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| 3 | A It is one metric. | 3 | Q Now take a look at the megawatts |
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| 14 | Q So let's make sure that we so that | 14 | A Where is that? Which paragraph? |
| 15 | we're in agreement. | 15 | Q The first paragraph where it says: |
| 16 | MR. BARON: Can I have the 10-Q for | 16 | Megawatts deployed and megawatts installed. |
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| 20 | Can we mark this as Musk Exhibit 1, | 20 | energy systems varies greatly, quote, we believe |
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efficiency; is that accurate?

A No. Shall I explain what cost -- what

efficiency is then? So depending upon your

to installation is high, then your efficiency

resources, if a percentage of resources applied

Now, do you see where there is a

definition in the -- first off, do you recognize this 10-Q as being a SolarCity 10-Q for the

quarter ended September 30th, 2016? You can

look on the front page if that will help you.

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| 1 | Page 22 | 1 | Page 24 A Yes. This statement is correct. The |
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| 1 | | $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ | way you phrased it earlier was incorrect. It |
| 2 | | 3 | was a leading question. It was not good. You |
| 3 | | | should not ask questions like that. |
| 4 | • • • | 4 | _ |
| 5 | · · | 5 | Is it correct that you stated |
| 6 | • | 6 | something false when interviewing Lyndon? Is |
| 7 | | 7 | that true? I think you did no, Ira, you |
| 8 | | 8 | stated something false about Lyndon when |
| 9 | | 9 | interviewing Ira in an attempt to trick him. Is |
| 10 | | 10 | that true? |
| 11 | | 11 | Q I have no idea what you're talking |
| 12 | • • | 12 | about. So let me show you |
| I3 | | 13 | A Maybe that was an accident. |
| 14 | | 14 | Q Let me show you a couple of documents. |
| 15 | • | 15 | Can I have a |
| 16 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 16 | MR. CHESLER: Are we done with this? |
| 17 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 17 | MR. BARON: Yes. Well, for now. |
| 18 | • | 18 | We'll go back to it in a moment. |
| 19 | | 19 | Q You'll agree with me, though, as an |
| 20 | | 20 | indicator of growth that we just talked about, |
| 21 | • | 21 | megawatts since or megawatts deployed since |
| 22 | <u> </u> | 22 | you have acquired SolarCity at Tesla have been |
| 23 | | 23 | trending down substantially; correct? |
| 24 | | 24 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. |
| 25 | megawatts deployed in a given period you agree | 25 | THE WITNESS: Is there a graph you |
| | Page 23 | | Page 25 |
| 1 | —————————————————————————————————————— | 1 | want to give me? |
| 2 | | | BY MR, BARON: |
| 3 | | 3 | Q I'm first asking you a question. Do |
| 4 | _ | 4 | you agree with me that megawatts deployed pe |
| 5 | | 5 | quarter has been trending down dramatically |
| 6 | , J | 6 | since Tesla bought SolarCity? |
| 7 | | 7 | MR. CHESLER: Same objection. |
| 8 | - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 8 | You may answer. If I don't instruct |
| 9 | | 9 | you not to answer, do the best you can to |
| 10 | | 10 | answer. |
| 11 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 11 | I'm objecting because I think his |
| 12 | | 12 | question is not properly formed, but that's |
| 13 | • | 13 | a legal issue for the court to deal with. |
| 14 | • • | 14 | THE WITNESS: Should I ask him to |
| 15 | • | 15 | reform the question or |
| 16 | | 16 | MR. CHESLER: If you understand it, |
| 17 | - - | 17 | you should answer. |
| 18 | • • | 18 | THE WITNESS: If you object, then it |
| 19 | | 19 | seems like we should ask him to ask the |
| 20 | • | 20 | question again in a different form. |
| 21 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 21 | MR. BARON: I'm not going to. I'll |
| 22 | · · | 22 | wait till you answer. |
| 23 | | 23 | MR. CHESLER: If you can answer it, |
| 24 | 1 | 24 | you should. The objection could be just a |
| 25 | this says too? | 25 | technical problem with the question that I |
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| 1 | Page 26 | 1 | Page 28 THE WITNESS: We can stare at each |
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| 1 2 | have to preserve for court. If you understand the question, you | 2 | other until you rephrase it. |
| 3 | should answer it. If you don't, you should | 3 | MR. BARON: I guess we can cancel this |
| 4 | tell him you don't understand it. It's up | 4 | deposition. I'll just go back to we'll |
| | - | 5 | go back to the vice chancellor and we'll |
| 5 | to you. THE WITNESS: I think since you | 6 | have him ordered to answer questions. |
| 7 | object, I think you should ask the question | 7 | MR. CHESLER: So let's step outside |
| 8 | in a different way. | 8 | for a minute. |
| 9 | MR. BARON: I'll ask it exactly the | 9 | MR. BARON: Why don't we take a break |
| 10 | same way. | 10 | and you can have a conversation with your |
| 11 | Q Do you agree with me that megawatts | 11 | client. Thank you. |
| 12 | deployed has trended down substantially since | 12 | VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record at |
| 13 | Tesla acquired SolarCity; correct? | 13 | 10:08 a.m. |
| 14 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to form. | 14 | (Recess taken.) |
| 15 | THE WITNESS: I think you should ask | 15 | VIDEOGRAPHER: Going back on the |
| 16 | that question a different way. | 16 | record at 10:13 a.m. |
| 1 | BY MR. BARON: | 17 | MR. BARON: Could you please read back |
| 18 | Q I'm not going to. Are you telling me | 18 | my last substantive question to the witness, |
| 19 | you cannot answer the question? | 19 | please? |
| 20 | A Well, my counsel is saying you should | 20 | (Requested testimony read by the |
| 21 | ask the question a different way, so then you | 21 | reporter.) |
| 22 | should. | 22 | THE WITNESS: No, I don't think |
| 23 | Q I'm not going to do that, though. | 23 | they've trended down substantially. |
| 24 | A Okay. | 24 | MR. BARON: Okay. I'll mark a couple |
| 25 | Q So if you can answer the question, you | 25 | of documents, if I may. First I would like |
| | Page 27 | | Page 29 |
| 1 | can answer the question. If you're telling me | 1 | to mark a chart that we've created. Could |
| 2 | that you do not understand the question, then | 2 | you mark this as Musk Exhibit 2. |
| 3 | we'll move on. | 3 | (Exhibit 2 was marked.) |
| 4 | Do you understand the question? | 4 | MR. BARON: And I have a two-page |
| 5 | A I understand the question I think. | 5 | document, both have the Bates stamp range |
| 6 | But it's a leading question and I'm sure my | 6 | 00193245 and they are designated as SCTY |
| 7 | legal counsel has reason for objecting and | 7 | Management Model and Revised Model. Could |
| 8 | you're refusing to ask in a different way. | 8 | you mark this as Exhibit 3, please. |
| 9 | Q I'm going to ask it again. | 9 | (Exhibit 3 was marked.) |
| 10 | The megawatts deployed have trended | 10 | BY MR. BARON: |
| 11 | down substantially since Tesla acquired | 11 | Q So what I have before you is a chart |
| 12 | SolarCity; correct? | 12 | we prepared, and we'll go through and we'll show |
| 13 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to form. | 13 | how we actually generated that chart. |
| 14 | THE WITNESS: Do you want to keep | 14 | But I want you to see what we have as |
| 15 | asking the question? | 15 | Exhibit 3 which is from the native file which |
| 16 | BY MR. BARON: | 16 | is Exhibit 3 is the Bates thing, if you want |
| 17 | Q I'm waiting for you to answer. If you | 17 | to open that up. |
| 18 | don't understand the question, then we'll figure | 18 | And that is from the native file, what |
| 19 | out why you don't understand it. | 19 | was produced under one Bates range, and in it |
| 20 | Do you understand that question? | 20 | there are a number of tabs. And this was |
| 21 | A I believe we've objected. | 21 | identified as being Evercore's model for the |
| 22 | MR. BARON: Counsel, are you going to | | projections that were set forth in the proxy |
| 23 | instruct your witness to answer the question | 23 | statement in connection with the SolarCity |
| 24 | or tell me he doesn't understand it as | 24 | acquisition. |
| 25 | opposed to wait for me to rephrase it? | 25 | I don't know whether you have, but |

