horizontal post is the up lighting? Is that GREGORY RAPISARDA: [inaudible] for the switch gears. what you're saying? All right, Mr. Walter, I wanted to ask you also, we want to JUSTIN WALTER: Correct. Yes. The -- the down lighting get to this -- the landscape, screening, and lighting plan. is the only lighting that would be operational on a regular And if you could just -- there was a question about a basis. discrepancy between the lighting in this plan, 42C, that The upward facing lighting would be for emergencies shows the two downward facing lights, and then our just only in the -- in the event that there was repairs that [inaudible] statement which show -- which points out that needed to be made during the nighttime to the equipment 10 there are two upward facing for emergency purposes. 10 that's -- that's above the lighting. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. So with the regular 11 JUSTIN WALTER: Correct. GREGORY RAPISARDA: So I am handing Mr. Walter, it is 12 visits, it's said that once a month or so, somebody will 13 page two of the landscape and lighting plan. 13 come out for maintenance. I take it that that would HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: So the landscaping plans are 14 ordinarily be during the daytime and it wouldn't require the 15 on 42C. Let me get that out. Okay. And you're saying it's on 15 up lighting to be used? Is that what you're saying? JUSTIN WALTER: That is correct. 16 the second page? 16 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Yes. 17 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. But if you had an 18 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. 18 emergency that required work at night, you'd activate the up 19 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Probably a good place to start. 20 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: 42 -- well first of all 20 JUSTIN WALTER: Correct. Yes. The only time we would be 21 let's look at page 42CI, the first page of that. You have 21 working in -- at the night time would be in an emergency 22 specifically designated proposed down lighting on there. So 23 I see two lights referenced there as proposed down lighting 23 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. And -- and you said 24 on Exhibit 42CI. 24 the down light -- is the down lighting on all the time? Or JUSTIN WALTER: Yes. That is -- that is correct. The --25 every night? Or how does that work? 46 1 those are the correct locations of the down lighting. And JUSTIN WALTER: I believe it is dusk to dawn. So I 2 then the -- the upward facing lighting is actually located believe it would be op- -- operational from a site security and safety perspective, I believe it would be operational on at the same locations. And I think you can see that more

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clearly on the -- on the elevation on the next page. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. Let's see. By the way, when I first looked at this, I saw these things that are numbered on the outside, one, two, three. And I said, oh, well I guess that's the lighting. And I said, no, wait a minute, that can't be, there are 10 five of them. And I realized those are the keys to the

11 photograph that you attached. All right. So now I'm on 12 Exhibit 42CII. And what am I looking at? JUSTIN WALTER: It's similar to the -- the sheet -- or

14 the cross-section we were just looking at. In the upper left

15 hand corner of that page, a typical modular substation

16 cross-section, we have the -- the two locations highlighted

17 in a couple different views.

And again, we only call out the down lighting. But if

19 you -- and it's -- it's hard to -- hard to see in the -- in

20 the 11x17, but there's a -- there's a downward facing light,

21 but then above it there's also an upward facing light.

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Well, I -- I see a structure

23 that -- that could be anything. It -- it's referred to as

24 proposed down lighting. But you're saying that those two

25 items, it's one that's below the -- the horizontal post.

a regular basis.

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. Now you're on the

diagram 42CII, it's pointing to three of those. Are that --

are those just different views of the same two lights?

JUSTIN WALTER: That is correct. It looks like it has

three elevations called out. But in the landscape and

10 lighting plan, I don't think we have the three elevations

11 identified. But yes, the -- the lower view is a -- a

12 different view of that -- that entrance structure.

13 GREGORY RAPISARDA: [inaudible whispering]

14 JUSTIN WALTER: So yes. That's -- you are correct that

15 they're different views.

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: So we're still talking about

17 there are two lights that'll be on, the downward facing

18 ones. It'll be on each evening. And then two upward facing

19 lights on top of it that will be on only in emergencies.

20 JUSTIN WALTER: Correct.

21 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. That seems

22 reasonable. All right. Well, addressing my questions, I had

23 a question about the -- the vicinity map on Exhibit 42BI.

24 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay.

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Let's address that one. 25

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GREGORY RAPISARDA: All right. Now that Karl has been 1

- 2 sworn in, this is one for him to answer [inaudible]. So this
- 3 is the one that's in the record. And it says, one to 300.
- 4 And then -- so what we found out when you -- when you raise
- 5 this, is how this -- this scale was placed on and how
- 6 applying [inaudible].
- Frankly that -- that's not accurate. In the scale that
- 8 it is right there, you can correct me if I'm wrong, but it's
- 9 actually more one to 100.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Yeah. That's what it looked
- 11 like to me and I -- I --
- 12 GREGORY RAPISARDA: That's what -- that's what it is.
- 13 And it just didn't get on there.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 15 GREGORY RAPISARDA: So we have a one page update that
- 16 we could do with one to 100. But we also have that top page
- 17 here, this is now done to scale with one to 300.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: I see.
- 19 GREGORY RAPISARDA: For the vicinity map. And that is
- 20 because there is a checklist in the -- in the conditional
- 21 use found in planning's requirements. It says, let's see a
- 22 vicinity scale of one to 300. And I think that's why we
- 23 originally put it in, generally. So.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: You mean, you're talking
- 25 about the --

GREGORY RAPISARDA: I guess we're not --

- 2 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: -- the filing requirements
- 3 call for a vicinity map of 1 to 300 --
- GREGORY RAPISARDA: [inaudible] yes. But frankly what
- 5 we could do is actually just correct this page and say it
- 6 was -- this is one to 100 and we'd make that correction.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: And you said you have with
- 8 you something that shows [inaudible]
- 9 GREGORY RAPISARDA: And then we also had something
- 10 that's -- that's actually done to scale, one to 300, just so
- 11 that's in the record.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: But it's the same diagram?
- 13 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Same diagram.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: It doesn't go out beyond the
- 15 -- the -- it's not really the vicinity beyond --
- 16 GREGORY RAPISARDA: It actually does go beyond. This --
- 17 this one that we just had done, if you look at that --
- 18 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. Let me take a
- 19 look --
- 20 GREGORY RAPISARDA: So here's basically what you have.
- 21 And then -- let me see, oh maybe it doesn't.
- 22 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Yeah. It looks like it's the
- 23 same area.
- 24 GREGORY RAPISARDA: No. [inaudible] right. But this is
- 25 an actual real one to 300. Didn't print out the same way,

1 but --

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Why don't we do this, so we

- 3 avoid -- avoid having to have a comment period. If you're
- 4 agreeable, I would change the scale on here to say, one inch
- 5 equals 100. Is that agreeable, initial off on that?
- 6 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Are you okay with that? Yep.
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay.
- GREGORY RAPISARDA: We confirmed that with -- with
- 9 everybody at JI [ph] before Karl came in today. So that's
- 10 exactly --
- 1 KARL LOTSPEICH: That -- that references accurately to
- 12 the actual dimensions of the proposed easement area.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Right. And I'll do it on the
- 14 -- the bottom scale as well, it says 200 and okay, 100. And
- 15 this will be 100. And this will be 200 instead of 600. And
- 16 I'm going to put my initials next to it. Okay.
- 17 So I have modified Exhibit 42BI, vicinity map, to
- 18 correctly reflect the actual scale where one inch equals 100
- 19 feet. All right. Let's see, were there any other questions
- 20 on that note?
- 21 GREGORY RAPISARDA: You had something about the
- 22 impervious surface, but [inaudible]
- 23 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Oh, yeah. The impervious
- 24 surface map is different. The one I had as Exhibit 37C --
 - GREGORY RAPISARDA: Karl, do you have what you need to
- 1 address that?

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- 2 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: -- is different from the one
- 3 on --
- 4 KARL LOTSPEICH: [inaudible]
- 5 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: It's also different from the
- 6 one that I presented to the planning board in their
- 7 PowerPoint presentation. So if somebody can address that?
- 8 KARL LOTSPEICH: Can we ver- -- can you verify what
- 9 exactly it is he's looking at? Because I know what the
- 10 change was.
- 11 And -- and for matter of record, I'm representing the
- 12 efforts of Joel Schodi, who is our registered engineer in
- 13 the state of Maryland, who's certified, and signed and
- 14 sealed all the appropriate drawings prepared on behalf of
- 15 the project.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. Are you
- 17 testifying -- are you having this witness testify as an
- 18 expert as well?
- 19 GREGORY RAPISARDA: I am.
- 20 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. I don't think I
 - 21 have a resume --
- 22 GREGORY RAPISARDA: I don't have -- I didn't have one
- 23 for him, so I do have that.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. Why don't we --
- 25 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Could you -- and then just could