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| 1 | I'll ask you: Have you ever seen these tabs | 1 | 201? Are you aware of that without looking at |
| 2 | that are identified as Exhibit 3 before today? | 2 | any documents? |
| 3 | A Exhibit 3? I don't recall. This is a | 3 | A I mean, I was not aware of the precise |
| 4 | spreadsheet but | 4 | number until looking at the document. But yes, |
| 5 | Q Now, if you look at the chart that we | 5 | I see the 201 number in the document. |
| 6 | have here, you will see that there are three | 6 | Q All right. Let me show you the |
| 7 | lines. The first one is what Evercore | 7 | shareholder letter that we printed off from |
| 8 | identified as megawatts inspected. And they did | 8 | Tesla's website. |
| 9 | so by quarter. | 9 | MR. BARON: We'll mark this as |
| 10 | And you can see that under the | 10 | Exhibit 4, please. |
| 11 | SolarCity management case that they are in blue, | 11 | (Exhibit 4 was marked.) |
| 12 | and you'll see that they correspond to the | 12 | BY MR. BARON: |
| 13 | quarters 1 through 4 for or quarter 3, 2016 | 13 | Q Do you recognize what I marked as |
| 14 | through quarter 4, 2019. | 14 | Exhibit 4 as the shareholder letter that is |
| 15 | Do you see that? | 15 | produced by Tesla and signed by you relating to |
| 16 | A Mm-hmm. | 16 | fourth quarter 2016? |
| 17 | Q And then you can see that in the | 17 | A Yes. |
| 18 | revised model, which was in green, that they | 18 | Q If you turn to the second page of that |
| 19 | also correspond to quarter 3, 2016 through | 19 | document, do you see the heading: Advancing |
| 20 | quarter 4, 2019. | 20 | Sustainable Energy? |
| 21 | Do you see that? | 21 | A Yes. |
| 22 | A Mm-hmm. Yes. | 22 | Q Do you see where it says: 201 |
| 23 | Q Now I'm sorry, quarter 1, 2019. I | 23 | megawatt, MW of solar energy generation deployed |
| 24 | misspoke. | 24 | in Q4? |
| 25 | And do you understand that the | 25 | A Yes. |
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| 2 | the acquisition. | 2 | A I don't think we had a specific number |
| 3 | | 3 | in mind. |
| | Do you see that sentence? A Yes. | 4 | Q And is that because you didn't do any |
| 4 | | i . | analysis on that or you just didn't feel that it |
| 5 | Q Was that sentence indicating that it | 5 | |
| 6 | was your belief at the time that megawatts would | 6 | was a necessary task on your part? |
| 7 | grow beyond in the next quarter beyond 201? | 7 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to form. THE WITNESS: It's very difficult to |
| 8 | A I think it says: Later this year. | 8 | • |
| 9 | Q I understand. So | 9 | predict the outcome of any company's product |
| 10 | A "Later" would not be Q1. | 10 | growth. Actually, we thought it would be |
| 11 | Q I said that you were planning to grow. | 11 | higher. |
| 12 | Okay. That's fine. | l | BY MR. BARON: |
| 13 | What is the purpose what was your | 13 | Q Well, you do you understand that |
| 14 | purpose of that sentence? What were you trying | 14 | the green line |
| 15 | to convey? | 15 | A We were wrong, obviously. |
| 16 | A I believe at this time we believed | 16 | Q I agree with that. |
| 17 | that the megawatts deployed would be higher by | 17 | Do you understand that the green line |
| 18 | the end of the year. This that being 2017. | 18 | of the I'm sorry, the blue line of the |
| 19 | Q Okay. And what was your basis to | 19 | SolarCity management case is the set of |
| 20 | believe that they would be higher by the end of | 20 | projections that was prepared by SolarCity |
| 21 | the year? | 21 | management and provided to Evercore in saying |
| 22 | A We believed that trend would continue | 22 | what they believed would happen with the company |
| 23 | at the time. | 23 | going forward under their business plan? |
| 24 | Q And did you believe that that trend | 24 | Do you understand that? |
| 25 | would continue consistent with either the blue | 25 | A Yes. |
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| 1 | line for the SolarCity management case or the | 1 | Q Did you agree with SolarCity's |
| 2 | green line, the revised sensitivity case, or | 2 | management as to what they believed would be the |
| 3 | neither? | 3 | growth of megawatts deployed? |
| 4 | A I mean, I think the statement just | 4 | A I think we certainly believed that the |
| 5 | says that we believed it will increase. | 5 | long-term growth of megawatts deployed would be |
| 6 | Q I understand that. | 6 | very significant. And I still believe that to |
| 7 | A Yes. | 7 | be the case. You are simply looking over a |
| 8 | Q My question is: Beneath that, did you | 8 | short time frame. |
| 9 | have a belief as to whether or not it would | 9 | What you will see later this year is, |
| 10 | increase consistent with the blue line, the | 10 | in my view, a dramatic increase in megawatts |
| 11 | green line, or neither? | 11 | deployed. It just took us a little longer than |
| 12 | A I don't think we had a clear sense of | 12 | expected. |
| 13 | things. We did not have a crystal ball. | 13 | Q So you now feel comfortable predicting |
| 14 | Q I understand you did not know what | 14 | what will happen in the future? How much will |
| 15 | would happen. Did you have a belief? Did you | 15 | it be in the future? |
| 16 | have an expectation of what would happen? | 16 | What is it going to be later this year |
| 17 | A I think the statement at face value is | 17 | the megawatts deployed number by second quarter |
| 18 | simply that we thought it would be that that | 18 | 2019? |
| 19 | growth would increase by the end of the year. | 19 | A It takes time to refactor a product |
| 20 | Q Okay. And did you have a sense of | 20 | line. It takes time to restructure a company. |
| 21 | what to what degree there would be growth? | 21 | And our focus last year was the Model 3 program. |
| 22 | Again, did you think that it would | 22 | And so Tesla as a whole, if I did not |
| 22 | in from 201 to support did was hove here by | 2.2 | take everyone off of soler and focus them on the |

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Model 3 program to the detriment of solar, then

Tesla would have gone bankrupt.

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increase from 201 to -- what did we have here by

had absolutely no idea what you thought it would

the end of the year -- to 330 or to 250 or you

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| 1 | So I took everyone from solar, and | 1 | is just so that I have an understanding of what |
| 2 | said, "Instead of working on solar, you need to | 2 | that means. |
| 3 | work on the Model 3 program." | 3 | A Solar retrofit is when somebody has an |
| 4 | And as a result, solar suffered, as | 4 | existing roof and you put solar on their |
| 5 | you would expect. | 5 | existing roof. |
| 6 | Q Help me out with that. You said you | 6 | Q So do you have to have engineers |
| 7 | took everyone off of solar? | 7 | involved in every installation or is that just |
| 8 | A That could possibly be taken off | 8 | engineers working on the concept and then those |
| 9 | solar, yes. | 9 | go into each installation thereafter? |
| 10 | Q Okay. So who would that include? | 10 | A That's actually a more interesting |
| 11 | A That would include engineering, | 11 | question then you realize. |
| 12 | management, sales, service. Everything that | 12 | Q I'm not very smart, so I'll get lucky |
| 13 | could possibly be redirected towards the Model 3 | 13 | every now and then. |
| 14 | program was so redirected. This was the right | 14 | A The way it is traditionally done with |
| 15 | course of action for the company. | 15 | solar retrofit is not is maybe you're |
| 16 | Q So the engineers that you took off, | 16 | not quite correct. |
| 17 | what were the engineers doing on solar that you | 17 | This is done still today at Tesla, |
| 18 | took them off to do on the Model 3? | 18 | although it's changing, and it's done in the |
| 19 | A They are working on the solar roof and | 19 | rest of industry, where doing solar retrofit is |
| 20 | improving the costs of solar retrofit. | 20 | a bit like getting a custom-tailored suit. |
| 21 | Q How were they working on the cost of | 21 | So somebody will come out to your |
| 22 | solar retrofit? | 22 | house, they will carefully measure all of the |
| 23 | A It is important with solar retrofit to | 23 | dimensions of your roof and then there will be |
| 24 | reduce the cost of installation. It's much more | 24 | engineering involved. |
| 25 | complex and difficult than it may seem. And | 25 | They will engineer a solution that is |
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| 1 | actually requires quite a bit of engineering | 1 | specific to your roof, that matches the contours |
| 2 | to a lot of engineering to make the | 2 | and shape of your roof just like a |
| 3 | installation process efficient and also to make | 3 | custom-tailored suit. |
| 4 | the retrofit solar esthetically appealing in as | 4 | And it will often take two or three |
| 5 | much as retrofit can be esthetically appealing. | 5 | visits. It will take structural engineering. |
| 6 | Then the solar roof is itself a | 6 | It is complex. And each installation requires |
| 7 | difficult product, a very difficult product. | 7 | engineering. |
| 8 | Nobody has yet succeeded in such a product. So | 8 | MR. CHESLER: Wait. |
| 9 | obviously that requires a lot of effort. Many | 9 | BY MR. BARON: |
| 10 | people have tried, many companies have tried and | 10 | Q I'm sorry, were you done? |
| 11 | none have succeeded. It's a hard problem. | 11 | A No. |
| 12 | So what you'll see as we solve these | 12 | Now, a more efficient way to do this |
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19 is -- that is just a few sizes, like -- just
20 like a suit, it's like suits on the rack will be
21 certain preset sizes.

that solution.

certain preset sizes.

And you don't want to make it too big because if you make it too big, then it's very difficult to fit on the roof without dealing with the peculiarities of every roof.

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installation basis, but you have to engineer

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an off-the-rack suit solution where the -- where

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things as -- because resources have now been

reapplied to solar is a dramatic increase in the

deployment of megawatts in the years to come.

At least -- one cannot predict these

things precisely, but in the years to come, this

case will look silly and you will have wasted

Q We are all entitled to our opinions.

It's a wonderful world, so -- and, you know,

Mark my words, I'm sure you will.

So explain to me what solar retrofit

your time and ours.

everybody has them.

So --

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| 1 | So you want to have something that is | 1 | going to want this at the end of this |
| 2 | small enough that you can put it on the roof and | 2 | meeting, you're like, oh, man, I want to get |
| 3 | find a section of the roof that's common across | 3 | this thing, it's going to be great. |
| 4 | roofs and where it's just sort of a preset, | 4 | The key is to make the solar |
| 5 | prefab, consistent solar installation. | 5 | installation so cost efficient that at the |
| 6 | Now, the net result is on a per-roof | 6 | end of the day, net of your financing costs, |
| 7 | basis, you will generate less power but you will | 7 | it generates say 500 to \$1,000 a year. |
| 8 | do many more roofs because the cost, the total | 8 | So if you got financing if you have |
| 9 | cost from sales through installation will be | 9 | a utility bill, that's maybe like 100 to 200 |
| 10 | dramatically less. | 10 | bucks a month. |
| 11 | And this is what we're going to do, | 11 | And then so if you're going to have |
| 12 | and it will be great. | 12 | financing on your solar, and then you're |
| 13 | Q Okay. | 13 | going to generate electricity and then the |
| 14 | A Will be. | 14 | net effect will be a net cash generation of |
| 15 | Q My question was | 15 | 500 to \$1,000 a year. |
| 16 | A Think of the difference between a | 16 | And the system using high efficiency |
| 17 | custom suit and an off-the-rack suit. I mean, a | 17 | panels will be small enough that you can |
| 18 | custom suit could be thousands of dollars. Who | 18 | tuck it away on a section of your roof that |
| 19 | gets a custom suit? Hardly anyone. Savile Row | 19 | you can't see, or it's not sort of in |
| 20 | type of thing. You guys probably have custom | 20 | prominent view. Because there really you |
| 21 | suits. | 21 | don't want to have something which makes |
| 22 | Q You're not wearing a suit. | 22 | your roof ugly. |
| 23 | A Not today. Going down to San Diego. | 23 | That's very important because that |
| 24 | You probably have one tucked away, I suspect. | 24 | affects your image of the house and it |
| | | ^ F | offects the result value. So it has a real |
| 25 | So first you know, pretty | 25 | affects the resale value. So it has a real |
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| 1 | Page 46 said, but we'll go on. I just want to make sure | 1 | Page 48 work on the Model 3 |
| 2 | I understand | 2 | A As I said, more than just that. |
| 3 | A It's going to knock your socks off. | 3 | Q Please don't interrupt me. |
| 4 | You'll be amazed. You'll love it. | 4 | A Please don't interrupt me. |
| 5 | Q So the question that I am trying to | 5 | Q and I won't interrupt you. |
| 6 | understand is in the context of the | 6 | A Great. |
| 7 | A Do you want to try one? We could try | 7 | Q So now you also said that you moved |
| 8 | • | 8 | inanagement over from solar to the Model 3. |
| 9 | one. MR. BARON: Counsel, I'm going to ask | 9 | Which management did you move over from solar to |
| | you to have your client actually wait for a | 10 | Model 3 production? |
| 10 | · · · | 11 | A I moved literally everyone who could |
| 11 | question before he keeps talking, or else we | 12 | • • |
| 12 | will have to end this deposition and I'm | j | possibly be applied. O So what's |
| 13 | going to go to the vice chancellor and have | 13 | |
| 14 | him give specific direction as to how to | 14 | A As most direct, Sanjay Shah has |
| 15 | behave. | 15 | been who was hired for solar, has been focused on Model 3 activity and only recently |
| 16 | MR. CHESLER: Counsel, don't make | 16 | |
| 17 | speeches like that. Look, you asked him | 17 | redeployed to solar. |
| 18 | what retrofit was. You wanted a very short | 18 | Q Anyone else who was hired for solar |
| 19 | answer. He told you, I think pretty | 19 | who was moved over to Model 3? |
| 20 | eloquently, what retrofit is. | 20 | MR. CHESLER: You mean management? |
| 21 | MR. BARON: And now I'm trying to ask | 21 | MR. BARON: Yes, on the management |
| 22 | the next question and he keeps on | 22 | level. |
| 23 | MR. CHESLER: Ask your next question. | 23 | THE WITNESS: I mean, there are |
| | BY MR. BARON: | 24 | literally hundreds of people. I don't know |
| 25 | Q So let's talk about the engineers that | 25 | their names. |
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| 1 | were used for solar retrofit. Were those the | l | BY MR. BARON: |
| 2 | same engineers that came over from SolarCity or | 2 | Q Okay. And the sales force, the people |
| 3 | were they different engineers? | 3 | who were out trying to sell solar systems, how |
| 4 | A The retrofit engineers primarily are | 4 | were they moved over to work on Model 3? What |
| 5 | from SolarCity. | 5 | did you have them do? |
| 6 | Q So you used the people who were doing | 6 | A We put them in the Tesla stores. We |
| 7 | engineering on each of the individual | 7 | had them deliver cars. Delivery was a big |
| 8 | installations and you moved them to Model 3; is | 8 | problem last year. |
| 9 | that what you're telling us? | 9 | Q Okay. And how much of the sales force |
| 10 | A As I answered in my previous question, | 10 | did you move over to Model 3? The entirety of |
| 11 | I moved everyone who could possibly be useful to | 11 | the sales force, half, 75 percent? |
| 12 | Model 3. This included sales, service, | 12 | A 1 think it was probably I'm not |
| 13 | delivery, production, supply chain. It's like | 13 | sure of the exact number. But it may have been |
| 14 | all hands on deck. We need to solve Model 3. | 14 | half. My instructions were: Move everyone that |
| 15 | And we had a lot of trouble with Model 3 last | 15 | can possibly be inoved. |
| 16 | year, as I'm sure you're aware. That's in the | 16 | Q And service, these are the people who |
| 17 | press. | 17 | would go and fix panels if they would |
| 18 | So we solved those problems, and the | 18 | A Yes. |
| 19 | SolarCity team was very helpful in solving those | 19 | Q if they would break, et cetera; |
| 20 | problems and was instrumental in Tesla's success | 20 | correct? |
| 21 | last year. | 21 | A Yes. |
| 22 | Q So | 22 | Q And how did you move those people to |
| 23 | A Instrumental. | 23 | the Model 3? |
| 24 | Q So you had the SolarCity engineers | 24 | A 1 asked them to help out in service |
| 25 | doing from the retrofit that moved over to | 25 | and delivery. Delivery especially was a big |

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| 1 | problem, and in production. | 1 | Model 3. |
| 2 | Q They couldn't fix if a Tesla broke | 2 | This is this occurred Q3 started |
| 3 | on the road, you couldn't get a solar service | 3 | occurring in significant numbers in Q3, 2017 through present day well, actually, through, |
| 4 | person to go fix that car, or are you saying | 5 | technically, Q4. We started redeploying earlier |
| 5 | that that was fundable? | 6 | this year towards solar, but it takes time to |
| 6 | A Certainly some tasks are you can change a tire, and actually that's one of the | 7 | build up. |
| 7 8 | top things that happens with cars. | 8 | Q Let me ask you another question while |
| 9 | Q All right. Let's move on to the next | 9 | we're on this page. |
| 10 | quarter and maybe your answer to each of these | 10 | Do you see the third paragraph that |
| 11 | is there wasn't anybody who was out there | 11 | talks about, "We start We plan to start pilot |
| 12 | installing systems. | 12 | manufacturing of solar tiles in Q2 in the |
| 13 | MR. BARON: Can I have the Q1, '17 | 13 | Fremont facility." |
| 14 | shareholder letter, please. | 14 | Do you see that paragraph? |
| 15 | (Exhibit 5 was marked.) | 15 | A Yes. |
| 16 | BY MR. BARON: | 16 | Q Is that accurate? |
| 17 | Q Showing you what's been identified as | 17 | A I think that is an accurate statement. |
| 18 | Musk Exhibit 5. Do you recognize this as the | 18 | Q Okay. And the Fremont facility, is |
| 19 | shareholder letter that was on the Tesla website | 19 | that what we call Silevo? |
| 20 | for first quarter 2017, again signed by you? | 20 | A I guess that building, it is the |
| 21 | A Sure. | 21 | building in Fremont near the Tesla factory. I |
| 22 | Q All right. And on this, if you could | 22 | believe that was part of the Silevo subsidiary |
| 23 | go to the second page, to the "Advancing | 23 | of SolarCity. |
| 24 | Sustainable Energy," do you see here that this | 24 | Q I just want to make sure if I say |
| 25 | indicates that your megawatts deployed has gone | 25 | "Silevo," euphemistically, can we use Fremont |
| | Page 51 | _ _ _ | Page 53 |
| 1 | down to 150? | 1 | facility and Silevo for the same thing? |
| 2 | Do you see that? | 2 | A Silevo is more than that building. |
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| 3 | A Yes. | 3 | Q Okay. And when you say, "pilot |
| 4 | | 3 4 | Q Okay. And when you say, "pilot manufacturing," was that your belief that you |
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| 1 | out the engineering of the product or that it is | 1 | you said? |
| 2 | before you have gotten to that? | 2 | A Yes. |
| 3 | A When you design a product, you first | 3 | Q So in that timeline between concept, |
| 4 | come up with the product concept, you design the | 4 | creating a single product, creating a product |
| 5 | product, and then a prototype is, relatively | 5 | prototype and manufacturing, as of Q1, 2017, |
| 6 | speaking, easy compared to designing the | 6 | where were you on the solar roof? |
| 7 | manufacturing system. | 7 | A We were just at the beginning |
| 8 | What most people don't appreciate | 8 | Q Okay. |
| 9 | well, particularly in America these days, is the | 9 | A of what's called pilot. |
| 10 | difficulty of manufacturing. It's extremely | 10 | Q So you were at concept? |
| 11 | difficult. Especially manufacturing something | 11 | A Pilot just means you're at the very |
| 12 | new and different. | 12 | beginning. |
| 13 | So this is so you first must say, | 13 | Q What you said is that's the first |
| 14 | okay, we'll come up with an initial concept | 14 | stage that you're talking about, which was |
| 15 | design. Then let's let's try to figure out | 15 | concept? |
| 16 | how to make this initial product design. Then | 16 | A No. You have a concept |
| 17 | you have to keep iterating the product design | 17 | Q Okay. |
| 18 | and on the design of the manufacturing system. | 18 | A then you try to make you have a |
| 19 | The manufacturing system is at least | 19 | concept, you translate the concept into a |
| 20 | ten to 100 times more difficult than the product | 20 | detailed product design. You have to create the |
| 21 | design itself. | 21 | CAD drawings, you have to figure out the supply |
| 22 | Q Okay. That's very helpful. | 22 | chain and figure out all the pieces and put the |
| 23 | So as of Q1, 2017, in that sort of | 23 | pieces together, try to make them work. |
| 24 | litany, where were you between concept, | 24 | The concept is just an idea. |
| 25 | prototype, and manufacturing? Were you still on | 25 | Q Okay. |
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concept; were you in the middle of prototype or 2 were you at manufacturing? 3 A I think you're illustrating my point, which is, like most people, you don't understand 5 manufacturing. 6 Q Probably not. That's why I'm asking 7 questions. 8 Right. So making something, you could make one of something and that's -- you could 10 call that manufacturing. Or you could make, say, a thousand of something or 10,000 or a 11 million of something. And the difficulty of 12 manufacturing is roughly proportionate to that 13 14 rate. 15 I understand. 16

And from your definition, I'm just -you are the person who knows, not me. You said that -- and I was assuming that you were doing so linearly, which was first you have a concept, and then you can produce a single product, then you can produce prototypes, then you can manufacture, which you said is going into real

22 23 production that you said is ten to 100 times

24 harder than any of the others. 25

Is that an accurate recitation of what

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And then you try to build one of them, which is -- even that is very difficult. And

3 then you say, okay, and usually you get the

design wrong and you have to go through many iterations before you finally get the design

right after a great deal of effort, and then you 7 get the manufacturing process right at the same

8 time.

9 This is also extremely hard. It's just tragic and I think sad that America has moved away from manufacturing. It's really sad, 11 you know. And this is why people don't understand manufacturing and why you're asking 13

me these questions because you're just too far 14

from it. 15

16 But think if your talents could have 17 been applied in manufacturing instead of law, 18 that would have been much better.

I heard yesterday that 3 percent of the U.S. economy is legal services. That's one of the saddest facts I've heard in a long time.