53 55 you give us a little bit about your background and --HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: What's your bachelor's HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Let me mark it as an 2 degree in? 3 exhibit. KARL LOTSPEICH: Agriculture, environmental sciences. 3 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: So that's a BS in HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. Thank you. We're environmental sciences? KARL LOTSPEICH: It's officially it's agriculture. I still on Exhibit [inaudible]. All right. So this will be Exhibit 63. It's resume of Karl Lotspeich. How do you got it before they had a purely environmental sciences. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. pronounce your name again, I'm sorry? KARL LOTSPEICH: But I've been working with a ride --KARL LOTSPEICH: Lotspeich. Like lots of speech 10 [inaudible] 10 wide range of planning, land use approval, and I have been 11 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. You should be a 11 deemed an expert witness in land use planning testimonies 12 and in expert witness testimony. 12 lawyer if you have lots [inaudible]. GREGORY RAPISARDA: So where do we show all the -- it's HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. So you've been 14 in the conditional use plan, right? Where do we show the 14 designed and accepted as an expert in land use planning? 15 impervious surface? KARL LOTSPEICH: In land -- land use, permitting, KARL LOTSPEICH: That's -- no, that's a -- actually a 16 endangered species, and wetland jurisdiction. 16 17 separate [inaudible] impervious area plan. 17 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Land use, permitting -- land HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: This is Exhibit 63 --18 use and permitting is separate -- or land use permitting as GREGORY RAPISARDA: And we turned that in when? 19 one --19 20 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. So what are you 20 KARL LOTSPEICH: I'm not a land use attorney by no 21 offering, Mr. Lotspeich, as an expert in --21 means, but --GREGORY RAPISARDA: These drawings, including this 22 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Not attorney, but you could 23 specific project, and the -- and the dimensions, and the 23 be a land use expert or a land planner without being an 24 attorney. 24 impervious surface as to this project. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: So what -- you're going down 25 KARL LOTSPEICH: That's correct. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: So I just want to -- trying 1 to --GREGORY RAPISARDA: So GAI has prepared this. Karl -to get a handle on exactly what you're claiming is your 2 expertise. So that's --Mr. Lotspeich has overseen that and he's worked with the engineers that designed it. He's familiar with this project KARL LOTSPEICH: Land use approvals, wetland 5 -jurisdictions, and protected species. 6 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Well, that's his factual HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okav. knowledge. I'm talking about his expertise. What -- what --KARL LOTSPEICH: But my practical experience certainly what is his expertise? What is his area of expertise? extends beyond those three official areas where I have been KARL LOTSPEICH: You want me to cover it? deemed as an expert witness previously. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. Well, you're saying 10 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Huh? 10 11 you've been deemed as an expert where and exactly in what? 11 KARL LOTSPEICH: You want me to cover that? GREGORY RAPISARDA: Sure, please. KARL LOTSPEICH: Again, representing land use approval 13 KARL LOTSPEICH: Okay. Get me declared as an expert 13 processes for private developments and in expert witness 14 witness first. 14 condemnation cases. 15 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Yeah. 15 GREGORY RAPISARDA: And where was that? KARL LOTSPEICH: Okay. Just got a bachelor's of KARL LOTSPEICH: Primarily in Florida. And I also was 17 science, University of Florida. Been in the consulting field 17 deemed as an expert contributor to a electrical transmission 18 for 31 years, represented a wide range of private and 18 line project. 19 19 municipal type projects, from development, transportation. GREGORY RAPISARDA: And where was that? I've been working in the energy field for about seven 20 KARL LOTSPEICH: That was in the state of Pennsylvania. 21 years doing both electrical transmission, substation, and 21 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. And was that in court or were 22 gas transmission projects. 22 they in administrative agencies?

25 testified as an expert?

KARL LOTSPEICH: That was an administrative process.