22 All right. So --Q 23

Doesn't that seem wrong to you? Α

24 No, not at all. Q

25 I suppose it wouldn't. Α

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| 1 | Q Thank you. | 1 | Q You can see that the spreadsheets |
| 2 | So again, I'm trying to understand | 2 | match the blue line and the green line as well? |
| 3 | you. So as of Q1, 2017, you had a concept. Had | 3 | A On this chart, it's the same thing? |
| 4 | you and you had done your product you had | 4 | Q Yes. |
| 5 | done product design. | 5 | A Yes. |
| 6 | Had you actually yet come up with a | 6 | Q Now, was anything done differently at |
| 7 | working prototype as of first quarter 2017? | 7 | SolarCity to cause the slight uptick between Q1 |
| 8 | A I don't recall if it was exactly first | 8 | and Q2, 2017 in megawatts? |
| 9 | quarter of 2017. But I think, as I recall, yes, | 9 | A It looks like there was a big |
| 10 | we did have a working prototype around that | 10 | installation in Hawaii, I mean, differently. |
| 11 | period. | 11 | That appears to be one significant item. |
| 12 | Q Okay. And but you had not yet | 12 | Q And you had not started your |
| 13 | perfected it to the point of being able to | 13 | redeployment to the Model 3; is that correct? |
| 14 | manufacture, correct, as you have defined the | 14 | A No, we had started. Let me think |
| 15 | difficulties of manufacturing? | 15 | about this for a second. |
| 16 | A As we talked about earlier, there's | 16 | It was approximately mid 2017 that we |
| 17 | manufacturing at different scales. We certainly | 17 | did start doing redeploying. |
| 18 | did not have it refined to be able to | 18 | Q Okay. |
| 19 | manufacture it at scale. | 19 | A It was about two years ago. |
| 20 | Q Let's go to Q1, '17. I'm sorry, Q1 | 20 | Q So I am a little confused on your |
| 21 | Q2, '17, I apologize. | 21 | discussion. If you go to the first page and you |
| 22 | MR. BARON: Can you mark this as | 22 | see the last full paragraph before "Advancing |
| 23 | Exhibit 6. | 23 | Sustainable Transport." Do you see that one on |
| 24 | (Exhibit 6 was marked.) | 24 | Page 1 of this Exhibit 6? |
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| 1 | please. | 1 | A Yes, we reexamined some of those |
| 2 | (Exhibit 7 was marked.) | 2 | projects and decided that they were not it |
| 3 | BY MR. BARON: | 3 | didn't make sense to pursue them. |
| 4 | Q And Q3, 2017, the drop of megawatts | 4 | Q Did you make a decision not to |
| 5 | was to 109 megawatts. | 5 | disclose to shareholders that the reason that |
| 6 | Do you see that? | 6 | the megawatts were going down was also related |
| 7 | A Mm-hmm. | 7 | to redeployment of the SolarCity sales or |
| 8 | Q And again, you can see on Exhibit 7, | 8 | SolarCity employees' force? |
| 9 | Page 2 at the very bottom that we got that from | 9 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. |
| 10 | your shareholder letter. | 10 | THE WITNESS: There were like I |
| 11 | Do you see that? | 11 | said, some of the sales channels that we did |
| 12 | A Sorry, bottom of | 12 | not that we thought were not consistent |
| 13 | Q Bottom of Page 2. I just want you to | 13 | with the Tesla brand, such as door to door, |
| 14 | confirm that it is 109. | 14 | sort of knocking on people's doors, so we |
| 15 | Do you see that number there? | 15 | wanted to transition that to sales to the |
| 16 | A Yes. | 16 | Tesla stores instead. |
| 17 | Q All right. Now, the drop what | 17 | And it makes more sense, which I think |
| 18 | would have caused the drop to 109? Was that the | 18 | we've mentioned as one of the rationales for |
| 19 | redeployment or was that something else? | 19 | the SolarCity acquisition. |
| 20 | A Well, I think there were probably a | 20 | And then, you know, just reexamining |
| 21 | number of factors, but part of it would have | 21 | some of the large commercial industrial |
| 22 | been redeployment of resources and part of it | 22 | projects to make sure that they were not |
| 23 | would have been changing the nature of how sales | 23 | that they were financially sensible. |
| 24 | are done. | 24 | Q Do you agree with I'm sorry, I |
| 25 | We wanted to eliminate some of the | 25 | apologize. Are you done? |
| | D (2 | | Page 65 |
| 1 | Page 63 sales channels and transition them to different | 1 | A Yes. That's and then, like I said, |
| 2 | sales channels. | 2 | around mid 2017, we started redeploying. You |
| 3 | Q Okay. So in your shareholder letter, | 3 | can't just turn things on a dime. But we |
| 4 | you said that you deliberately deemphasized | 4 | started redeploying people towards the Model 3 |
| 5 | commercial and industrial solar projects. Is | 5 | as it became apparent that the Model 3 program |
| | that what you mean by altering sales channels? | 6 | was in much bigger trouble than we thought. |
| 6 | | 7 | Q You agree with me that this discussion |
| 7 | - | 8 | about the drop in megawatts does not say |
| 8 | certainly, with commercial and industrial | ŀ | anything about redeployment? You can read it |
| 9 | installations, have a high number of megawatts. | 9 | |
| 10 | But going to your earlier question of | 10 | again. |
| 11 | efficiency, or whether these things make natural | 11 | A Yes, I think it was minor at this |
| 12 | sense, the large projects are generally very low | 12 | point. |
| 13 | margin and can sometimes be a negative margin. | 13 | Q So that was the decision not to |
| 14 | So this actually is contrary to | 14 | discuss redeployment in this was because it was |
| 15 | efficiency. This is what I was trying to one | 15 | minor? |
| 16 | of the things I was trying to point out that | 16 | A At the time it was like I said, it |
| 17 | megawatts deployed and efficiency are not | 17 | started mid 2017. |
| 18 | necessarily the same thing. They may be, but | 18 | MR. BARON: Can I have Q4 and full |
| 19 | they aren't necessarily so. | 19 | year update, please. |
| 20 | And doing large installations, which | 20 | (Exhibit 8 was marked.) |
| 21 | have negligible and sometimes negative gross | 21 | MR. BARON: I'm showing you what's |
| 22 | margin, is not sensible. | 22 | been marked as Exhibit 8. It is the Tesla |
| 23 | Q Okay. So is that the reason you | 23 | fourth quarter and full year update and |
| 24 | deemphasized commercial and industrial solar | 24 | again signed by you from the Tesla website. |
| 25 | projects? | 25 | Q Do you recognize this document? |

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| 1 | A Yes. | 1 | So I think at various times we thought |
| 2 | Q Now going to the third page, middle of | 2 | we could solve the Model 3 issues and then |
| 3 | the page under, "Advanced Sustainable Energy," | 3 | redeploy the solar resources back on solar. |
| 4 | do you see that it says that, "We deployed | 4 | Unfortunately, the depth of the |
| 5 | 87 megawatts in 4Q 2017"? | 5 | Model 3 problems were just far greater than we |
| 6 | A Yes. | 6 | realized. Since we had never made cars at such |
| 7 | Q Now, again, as of 4Q 2017, had you yet | 7 | high volume before, we did not realize the |
| 8 | issued the edict that I think your quote was, | 8 | difficulty of large-scale manufacturing. It was |
| 9 | [as stated]: Everyone we could off of solar and | 9 | unchartered territory for us. |
| 10 | put them on to the Model 3. | 10 | So at various times, we were |
| 11 | Had you issued that edict as of Q4, | 11 | optimistic that we could redeploy resources back |
| 12 | 2017? | 12 | to solar and only need them temporarily. |
| 13 | A No, it was gradual over the course of | 13 | Q You made one statement which was we |
| 14 | about a year. | 14 | did not consider it, I guess, important enough |
| 15 | Q So as of Q4 2017, what percentage of | 15 | or significant enough to put into this 4Q letter |
| 16 | your solar employees were redeployed to the | 16 | to shareholders. |
| 17 | Model 3? | 17 | How do you make the determination as |
| 18 | A I don't recall. | 18 | to whether something is significant enough to |
| 19 | Q Was it more than half, was it a | 19 | put into the shareholder letter? |
| 20 | quarter, was it a | 20 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. |
| 21 | A I don't recall. | 21 | THE WITNESS: I mean, generally |
| 22 | Q Again, if you look at the paragraph | 22 | speaking, it has to pass a financial |
| 23 | where you discuss the, again, reduction in | 23 | materiality threshold where it is more than, |
| 24 | megawatts, it says: The decision to close sales | 24 | let's say, a few percent impact on the total |
| 25 | channel earlier this year and focus on project | 25 | financials of the company. |
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| 1 | with better margins. | ı | BY MR. BARON: |
| 2 | What did you mean by close certain | 2 | Q And at this point did you do some |
| 3 | sales channels? Is that getting rid of Home | 3 | analysis to see whether or not the redeployment |
| 4 | Depot and door-to-door? | 4 | that you were doing thus far in fourth quarter |
| 5 | A Yes, we wanted to wind down | 5 | of 2017 was financially immaterial? |
| 6 | door-to-door, and the Home Depot sales channel | 6 | A We did not think it was financially |
| 7 | decision I think took place over the course of | 7 | immaterial. |
| 8 | about a year because we could not immediately | 8 | Q Was there some analysis that did that? |
| 9 | exit the Home Depot sales channel because of | 9 | A We thought it was de minimus and |
| 10 | some existing contracts. | 10 | really not warranting an analysis at the time. |
| 11 | Q Again, this paragraph, you'll agree | 11 | MR. BARON: We are going to take a |
| 12 | with me, doesn't say anything about redeployment | 12 | break now. I will remind you that under |
| 13 | of the solar workforce to the Model 3; correct? | 13 | Delaware rules, you are not allowed to |
| 14 | A It does not appear to do that, yes. | 14 | discuss the deposition or the substance of |
| 15 | Q Is there a reason why you did not | 15 | the deposition with your counsel during the |
| 16 | disclose that as a reason or one of the reasons | 16 | breaks. |
| 17 | for the drop to 87? | 17 | VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of |
| 18 | A There's only so much you can put in a | 18 | media Number 1. Going off the record at |
| 19 | letter, so I don't think, you know, it warranted | 19 | 11:10 a.m. |
| 20 | being in the letter. And I think there was | 20 | (Recess taken.) |
| 21 | certainly at the the gravity of the Model 3 | 21 | VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the |
| 22 | situation was not immediately apparent. It took | 22 | beginning of media Number 2. Going back on |
| 23 | several quarters, several months at least, to | 23 | the record at 11:25 a.m. |
| 24 | understand the degree of difficulty of the | 24 | BY MR. BARON: |