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: And you also sworn in and

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And so I've been, like I said, I've been working with

24 Jo- -- John Webber, who is the official project manager at

25 GAI on this project, supporting the conditional use process.

59 KARL LOTSPEICH: In -- not in that case, but in my So I think that caused me and some others confusion 2 other cases I have been sworn in and testified under oath. during the process, where I'd say, well what are you looking HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. You -- what are your at? Oh, that -- that -- we pulled that from this forest other cases? conversation thing that we've been discussing a month ago. KARL LOTSPEICH: Again, expert witness primarily is the HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. majority of the expert testimony I've given. GREGORY RAPISARDA: So anyway, with that background, HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: In Florida? let's hear what he has to say specifically. KARL LOTSPEICH: In Florida. KARL LOTSPEICH: Well, again, the -- the picture and GREGORY RAPISARDA: And they were before administrative the table identified on page nine appears to be consistent 10 bodies? with the most current set of plans that were submitted to 11 KARL LOTSPEICH: Both jury and judge. 11 the county. 12 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Oh, okay. So they were in court. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: What -- which -- which 13 13 specific plan are you referring to that's the most current KARL LOTSPEICH: In court. 14 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. So --14 set? GREGORY RAPISARDA: For this case I would say it's for 15 KARL LOTSPEICH: The -- the impervious area details and 15 16 our land use and development because that's what this is. 16 impervious area plans. 17 This is a conditional use process that he has helped with. 17 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. So we're talking about 18 And his knowledge of the civil engineered drawings. 18 the --HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: And how long have you been 19 KARL LOTSPEICH: Which are both represented on page 20 doing this, Mr. Lotspeich? 20 nine. And they appear to be consistent with the most current 21 KARL LOTSPEICH: Thirty, 31 years total. 21 plans. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. So perhaps 22 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Well, I don't know what you 23 we should simplify say an expert in land use and 23 mean by consistent with, as identical, or there's -- there's 24 development. Is that a fair summary? 24 not a conflict. So I'm not sure --GREGORY RAPISARDA: Perfect. I'm fine with that. 25 KARL LOTSPEICH: There's not a conflict --58 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Given -- given Mr. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Look at the other plan, 37 -1 Lotspeich's resume, Exhibit 63, and there's the testimony 2 here, I accept him as an expert in land use and development KARL LOTSPEICH: The photograph -- the -- the Exhibit for purposes of this project. has been condensed. And it doesn't represent the full page, GREGORY RAPISARDA: So Your Honor, you mentioned which I'm looking at on my full size plans which were basically the difference between the impervious surface plan submitted -that we filed and what is in the staff report. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right, let me --HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Right. KARL LOTSPEICH: -- to the county. GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. So Karl, are you able to HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Which particular plan are 10 you looking at? Do you have a number of that plan? Or date 10 address that? Or do you need something else? KARL LOTSPEICH: I would like to see what -- what your 11 it was submitted? So I can [inaudible] 12 official -- what was actually included in the staff report. GREGORY RAPISARDA: It was submitted 3/14, right? This HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Yeah. Page nine of the staff 13 is one of the March 14th ones that you dropped off by hand. 14 report, it's the picture I'm talking about. And it says, 14 That will narrow us down. KARL LOTSPEICH: No. These were actually submitted 15 imperviousness. And it has a diagram there. I don't think 15 16 I've seen that diagram five. 16 directly by Joel under different cover. And -- and these 17 GREGORY RAPISARDA: There you go. 17 were emailed directly to the -- the department. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: If you can tell me where it GREGORY RAPISARDA: What department? I think that might 19 is in our record, that would be fine. GREGORY RAPISARDA: Well, I'll just [inaudible] at the KARL LOTSPEICH: -- made it to the record. I just 20 21 beginning, I want to hear what he has to say. There were 21 wonder where -- if you can help me identify where the --22 several filings before the zoning filing happening, where 22 what you're looking at --23 GAI had been working with the county on different approvals HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: What I'm looking at is 24 before I even got involved from a conditional use 24 Exhibit 37C. And that is -- that's the last one that I have

standpoint.

25 that's called an impervious -- the last one I could find, if

1 you have another one -- that was December 28, '18.

- 2 GREGORY RAPISARDA: That was the impervious surface.
- 3 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: And yes. If you look at
- 4 Exhibit 37C, from December 28, '18, that's -- that's the
- 5 last one I have that's called an impervious plan. I can pull
- 6 it out here.
- 7 KARL LOTSPEICH: [inaudible]
- 8 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Yeah. I -- I can certainly confirm
- 9 the date that these -- these updated plans. But what I'm
- 10 seeing in the -- the staff report appears to be consistent
- 11 with what I've got in front of me.
- 12 Karl, do you remember why it was changed? Because
- 13 that's ultimately the question is why the discrepancy. We
- 14 can -- what -- what we can do is if you could identify why
- 15 that change.
- 16 And I think you have an answer for that. Then that --
- 17 that explains why that 12/28 drawing can be set aside, or
- 18 what the staff had in their staff report.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: So here's the one I have.
- 20 Why don't you take a look at 37C, and you'll see that it's
- 21 not quite the same. It's similar, but not quite the same as
- 22 the -- the entries on here.
- 23 Maybe something was added by staff. I don't know. Is
- 24 that the one you have as the last one that was filed, Mr.
- 25 Lotspeich?