Q As you were walking out after we went

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| 1 | off the record, you said something about | 1 | Q Okay. How what was the basis for |
| 2 | somebody being "reprehensible." What were you | 2 | you to put in this that you expected to grow |
| 3 | talking about? | 3 | later this year? And by that I assume you mean |
| 4 | A Oh, I thought you were reprehensible. | 4 | by end of 2018? |
| 5 | Q For what? | 5 | A Right, end of 2018. |
| 6 | A For attacking sustainable energy. | 6 | Q What was your basis for saying that if |
| 7 | Just, you seem like a very, very bad person. | 7 | you did not believe that you had ended your |
| 8 | Just a bad human being. And I hope you come to | 8 | deployment of SolarCity folks to Tesla Model 3 |
| 9 | regret your actions in the future, but you | 9 | program? |
| 10 | probably won't. And that's sad. | 10 | A At the time we did not realize the |
| 11 | Q So on your fourth quarter let me | 11 | full gravity of the difficulties with the |
| 12 | make sure. I want to make sure. | 12 | Model 3 program. It took us awhile to |
| 13 | Did you heed my admonition as to not | 13 | understand the scale of these difficulties. |
| 14 | discuss the deposition with your counsel during | 14 | As I said, we were in unchartered |
| 15 | the break? | 15 | territory. So many times we thought we were on |
| 16 | A I know that you're not supposed to | 16 | a good track with Model 3 and, unfortunately, we |
| 17 | discuss the deposition during the break, and I | 17 | were not. We would discover yet another issue |
| 18 | did not. | 18 | that we did not know about. |
| 19 | Q Now, in the same discussion on the | 19 | You do realize that it's been a |
| 20 | fourth quarter 2017, you also in your letter | 20 | century, a century since any American carmaker |
| 21 | said: We expect growth to resume later this | 21 | has reached volume production. One hundred |
| 22 | year. | 22 | years, that's how hard it is. Many have tried; |
| 23 | Do you see that? | 23 | they all failed. |
| 24 | MR. CHESLER: Sorry. Where are we? | 24 | And here you are attacking a company |
| 25 | MR. BARON: Again it's on that same | 25 | that has done this, done this good thing for the |
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| 1 | paragraph where it talks about 87 megawatts | 1 | United States, ultimately something that |
| 2 | being deployed in that quarter. So it's | 2 | benefits you and the world. |
| 3 | under "Advanced Sustainable Energy," abou | 3 | Q To bail out SolarCity? |
| 4 | the fifth paragraph down. | 4 | A You are a shameful person. |
| 5 | THE WITNESS: Yes. | 5 | Q To bail out SolarCity was good for the |
| 6 | BY MR. BARON: | 6 | world you're telling us? |
| 7 | Q Do you see at the end it says: We | 7 | A Advancing solar is absolutely good for |
| 8 | expect growth to resume later this year. | 8 | the world. |
| 9 | Do you see that? | 9 | Q They were all |
| 10 | A Yes. | 10 | A Do you just think about do you just |
| 11 | Q Is that because as of the end of | 11 | think about money? Is that your motivation? |
| 12 | fourth quarter 2017, you did not expect to be | 12 | What is your purpose in life? |
| 13 | deploying any more solar employees to the | 13 | Q My purpose is to try to get honest |
| 14 | Model 3 program? | 14 | answers out of you, Mr. Musk. I've not been |
| 15 | | | |
| | A The fourth quarter of 2017 update is | 15 | successful thus far. |
| 16 | A The fourth quarter of 2017 update is actually published in 2018. So this would | 15 16 | |
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| 16 | actually published in 2018. So this would | 16 | A Why do you do anything? |
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| 1 | try to move on. | 1 | But the most dire period for Model 3 |
| 2 | A You should think about it. Why do you | 2 | was around it was basically early to mid |
| 3 | do anything? What is the purpose of life? | 3 | 2018. So like last year, I would say that |
| 4 | Q So let's move on. | 4 | probably second quarter last year was the most |
| 5 | A What's good for the world, and is what | 5 | dire period for Model 3, although there were |
| 6 | you're doing good for it or not? | 6 | many dire periods. |
| 7 | MR. BARON: I'm going to mark as | 7 | Q So by the time you were in the most |
| 8 | Exhibit 9 the Tesla first quarter 2018 | 8 | dire period, was it your belief that your |
| 9 | shareholder update. | 9 | employees had done what you asked and moved |
| 10 | (Exhibit 9 was marked.) | 10 | everyone who could be moved off of solar on to |
| | BY MR. BARON: | 11 | Model 3? |
| 12 | Q Before I focus on this, help me out on | 12 | A Yes. But it's important to |
| 13 | your earlier statement that the reason that | 13 | appreciate, when there is a company that's sort |
| 14 | megawatts deployed has been trending down since | 14 | of over 40,000 people, just because you're the |
| 15 | the acquisition of SolarCity is because you | 15 | CEO does not mean what you ask for exactly |
| 16 | because you took everyone off of SolarCity and | 16 | happens. |
| 17 | put them on the Model 3. That was your words. | 17 | And, in fact, sometimes bizarrely, |
| 18 | A No, no. I said everyone that could | 18 | what you ask for, the opposite can happen or |
| 19 | reasonably be deployed. My my instructions | 19 | something orthogonal or approximately what you |
| 20 | were: Over time, not immediately, but over time | 20 | asked for. |
| 21 | to apply everyone that could reasonably be | 21 | So you may think things are one way |
| 22 | applied to the Model 3 program from solar and | 22 | but they are actually another way. This is the |
| 23 | from every other part of the company, not just | 23 | way it goes. |
| 24 | solar, to work on the Model 3 program because if | 24 | Q Did you ever learn that your |
| 25 | we did not solve the Model 3 program, if we did | 25 | instructions to redeploy everyone who could be |
| | Page 75 | | Page 77 |
| 1 | not solve scale production of car manufacturing, | 1 | redeployed to the Model 3 did not get carried |
| 2 | which no new company has sold for a century, | 2 | out? |
| 3 | then Tesla would die. | 3 | A I'm not aware of anything. |
| 4 | This was the right decision for the | 4 | Q Okay. |
| 5 | company, obviously. | 5 | A It wasn't just redeployment from |
| 6 | Q So at some point in time between Q3 | 6 | solar, it was also redeployment from solar |
| 7 | 2016 and Q1 2019, you, in fact, did take | 7 | storage I mean energy storage. So the power |
| 8 | everyone who could possibly be taken off solar | 8 | pack redeployed from Model S and X, from other |
| 9 | and put them on the Model 3 program; correct? | 9 | vehicle programs, from other future programs. I |
| 10 | A Those were my instructions. My | 10 | mean at various points, we even had the legal |
| 11 | instructions are followed to some degree but not | 11 | team delivering cars. |
| 12 | fully. This is the nature of a large company. | 12 | THE WITNESS: Jonathan, remember that? |
| 13 | Q Do you know whether or not they were | 13 | MR, CHANG: I do. |
| 14 | followed? | 14 | THE WITNESS: More than once. |
| 15 | A They were followed to some degree. | 15 | The point which you're redeploying |
| 16 | Q By when did it actually take place | 16 | literally the legal team and the HR |
| 17 | that everyone who could be taken off of solar | 17 | department and the finance department to |
| 18 | was placed on Model 3? | 18 | deliver cars, you're in effect redeploying |
| 19 | Give me a time frame by when that had | 19 | the solar team as well. |
| 20 | actually taken place. | 20 | BY MR. BARON: |
| 21 | A This is just this is an estimate | 21 | Q On Page 3 of what I've marked as |
| 22 | because obviously I do not have ESP. So I only | 22 | Exhibit 9, do you see under, "Advanced |
| 23 | know what people around me have said or if I | 23 | Sustainable Energy," the second paragraph talks |
| 24 | receive an email or text or something like that, | 24 | about: We also deployed 76 MW of solar energy |
| 25 | or perhaps I can do a best guess situation. | 25 | generation. |
| 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 | Q By when did it actually take place that everyone who could be taken off of solar was placed on Model 3? Give me a time frame by when that had actually taken place. A This is just — this is an estimate because obviously I do not have ESP. So I only know what people around me have said or if I receive an email or text or something like that, | 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 | literally the legal team and the HR department and the finance department to deliver cars, you're in effect redeploying the solar team as well. BY MR. BARON: Q On Page 3 of what I've marked as Exhibit 9, do you see under, "Advanced Sustainable Energy," the second paragraph about: We also deployed 76 MW of solar e |