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- 1 KARL LOTSPEICH: That is an earlier version [inaudible]
- 2 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Well, it's on here, right?
- 3 KARL LOTSPEICH: Yeah. it's on here. You can see the
- 4 revision date is 3 --
- 5 GREGORY RAPISARDA: March 5.
- 6 KARL LOTSPEICH: March 5th.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. So apparently
- 8 they never filed with OZAH, the plan for March 5.
- 9 KARL LOTSPEICH: Okay.
- 10 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Well, the staff has that in the
- 11 staff report.
- 12 KARL LOTSPEICH: Can I look at your page five? Can I
- 13 look at your next page of the same exhibit?
- 14 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: The 37 you mean? 37 --
- 15 here's 37. Those are the things that came in in 37.
- 16 GREGORY RAPISARDA: This was the 12/28 [inaudible]. I
- 17 do remember you doing that and having copies for [inaudible]
- 18 back in March. So which one [inaudible]
- 19 KARL LOTSPEICH: No. That's -- these are the ones I
- 20 submitted. These were submitted independently by Joel
- 21 directly to them. And so maybe that didn't make it around.
- 22 But what is in the -- this staff report here, and how to
- 23 reference this --
- 24 GREGORY RAPISARDA: It's in the staff report --
- 25 KARL LOTSPEICH: It's in the staff report. It is

- 1 consistent with the current proposed plan.
- GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. So I think we have to get you
- a copy of this.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Yes. Electronic as well as
- 5 hard copy.
- 6 GREGORY RAPISARDA: That means you have to leave the
- 7 record open [inaudible]
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Well, I hate to do that,
- 9 especially since I'm going to be going on vacation. And I
- 10 would like to see if I can get this -- this completed before
- 11 that.
- 12 [talking over each other]
- 13 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: But if there isn't really a
- 14 change between what's depicted in the staff report and here,
- 15 maybe we don't have to do it. But let's -- let's see what
- 16 you've got. Can I see the plan that you're talking about?
- 17 KARL LOTSPEICH: Sure.
- 18 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Yeah. Well, can I see your 37D,
- 19 which would be the next page [inaudible]
- 20 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: I just handed it --
- 21 KARL LOTSPEICH: I just handed it back to him. All he
- 22 has is from 12/28, if you want to see that --
- [talking over each other]
- 24 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: There were three things
- 25 filed with me in March.
- 1 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Neither of those were the
- 2 impervious plan. That -- that was [inaudible]
- 3 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: The three things filed with
- me in March were the -- were the forest conservation plan,
- 5 the conditional use plan, and the landscape and lighting
- plan. Those were the three things that I received.
- GREGORY RAPISARDA: Karl, is this [inaudible]
- 8 KARL LOTSPEICH: That is the hearing [inaudible]. That
- 9 doesn't belong with that set right there though. This is --
- 10 this was --
- 11 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: That's the one that was --
- 12 that we had not received, is that what you're saying?
- 13 KARL LOTSPEICH: [inaudible]
- 14 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. So let me take a
- 15 look at that.
- 16 GREGORY RAPISARDA: I think we're [inaudible]
- 17 KARL LOTSPEICH: You got [inaudible]
- 18 [talking over each other]
- 19 GREGORY RAPISARDA: [inaudible] from the hearing
- 20 examiner. He has not seen the 2019 one.
- 21 [talking over each other]
- 22 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: This is 37C.
- GREGORY RAPISARDA: Right. Except in the staff report.
- 24 [talking over each other]
- 25 KARL LOTSPEICH: You want to come up and show him this?

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- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Let's see that. Let me --
- let me put this back in the file here.
- KARL LOTSPEICH: This is in fact the most current of
- the impervious area plans which shows the extent of existing
- gravel on the site.
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. Hold on a second.
- KARL LOTSPEICH: The next page will give you this
- picture --
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 10 KARL LOTSPEICH: [inaudible whispering]
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. So that's -- that 11
- KARL LOTSPEICH: So the next page will provide the
- 14 impervious area summary table that's shown also on page
- 15 nine.
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. Are there any other 16
- 17 plans that were submitted that I do not have?
- KARL LOTSPEICH: I'm not aware of any other plans
- 19 that's -- that have been prepared [inaudible] application.
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. So is this my
- 21 copy now that you handed me?
- KARL LOTSPEICH: Yes.
- 23 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. So let's
- 24 mark this as an exhibit. And since staff has already seen it
- 25 and there are no other parties of record here, assuming
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- 1 nobody shows up before the end of this hearing, I'm not
- going to keep it open for an additional comment period.
- All right. So since it was published in the staff
- report also. So this will be --
- 5 GREGORY RAPISARDA: I think his resume is 63?
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Right. This will be 64. And
- let's see, 64 is the impervious -- revised impervious area
- plan. I assume -- I mean what sort of revisions were
- involved in this new set of plans?
- 10 KARL LOTSPEICH: The -- the most current revision was
- 11 taking the level of accuracy of our calculations from three
- 12 -- we calculated as 3 percent existing, and we reduced it
- 13 down to 2 percent.
- They said, well actually if you do the math, it's 2.4
- 15 percent existing down to 2 percent. So we made that change
- 16 on the table --
- 17 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 18 KARL LOTSPEICH: -- which is on the third page.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: And there were no changes in
- 20 the proposed --
- 21 KARL LOTSPEICH: There's no changes in the extent of
- 22 impervious
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. So I -- I -- that's
- 24 another reason I don't think I have to keep the record open
- 25 further. All right. So revised.

- GREGORY RAPISARDA: We'll call that ascriber's
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Impervious area plan. And 3
- 64A is page one, which is sheet one I guess I'd say.
- Interestingly, this has a -- the date on it is listed as
- August of 2018.
- GREGORY RAPISARDA: And again, I don't know why they do
- that, but then you can see there's subtext along the bottom
- of the title block, which says it was plotted on 3/5/2019.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. Let's see, subtext.
- 11 Can you point that out to me, sir, where that is?
- GREGORY RAPISARDA: Under the title block right here,
- 13 you can see where it says, plotted on 3/5/2019.
- HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: I see. Okay. All right.
- 15 GREGORY RAPISARDA: I think it's so that you can track
- 16 where the original was and you can put those -- the pieces
- 18 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Usually they have a --
- 19 something like this, a revision block. And it's filled in,
- 20 revision block, not -- not the way this is, kind of almost
- 21 invisible. All right.
- 22 So okay. So A1 is existing impervious. 64B is proposed
- 23 impervious, that's sheet two. And 64C is sheet three, which
- 24 is impervious area detail. All right. Okay. Mr. Rapisarda,
- 25 can you get me the electronic copies of this today?
- GREGORY RAPISARDA: Absolutely. 1
 - HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. You can -- I 2
 - think you can just email it to me if --
 - GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay.
 - 5 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: -- if that's easier.
 - GREGORY RAPISARDA: Sure. Through [inaudible] 6
 - HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Yes. That would be fine.
 - 8 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay.
 - HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. I guess
 - 10 that solves all of those questions. So you may continue in
 - 11 your presentation.
 - GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. So generally, I mean I think
 - 13 there's -- given what is already in the record, there's an
 - 14 understanding of what the need is for, what Potomac Edison
 - 15 is proposing, and the specifics.
 - And I think that given the evidence in the record, it
 - 17 shows that they meet or exceed each of the use standards, or
 - 18 development standards, or code requirements, in each of
 - 19 article 59, which deals with the general conditional use,
 - 20 and then the specific public utility structure details, but
 - 21 as well as the general conditional use requirements.
 - Be happy to walk through those, but we did state them,
 - 23 we did outline the reasons that, for example, it's necessary
 - 24 for the public convenience and the -- public convenience. It
 - 25 won't endanger the health and safety of workers or residents