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| 1 | Do you see that? | 1 | Is there a reason you chose not to do |
| 2 | A Which one? | 2 | so? |
| 3 | MR. CHESLER: It's the third paragraph | 3 | A I mean, there's limited space for what |
| 4 | under "Advanced Sustainable Energy." | 4 | we can put out in an earnings letter. |
| 5 | THE WITNESS: Yes. | 5 | Q Really? So that extra phrase that |
| 6 | BY MR. BARON: | 6 | extra sentence was beyond the capacity of Tesla |
| 7 | Q Again so that again is consistent | 7 | to write a sentence: And we are redeploying our |
| 8 | with what we have on the chart for Q1 2018; | 8 | employees from solar to the Model 3? |
| 9 | correct? It's again Exhibit 2. | 9 | A I think if you were to take a look at |
| 10 | A Yes. | 10 | the earnings transcripts of the earnings calls, |
| 11 | Q Is that right? | 11 | I suspect you would find comments to that |
| 12 | A Yes. | 12 | effect. |
| 13 | Q And, again, you indicate that the | 13 | Q Okay. But it wasn't because it was |
| | decline was due to the decision to shutter | 14 | not possible for Tesla to add another sentence |
| 14 | | 15 | to this paragraph; correct? That was within |
| 15 | certain sales channels and market segments. | | Tesla's capabilities? |
| 16 | Do you see that on the paragraph | 16 | |
| 17 | directly below? | 17 | A We could have added, I guess, an extra |
| 18 | A Yes. | 18 | sentence. But you can make that argument for |
| 19 | Q Again, there was no disclosure over | 19 | any extra sentence and then you would have a |
| 20 | the fact that you were redeploying and | 20 | book. So I think it's a silly point that you're |
| 21 | redeploying people from solar to Model 3; | 21 | making. |
| 22 | correct? | 22 | Q Okay. Now |
| 23 | A Correct. But, I mean, there were also | 23 | A But you said you wouldn't interrupt |
| 24 | no disclosures on the fact that we redeployed | 24 | me, sir, did you not? |
| 25 | the finance team, the legal team, the HR team, | 25 | Okay. You can't include everything, |
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| 2 | Q Let's go to second quarter 2018. | 2 | solar. |
| 3 | MR. BARON: We'll mark this as | 3 | Q You don't use that as a reason that |
| 4 | Exhibit 10, please. | 4 | your megawatts did not grow substantially; |
| 5 | (Exhibit 10 was marked.) | 5 | correct? |
| 6 | BY MR. BARON: | 6 | A There were many parts of the business |
| 7 | Q So on your your deployed megawatts | 7 | that suffered in order to make the Model 3 |
| 8 | were 84 as of Q2 2018. Do you see that? And | 8 | program succeed. |
| 9 | that is on, again, the third page under "Energy | 9 | MR. BARON: Let's move to so I can |
| 10 | Products," third paragraph. | 10 | have this right, can I have Q3, Exhibit 11? |
| 11 | A Yes. | 11 | (Exhibit 11 was marked.) |
| 12 | Q That's consistent with what is on the | i | BY MR. BARON: |
| 13 | chart that I have before you; correct? | 13 | Q Now, just so that I just want to |
| 14 | A Right. | 14 | make sure we have this right, which is you agree |
| 15 | Q Now, as of earlier you said that | 15 | with me that on Page 3 under "Energy Products," |
| 16 | you believed that by 2Q 2018 you believed that | 16 | you now disclosed that you deployed 93 megawatts |
| 17 | all of your directive to deploy everyone who | 17 | of solar energy power; correct? |
| 18 | could be deployed on to the Model 3 had been | 18 | A Yes. |
| 19 | done. | 19 | Q Why did it tick up between Q2 and Q3? |
| 20 | Is that still your testimony? | 20 | A I'm not sure. |
| 21 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of | 21 | Q But you were still deploying solar |
| 22 | the question. | 22 | folks to Model 3 during this time period; |
| 23 | THE WITNESS: Yes. This is not saying | 23 | correct? |
| 24 | everyone was redeployed, but everyone who | 24 | A Yes, probably yes. Yes, we were. |
| 25 | could reasonably be redeployed, those were | 25 | Yes. |
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1 a moment. 2 Are you familiar with what are ITCs? 3 A Investment tax credits? 4 Yes. Are you aware of the import of 5 investment tax credits to the solar business or 6 to solar installations? 7 I mean, generally when the cost of something increases as a result of, say, some type of action like a tax or credit change, then 10 one would expect the demand to decrease because 11 affordability is worse. 12 You understood that the ITC program 13 was being phased out dramatically at the time 14 that you acquired SolarCity; correct? 15 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. 16 THE WITNESS: I mean, I'm aware that 17 the investment tax credit had a phase down. 18 This was common knowledge. 19 BY MR. BARON: 20 Q And it's fair to say that the phase down of the ITC also affected the megawatts 21 22 deployed as well; correct? 23 A I guess that played a role. I mean, I personally have been focused on the Model 3 24 program because in the absence of getting that

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Page 87 As of --1 O. 2 Α I think that's not -- that's bad. I 3 agree. 4 Q And can you tell me what caused the 5 drop between 73 now to the lowest point ever, 47, in between Q4 2018 and Q1 2019? 7 A Well, there's for sure seasonality in solar installations. You can't just install 9 solar in the middle of a blizzard. 10 So it is typical for Q1 to be less 11 than Q4 by a significant margin, and that's been 12 the case in the past. 13 If you go from Q4 2016 to Q1 2017, you 14 see that Q1 2017 is a third higher than Q4 2016, 15 for example. 16 So you would expect some seasonality 17 to take effect. Despite seasonality, this is 18 still worse than it should be. 19 Q But that wasn't -- by that point in 20 time, again, everyone who could have been 21 deployed to Model 3 had been deployed; correct? 22 Yes. 23 Q So let's look at some other factors 24 that affected growth overall. The first was

that the growth was -- let me withdraw that for

right, Tesla is dead. And that remains true. So we continued to have challenges in Q1 2019, again, as is well documented. You expected -- you expected at the time of the acquisition that the ITC phase down would, in fact, reduce demand; correct? No. What I expected was that we would need to improve the cost of installation. The total cost of a solar installation would need to improve at a rate faster than the tax credit reduction. The tax credit reduction -- and I do largely agree with this -- should not be -well, a significant -- there's -- a significant tax credit should not be a long-term thing. Probably a minor tax credit or moderate tax credit should be a long-term thing

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You must price in externalities. And this is an unpriced externality.

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| 1 | Page 90 priced in by the market but it's not. | 1 | Page 92 fully solved, but we're close. It's close. |
| $\begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$ | Q SolarCity, before it was acquired by | 2 | This is why like you know, I guess |
| 3 | Tesla and you were chairman of SolarCity | 3 | I can sort of understand why you would want |
| | = 1 | 4 | to pursue this case in the beginning, but |
| 5 | prior to being acquired; correct? A Yes. | 5 | you will discover later this year that it's |
| 6 | | 6 | not been a good use of your time because you |
| 7 | Q Okay. A Although I have to say that it was | 7 | will see a dramatic increase in solar |
| 8 | difficult to do a good job as a chairman because | | installations. That is my prediction. |
| 9 | of the challenges that Tesla was facing. | | BY MR. BARON: |
| 10 | Q Okay. You understood that as the | 10 | Q At the time of the acquisition, the |
| | business model that SolarCity had, at least | 11 | Model 3 program had started; correct? |
| 11 | | 12 | A Yes. Well, barely. |
| 12 | prior to being acquired by Tesla, it | | |
| 13 | acknowledged that its business depends on the | 13 | |
| 14 | availability of rebates and tax credits and | 14 | working on the Model 3? |
| 15 | other financial incentives; correct? | 15 | A Sure. But like I said, making a small |
| 16 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. | 16 | number of cars, this is like the this is the |
| 17 | THE WITNESS: No, I don't think it's | 17 | great misunderstanding the tragic |
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| 19 | the cost the total cost of installation | 19 | know, of manufacturing difficulty. |
| 20 | improves over time at a rate faster than the | 20 | I would extend that lack of awareness |
| 21 | tax credit declines. | 21 | of manufacturing difficulty to myself and the |
| 22 | BY MR. BARON: | 22 | team. We thought it would be hard, but it was |
| 23 | Q This is why I'm at least trying to be | 23 | harder than that. |
| 24 | specific, so that I don't get accused of | 24 | There is a reason all those companies |
| 25 | misleading you. | 25 | went bankrupt trying to scale automotive |
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| $\frac{1}{2}$ | At the time that it was SolarCity and | 1 | production. The sheer amount of pain we went |
| 2 | you were the chairman of SolarCity | 2 | through is unreal. |
| 3 | A Yes. | 3 | Q At the time that you were starting the |
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| 1 | decision. | 1 | bet-the-company decision. |
| 2 | But I mean, I said this on many | 2 | And then if you go to something which |
| 3 | occasions. I'm not sure the first time I said | 3 | was, you know, sort of a Model S started out |
| 4 | it, but it would have been for years. | 4 | as a 20,000 unit per year rate. Ultimately it |
| 5 | Q Was it, you know, the end of 2015, the | 5 | got up to about 40 to 50,000 units a year. But |
| 6 | beginning of 2016? Just I just want to | 6 | then you embark upon a program aspiring to |
| 7 | A I think probably whenever the topic | 7 | 400,000 cars a year, it's necessarily a |
| 8 | came up. | 8 | bet-the-company decision. |
| 9 | Q Give it when do you think the time | 9 | Q I want to go back to the idea of the |
| 10 | frame when is it that you first knew that the | 10 | ITCs. In the analysis that — in the |
| 11 | Model 3 program was going to be a | 11 | discussions that were contained in the proxy and |
| 12 | bet-the-company kind of a concept? | 12 | the projections in the proxy, the ITCs were |
| 13 | A I think probably from the beginning of | 13 | included therein, correct, as a projection for |
| 14 | Tesla I would have thought this. Obviously. | 14 | what could be achieved? |
| 15 | Why wouldn't | 15 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. |
| 16 | Q Sorry. | 16 | MR. BARON: That's a horrible |
| 17 | A My apologies. I don't mean to | 17 | question. I apologize. Let me fix it. |
| 18 | interrupt you because I said I would not. | 18 | Q So in the projections that were |
| 19 | Q The Model 3 wasn't your original idea, | 19 | provided to shareholders in connection with |
| 20 | though. The Model 3 came after the Model S; | 20 | seeking approval of the acquisition of |
| 21 | correct? | 21 | SolarCity, those contained benefits from the |
| 22 | A No, the Model 3 was always the intent | 22 | ITCs; correct? |
| 23 | of Tesla from the very beginning. | 23 | A Yes. |
| 24 | Q Okay. | 24 | Q Okay. And also in connection with |
| 25 | A I wrote in 2006 the master plan for | 25 | that shareholder vote and the S4, because there |
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| 1 | Tesla and step 3 was an affordable car, at least | 1 | was stock issued, you included a number of risk |
| 2 | reasonably affordable. It's not as affordable | 2 | factors. |
| 3 | as we would like. | 3 | Do you recall that? |
| 4 | Q So but as by the time that you | 4 | A These risk factors are always included |
| 5 | started considering buying SolarCity, you were | 5 | in public companies. I mean, they generally are |
| 6 | aware that the Model 3 program was going to be | 6 | on the side of extreme conservatism, but yes. |
| 7 | significantly and potentially be a | 7 | Q But in there you identified the risk |
| 8 | bet-the-company kind of a program; correct? | 8 | factors for both Tesla and SolarCity are the |
| 9 | A I think, yes. I mean, I knew this | 9 | risk factors that included in there are risk |
| 10 | from the beginning of Tesla. Anyone who thought | 10 | factors that were set forth in SolarCity's |
| 11 | about it for a second would know this too. Not | 11 | public filings. |
| 12 | only was the Model 3 a bet-the-company decision, | 12 | Do you recall saying that? |
| 13 | so was the first car we made, the Roadster, and | 13 | I can show it to you. It's just a |
| 14 | so was the Model S. | 14 | foundational question. I want |
| 15 | The Model X was not a bet-the-company | 15 | A It's water under the bridge. My |
| 16 | decision because the relative scale was not | 16 | memory isn't perfect, that's for sure. |
| 17 | you know, it wasn't a 10x increase in output. | 17 | Q Okay. It's fair to say, though, that |
| 18 | Obviously, the first car you make | 18 | shareholders of Tesla who agreed to the |
| 19 | obviously the first product you make is | I9 | acquisition, had they traced back the risk |
| 20 | obviously a bet-the-company decision. Then if | 20 | factors would have been would have known that |
| 21 | you try to scale something going from the | 21 | it was, in fact, a risk factor that if the ITCs |
| 22 | Roadster at roughly 500 cars a year to the | 22 | went away, that could be detrimental to the |
| 23 | Model S, which started off at around 20,000 cars | 23 | business; correct? |
| 24 | per year, if you have something which increases | 24 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. |
| 25 | by a factor of 40, that's obviously a | 25 | THE WITNESS: It's for sure |

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| | 1 | detrimental to the business if we do not | 1 | that for the SolarCity acquisition to be a |
| | 2 | improve the cost of installation, the total | 2 | viable acquisition, there had to be a means by |
| | 3 | cost of installation at a rate faster than | 3 | which there was a cost-cutting plan that equaled |
| | 4 | the ITC credit reduction. | 4 | or exceeded the benefits to the ITC that were |
| | 5 | Just sort of stepping back here for a | 5 | going away; correct? |
| | 6 | second. I mean it when I say I think you | 6 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. |
| | 7 | guys are wasting your time here. I would | 7 | Misstates the testimony. |
| | 8 | recommend you don't apply more resources to | 8 | MR. BARON: No. I'm asking a |
| | 9 | this until end of the year or later because | 9 | question. |
| | 10 | you will see a dramatic increase in the | 10 | Q I don't care whether you said that or |
| | 11 | megawatts deployed. That's my prediction. | 11 | not. I want to know whether it's true. |
| | 12 | Maybe I'm wrong, but that's my | 12 | Do you agree that at the time of the |
| | 13 | prediction right now. Then this will look | 13 | acquisition, Mr. Musk, for it to make any sense, |
| | 14 | all quite silly and then you will have | 14 | people had to be sure that there was a |
| | 15 | wasted your time and everyone else's. And | 15 | cost-cutting program that could equal or exceed |
| | 16 | it's just like why? Life is short. There's | 16 | the benefits to the ITC program? |
| | 17 | better things to do. | 17 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. |
| | 18 | BY MR. BARON: | 18 | BY MR. BARON: |
| | 19 | Q So was there a plan was there some | 19 | Q That's the only way it makes sense; |
| | 20 | plan that actually did what you just said which | 20 | right? |
| | 21 | said, this is what we're going to lose in ITCs; | 21 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to form. |
| | 22 | this is what we have to make up in costs and we | 22 | THE WITNESS: No. You're sort of |
| | 23 | can do that by doing the following? | 23 | stating the question in a sort of trickstery |
| | 24 | Is there a plan somewhere that I have | 24 | way. You can't be sure of these things. |
| | 25 | missed in the 2 million documents that have been | 25 | How can you be sure of these things? |
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| | 1 | produced in here that actually sets that forth? | 1 | How much are you sure of? Probably |
| | 2 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to form. | 2 | shouldn't be sure of a lot because, I mean, |
| | 3 | THE WITNESS: I mean, I've been quite | 3 | hopefully the sun rises tomorrow. It's |
| i | 4 | distracted with this Model 3 program, at the | 4 | likely, but it's not certain. |
| | 5 | risk of like mentioning the word "Model 3" | 5 | So well, that is one of the more |
| | 6 | too many times. | 6 | certain things. But predicting the outcome |
| | 7 | Man, I got major scar tissue in the | 7 | of businesses and, you know, acquisitions, |
| | 8 | brain from the Model 3 program. That was a | 8 | you know, if that's if the requirement |
| | 9 | hard one. | 9 | for doing so is that you bat 1,000, then |
| | 10 | So the principle that the total cost | 10 | there will be no acquisitions. |
| | 11 | of installation needs to decline faster than | 11 | The same goes for starting any company |
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the investment tax credit decline is obvious. But as we talked about, we had this very difficult distraction with the Model 3 program. It's not over yet, but I think it will be over soon. And then we can apply a lot of attention to the solar system and we can get the costs down, and this will be a dramatic turnaround. So here you have it on record. Let's see what happens. 23 BY MR. BARON:

Q My concern is at the time of the 24 acquisition, it was well known to you at least

The same goes for starting any company or trying to grow any company or trying to launch a new product, that comes with a lot of risk and a lot of unknown and you make these decisions and you do your best and hopefully it's a good outcome. And it's a very difficult and arduous

thing to make electric cars and do solar power. And fighting all these incumbent interests that are very powerful, but it's a very important thing for the world. We need to accelerate this advent of sustainable energy or it's going to be bad for all of earth. We have to do it. We have to do it even though it's very difficult and it's

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Page 102 very hard. So that's what we have to try to 1 2 3 And we have to temporarily focus on 4 the car because, otherwise, Tesla would go 4 the reason. 5 The actual explanation, which is worth 5 bankrupt and then there would not be 6 anything. And it required immense effort; many innovative 7 Now, we're almost through with the car 8 difficulties, with the Model 3 difficulties. 9 Just a little bit longer and then we can 10 10 focus on the solar, and you'll see a dramatic turnaround. And my guess is like 11 11 12 quite dramatic before this year is over. 12 That's what will occur in my opinion. 13 14 direction. I'm not certain of it, but I would say 14 15 I have pretty high confidence. 15 16 BY MR. BARON: 17 Q Okay. So let's go with the "pretty 17 Q At the time of the acquisition, there high confidence" phrase, since we can't be 18 18

19 certain of anything.

At the time that you -- at the time 20 21 that you were -- that Tesla was acquiring 22 SolarCity, for it to make sense as an

acquisition, somebody had to be -- what was the 23

phrase that you said -- have pretty high 24

25 confidence that they would be able to cut costs

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equal or exceeding the amount of loss from ITC 1 2 credits; correct?

3 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of the question. 4

5 BY MR. BARON:

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6 I'm trying to be untricky.

A The principle, of course, is true.

8 The principle, of course, is true. I stated

that myself. But the nature of these things is

you have to apply a lot of resources to get the 10

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costs down. It's not like some simple thing.

12 You know, and it ends up being like 13 sort of a game of pennies. And you chip away at

it. It's not somebody accidentally put a brick 14 of gold in the solar panel, and if you just got 15

rid of that brick of gold, that would really

improve the costs. It's not like that. 17 It's chiseling away at pennies,

19 fractions of a penny; takes a lot of effort, a

lot of hard work. And that's what ultimately

21 results in improving the efficiency of the

22 system.

And it's easy to sort of try to come 23 24

makes things lower cost. For example, with

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up with some sort of pithy description of what

Page 104 Henry Ford, people say, oh, he got the moving

production line and that's why the Model T

dropped in cost so dramatically. That was not

reading, is much more complicated than that.

ideas; a lot of people working incredibly hard;

changing the way people even thought about

production in so many ways.

This is what we'll have to do with solar. And we have a lot of good people at Tesla. And now we'll swing things in the other

So just as we took solar resources and applied them to the Model 3, we will take

Model 3 resources and apply them to solar.

19 was no specific plan as to how you would actually be able to cut costs to offset the

losses in the ITC; correct? 21

MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.

23 BY MR. BARON:

24 An actual plan as opposed to just an 25 idea?

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MR. CHESLER: Same objection.

THE WITNESS: I mean, I think there was some plan. But it's sort of like the --

you know, it's like Helmuth Moltke said, I

4 5 think it's the start of war, the first thing

that happens is your plan is wrong. So if 6 that's the first thing that happens is you 7

8 discover your plan is wrong, so --

9 BY MR. BARON:

Q I'm sorry.

It's like -- so you have the plan and 11

then it's wrong. This is like -- the reality of 12 the successive iteration, and sometimes two 13

steps forward, one step back. I really hate it 14

15 when it's two steps forward and three steps

16 back. This happens as well.

> But you gradually sort of chip away at it; a lot of work. And then that's how you actually make things more efficient. It's not

some sort of, you know, plan, it's -- you don't 20

know what these things are until you -- at a 21 22 detailed level until you actually attack them.

And usually you find out that your 24 initial assumptions are wrong. In fact, you

always find out your initial assumptions were

Page 106 1 wrong. And then you keep at it and keep at it. 2 And a lot of smart people tackle the problem, 3 and eventually over time you make it cost less. 4 And we're just too distracted with the 5

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Model 3 program to do that for solar. But if a plan, per se, is what -- the point I'm making is that this is -- this presupposes knowledge of all of the little things that you need to do to

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It's not one thing; it's thousands of things that you don't even know until you try to solve them. And so until you apply a lot of smart people to the problem, it just does not get better.

Now, I wish we had not had all of these difficulties with the Model 3 program, but we did. The shocking thing is that we're still alive. That's the shocking thing.

And this is -- if you ask people before the Model 3 program, including all of these industry experts and these auto experts and, you know, these like ex-CEOs of big car companies, how many of them said we would succeed with the Model 3 program. Zero.

As far as I know, zero. If there was

achieve an offset to the ITC loss by cutting costs?

MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form and lack of time frame.

THE WITNESS: I mean, there was some things that we thought would be helpful such as selling solar through our stores because we already have the stores and we already have the expense of the stores.

So adding some additional products to the stores would not significantly increase the cost. And so we would have like an extra product to sell through the stores, and that would for sure improve the cost of sales, which is one of the biggest -- in fact, this is one of the things I really don't like is that the cost of sales was higher than the cost of the solar panel.

That's no good at all. You can't have that. So that's for sure a thing to improve.

Yes.

23 BY MR. BARON:

So are you aware of a plan that was 24 25 shared with the Tesla board of directors that

someone who said we would succeed, I'm not aware of this person because they know how hard it is.