71 and the steps they've taken. GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. So ultimately you have what they call a small HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: That's the -- the substation. It's going to be on this 0.07 acre parcel. It's renderings? going to be surrounded by the rest of the -- the county's GREGORY RAPISARDA: That's the rendering. And Karl, is land and partial -that a fair and accurate representation? HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: It's also surrounded I take KARL LOTSPEICH: Yeah. What's the -it by a fence with barbed wire on top, is that correct? HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: The number on that rendering GREGORY RAPISARDA: Seven foot fence with a one foot of is Exhibit -barbed wire, anti-climbing device. GREGORY RAPISARDA: It's not exactly as it exists There's not going to be signs that say -- that was one 10 because you had to put it in. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: No. This is as -- it doesn't 11 of the reasons, you know, one of the original things, it 11 12 said have some handicapped parking. None of that -- because 13 you really don't want anything that welcomes -- that gives 13 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Right. 14 the impression that people should be coming to this at all. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: But -- so it's not a The only people that are going to this facility are 15 photograph. It's a -- it's Exhibit 46. And it's an oblique 16 trained employees. And so that's why that was removed as 16 view and a street view. Is that -- do those renderings 17 well. So unless you had other questions, I would rest --17 accurately represent the way this facility will look 18 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Well, I usually leave it to assuming it's approved and constructed? 19 the -- to counsel to decide what you want to put in your 19 KARL LOTSPEICH: Yes. 20 presentation. Admittedly the technical staff for the most 20 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. 21 part covers the questions. 21 KARL LOTSPEICH: And including the landscape And you've adopted -- I take it you've adopted their 22 enhancement plannings that are proposed in [inaudible] 23 findings and legal conclusions as part of your evidence in 23 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. And there are also 24 this case. photographs that you submitted attached to -- I guess it was GREGORY RAPISARDA: I have. And I didn't, you know, I the landscape plan. Let's pull that out. Here they are. 70 72 1 didn't feel the need to run through those again. These are photographs on Exhibit 42C3, photograph 1. Who --But certainly I think if we introduce what we've first of all, who took these photographs? KARL LOTSPEICH: I did. discussed and that becomes part of the record, I think the record shows that this proposal meets or exceeds all of the HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. And photograph one requirements, and that it should be approved as a says, facing southwest from Whelan Lane. When were these taken? conditional use, with the conditions that -- that we agreed to and that the -- that the staff put up. KARL LOTSPEICH: There is a date on there, I believe, HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. And I think what September 19, 2018. we should do is make sure we identify that these -- first of HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. And is this the way 10 all, the plans that have been submitted accurately depict 10 the property looks? 11 the area, gentlemen. Is that --KARL LOTSPEICH: Yes. There's been no physical changes 11 12 KARL LOTSPEICH: They do. 12 to the property since that time. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: You have to answer out loud HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. 13 14 so the court reporter can take it down. 14 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Under descriptions, do they 15 JUSTIN WALTER: Yes. 15 accurately reflect the photographs that you took? HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. And also let's 16 KARL LOTSPEICH: Yes. 17 identify the photographic evidence that has been submitted 17 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. 18 here. Let me pull that out. HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: And I noticed that 19 GREGORY RAPISARDA: So we'll go through the Exhibit 19 photograph two, which says facing west at the gate location, 20 list? 20 that looks like it's a photograph of the exact site that 21 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Yeah. 21 we're talking about, is that correct? 22 GREGORY RAPISARDA: All right. 22 KARL LOTSPEICH: Yes. 23 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Just to make sure that --HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. I see the chain across 24 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Who took that? 24 there and it looks like a little gravelly entrance area. So 25 KARL LOTSPEICH: We created that in house. 25 that is actually a depiction of the site itself.

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1 KARL LOTSPEICH: Those are actual photographs of the

2 site from different locations around --

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Right. But I'm saying the

4 very specific one, photograph two, looks like it is actually

depicting the exact area that -- that [inaudible]

KARL LOTSPEICH: That is the gravel area that's

7 depicted on the impervious plans, yes, of the location of

8 the -- of the entrance.

9 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right.

10 GREGORY RAPISARDA: And then one -- one other thing I

11 think what Mr. Lotspeich would testify to is that everything

12 in these drawings except for the correction with the one

13 vicinity map --

14 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Right.

15 GREGORY RAPISARDA: -- they're fair and accurate. And

16 they've been --

17 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: You adopt that statement?

18 KARL LOTSPEICH: I do. They were prepared under the

19 guidance of a -- of an engineering certified with the state

20 of Maryland, and/or the forest conservation plan prepared by

21 ecologists certified in the state of Maryland, to prepare

22 the forest conversation plans.

23 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. I think

24 that pretty much handles the questions that I had. Was there

25 anything else that you want to cover, Mr. Rapisarda?

1 attached, which has not been discussed.

KARL LOTSPEICH: Yes. I would represent that this is a

3 -- this is primarily the water quality and site development

4 plan, contains the erosion, sedimentation control features,

5 all of the drainage calculations, and other items related to

6 that, that's been approved by the county.

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Okay. Thank you.

8 KARL LOTSPEICH: Again, under the supervision of Joel

9 Schodi, our registered engineer.

10 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right.

11 KARL LOTSPEICH: And as far as the forest conservation

12 plan, that is -- that is part of the record that you have in

13 front of you. And the final preliminary final as has been

14 revised numerous times per county's request.

But the final version is what is in your package there.

16 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Right. That's one of the

17 March exhibits, that was Exhibit 42A, was filed on March 14,

18 2019.

19 Okay. I take it that you would like to introduce into

20 evidence, Mr. Rapisarda, all of the exhibits, 1 through 64,

21 and their subparts?

22 GREGORY RAPISARDA: That is correct. We would.

23 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: And any electronic version

24 that you send me today. All right. Since we will get the

25 transcript by Wednesday of next week, why don't we say that

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GREGORY RAPISARDA: So the only other thing that I

would like to say, and it's really just a closing statement.

3 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right.

4 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Between what's been testified and

5 the package that is in, I think it meets or exceeds all of

6 the conditional use requirements.

And as a result we ask that you approve the conditional

8 use going forward with the conditions as we've agreed to,

9 and let us -- and let Potomac Edison take the next step,

10 which doesn't mean they start building right away, but it

11 will be close. And hopefully this would be up in the next

12 five to six months.

3 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Well, I do have one other 13

14 thing. The water quality plan and forest conservation plan,

15 I just want to make sure that I have exactly what is the

16 water quality plan here, which has now the preliminary and

17 final water quality plan, and the forest conservation plan,

18 were all seemingly been approved by the planning board vote,

19 and the water quality plan also approved by Department of

20 Permitting Services according to this -- this letter,

21 Exhibit 15A, from DPS.

22 It attaches a -- a large sheaf of documents. Does this

23 represent the water quality plan? Maybe you could come up

24 here and take a look at what I'm talking about here. This is

25 Exhibit 15A, but it's got a -- a big pile of documents

1 the record will close -- let me get the calendar out.

Actually we should probably get the transcript by

3 Tuesday of next week, but assuming that we had an extra day.

4 So that would be --

5 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Why would the record need to stay

6 open? Just to get the --

7 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: To get -- to get the

8 transcript.

9 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Oh, to get the transcript in. Oh,

10 okay. I thought -- I was going to say, I'm going to get you

11 that electronic copy of the most recent impervious surface

12 plan today.

13 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Right.

14 GREGORY RAPISARDA: Okay. Got you.

15 HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: So -- and -- but we should

16 get the transcript by the 17th. And maybe even by the 16th.

17 But assuming we get it by the 17th, let's say the record

18 will close on April 18.

19 GREGORY RAPISARDA: I didn't realize, so the record has

20 to stay open for the transcript?

HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: It's not specifically stated

22 in the zoning ordinance, but it's sensible. I always --

23 first of all, I have to wait for the transcript before I can

24 do my report. And so I always leave the record open until I

25 get the transcript.

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1	GREGORY RAPISARDA: That makes sense. I just didn't	
2	realize	
3	HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: Usually it's a 10-day	
4	turnaround on it. But since I have a little extra money in	
5	my budget at this point of the year, I'm going to order an	
6	expedited version so I can get to work on it.	
7	GREGORY RAPISARDA: Sounds good.	
8	HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. All right. So the	
9	record will close April 18. And all the exhibits are	
10	admitted into evidence. That's 1 through Exhibit 64 and its	
11	and their subparts. Is there anything further that we	
12	need to discuss?	
13	GREGORY RAPISARDA: I don't think there is. I really	
14	appreciate it. Thank you.	
15	HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: All right. You're welcome.	
16	Thank you, gentlemen, everybody, and madam. Have a nice	
17	weekend.	
18	GREGORY RAPISARDA: Thank you.	
19	HEARING OFFICER GROSSMAN: We are adjourned.	
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