- Can I get back to my questions now?
- Certainly. 4 Α
 - So my question was on the plan. You said there were. Did you ever see a written
- plan as to anybody who believed that there was a
- means by which they could cut costs to offset
- the loss in the ITCs? Did you ever actually see 10 a --
- Yes, I believe I did see some plan. 11 Α
- 12 But I don't put much stock in these things for
- 13 the reasons I just explained.
- Who prepared that plan that you think 14 Q 15 you saw?
- I assume it was the SolarCity 16
- 17 management team. Who else would it be?
- So was that a plan that existed prior 18
- 19 to the acquisition by Tesla of SolarCity?
- 20 Yes. I remember seeing many plans 21 along the way from SolarCity to reduce the costs
- 22 and I kept pressing them to do so.
- 23 Was there ever a plan prepared by
- 24 SolarCity -- I mean by Tesla management as to
- how they believed that they could actually

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- said this is the plan that we believe will be able to offset the loss of ITCs? Is there a
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- plan that was provided to that board?
 - A I don't know about a plan -- the board -- was everyone on the board. I don't
- recall exactly. I know there were various plans 7 presented. But for the reasons I mentioned
 - earlier, I do not put much stock in these plans.

9 The best laid plans of mice and men,

- 10 as they say, do not materialize. What actually 11 happens is you -- when you actually go to tackle
- the problem, you find out what the real issues 12
- 13 are. You fight very hard, and you need a lot of
- 14 smart people working very hard. And then that's
- how you actually solve it. 15

16 These plans usually are not very important because the circumstances end up being 17

- different than you realized. But this is
- generally true. This is not something specific 19
- 20 to solar, it's broadly true.
- O Well, it's true that you as chairman 21 22 of SolarCity at the time knew that the ITC
- 23 credits or ITC program was going to be wound 24 down; right?
 - It wasn't exactly top secret.

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| 1 | Q It wasn't exactly top secret. And | 1 | A I don't know if it was exactly April |
| 2 | SolarCity, while you were chairman of SolarCity, | 2 | 2017, but I did want to stop annoying people with this door-to-door sales thing. It seems |
| 3 | never came up with a plan to offset those at the | 3 | like interrupting people at their homes is not |
| 4 | time? | 4 5 | 1 01 1 |
| 5 | There was not a plan that anybody had | | good. |
| 6 | that anybody believed would work that would | 6 | Q And did you fire the door-to-door salesmen or did you redeploy them at the time? |
| 7 | offset the ITCs at the time; correct? | 7 8 | |
| 8 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. | | |
| 9 | THE WITNESS: No, I don't think so. | 9 10 | were let go. |
| | BY MR. BARON: | | Q Okay. Now, as annoying A Sorry. |
| 11 | Q You think there was a plan that was | 11 12 | A Sorry. Q As annoying as door-to-door salesmen |
| 12 | working? | 13 | are, I don't disagree with you |
| 13 | A Yes. I do recall seeing many plans. | 14 | A Yes. |
| 14 | Q Were they working? | 15 | Q that did provide some sales and and |
| 15 | A I mean, SolarCity was doing okay at | 16 | that did increase the megawatts for SolarCity; |
| 16 | the time. | 17 | correct? I mean yes, for SolarCity. |
| 17 | Q And how do you define "okay"? | 18 | A It did, yes. So we knew there would |
| 18 | A They were | 19 | be a short-term or at least some period of time |
| 19 | Q They were better than they are doing | 20 | hit on demand until we transitioned demand to |
| 20 | now; I got you there. But they were bleeding cash; they had no cash flow from operations; | 21 | hopefully go through our stores, and then to |
| 21 | | 22 | improve the online sales process and the |
| 22 | they had huge debt. | 23 | customer referral program, which is kind of |
| 23 24 | What do you mean they were doing A So was Tesla, by the way. | 24 | where you really want the demand to be driven. |
| 25 | A So was Tesla, by the way. Q Well, a lot of people don't think | 25 | Q And then in June of 2018, you |
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| 1 | Tesla was doing too good at the time either. | 1 | indicated that you were doing a couple of |
| 2 | A Right. Exactly. | 2 | things, one is you were — and this was in a tweet from you, that you were letting go of |
| 3 | Q Or now. | 3 4 | approximately 9 percent of your employees; |
| 4 | A Exactly. | | correct? |
| 5 | Q There you go. | 5 | |
| 6 | MR. CHESLER: I'm not sure what that | 6 | A Of salaried employees, yes, not of hourly. |
| 7 | Was. | 8 | Q Okay. So of the folks that we were |
| 8 | MR. BARON: I'm not sure the purpose | 9 | talking about redeployment, were engineers |
| 9 | of that either. MR. CHESLER: I was only an observer. | | salaried? |
| 10 | | 11 | A Yes. With some exceptions, but yes. |
| 11 12 | unlike you. THE WITNESS: Stop sledding up there. | | Well, yes. Not all engineers but most engineers |
| 13 | I tell you, if you look at that like a stock | 13 | are salaried. |
| 14 | app on the iPhone, I call that the hate | 14 | Q Management, is management salaried? |
| 15 | stream. Just one nonstop hate stream after | 15 | A Yes. |
| 16 | - | 16 | Q Okay. Are sales did you consider |
| 17 | you tired of this? | 17 | sales salaried? |
| | BY MR. BARON: | 18 | A Well, some sales have sort of |
| 19 | | 19 | commission elements. So it's not entirely |
| 20 | | 20 | salary. Some |
| | the decline in megawatts at in the solar | 21 | Q In the 9 percent that you were laying |
| 21 22 | business after it was acquired. | 22 | off across the country in June |
| 23 | The first thing that happened in April | 23 | A Worldwide. |
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| | of 2017 was you stopped doing door-to-door | 124 | O worldwide, sorry. That you were |
| 24 25 | of 2017 was you stopped doing door-to-door sales; correct? | 24 | Q Worldwide, sorry. That you were laying off in June, did those include sales |

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| 1 | folks? | 1 | expectation was that it would have a big effect |
| 2 | A Yes, I think there was yes, I think | 2 | on solar. |
| 3 | it did include sales folks. | 3 | But the attention was not on solar. |
| 4 | Q Okay. And service, are service | 4 | The attention was the Model 3 program, as I've |
| 5 | salaried or some of them are and some are not? | 5 | mentioned many times. So I was not |
| 6 | A You mean service generally those | 6 | micromanaging the solar program; I was busy |
| 7 | who are managers, generally do not have they | 7 | micromanaging the Model 3 program. You can only |
| 8 | are on salary. And those who are if you're a | 8 | micromanage so much. It's not easy. |
| 9 | service technician, then you're hourly. | 9 | Q So as part of the 9 percent cut, that, |
| 10 | Q Of that 9 percent, some of them were | 10 | in fact, did sharply downsize the residential |
| 11 | also SolarCity service folks? | 11 | solar business; isn't that correct? |
| 12 | A I do not I don't know specifically | 12 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to form. |
| 13 | what the exact numbers were. This - I mean, | 13 | THE WITNESS: No, I don't think |
| 14 | the larger point was we needed to reduce our | 14 | there's something that was not intent or |
| 15 | costs in order to break even | 15 | expectation of downsizing the solar business |
| 16 | Q But | 16 | that I |
| 17 | A across the company. | 17 | BY MR. BARON: |
| 18 | Q you'll acknowledge that by reducing | 18 | Q It also included the closing of about |
| 19 | the number of employees that you have working in | 19 | a dozen installation facilities too as well; |
| 20 | solar, that is going to affect the ability for | 20 | right? Isn't that what happened when you |
| 21 | the business to grow. It may be more | 21 | announced the 9 percent cut? |
| 22 | profitable, but it's not going to grow as much; | 22 | A I think by "installation |
| 23 | correct? | 23 | facilities," do you mean like warehouses? I |
| 24 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to form. | 24 | think that's what you mean. There were some |
| | BY MR. BARON: | 25 | warehouses that I was told were not worth it and |
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| 1 | Page 115 Q Less sales, less salespeople, less | 1 | so we closed some warehouses. That's my |
| 2 | sales; that's not brain surgery? | 2 | understanding. |
| 3 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to form. | 3 | I don't call them installation |
| 4 | THE WITNESS: No, I think that the | 4 | facilities. They are storage places for solar, |
| 5 | actually, our Model 3 sales grew quite a bit | 5 | you know, warehouses. |
| 6 | from Q2 last year to Q3 and Q4. And then we | 6 | Q I'll show you where I got that from |
| 7 | had a lot of logistics challenges especially | 7 | and you can tell me whether it's wrong. |
| 8 | in Q1 of this year and they declined. | 8 | MR. BARON: Can I have the Reuters' |
| 1 | BY MR. BARON: | 9 | article? |
| | | 10 | THE WITNESS: God, not Reuters. They |
| 10 | Q So are you saying that the layoff of 9 percent of the worldwide workforce had no | 11 | are the worst. |
| 11 | <u> </u> | 12 | |
| 12 | effect on the SolarCity business or the | 13 | Q You're welcome to tell me it's false. |
| 13 | megawatts deployed? | 14 | A Reuters has written so many false |
| 14 | A You keep trying to phrase these | 15 | articles. They should get a metal. |
| 15 | questions in a tricky manner. | 16 | MR. BARON: Can you mark this as |
| 16 | Q I don't know why. But if you can't | 17 | THE WITNESS: Wait, give them the |
| 17 | answer the question, I'll ask it again if you | | Jayson Blair award. Remember that guy? |
| 18 | think it's tricky. | 18 | MR. CHESLER: I do. |
| 19 | A Because, I mean, you'll use | 19 | THE WITNESS: Award for best fiction |
| 20 | absolutisms, so like "no effect," for example, | 20 | |
| 21 | which is silly. That's because, obviously, zero | 21 | in the news industry goes to Reuters. Send |
| 22 | is a small number. So probably had some small | 22 | them a trophy. |
| 23 | effect. But did it have a big effect? | 23 | (Exhibit 14 was marked.) |
| 24 | Certainly at the time this does not the | 24 | |
| 25 | intent was not to neither the intent nor the | 25 | Q So I have before you a Reuters' |

Page 120 Page 118 1 article from June 22nd, 2018. In the first solar customer service. 2 paragraph it says, if you can see: Electric car If you go to the next page, there is a maker Tesla Inc.'s move last week to cut 3 discussion about the Home Depot partnership 4 being terminated at the same time. 9 percent of its workforce will sharply downsize 5 It is correct that you announced that residential solar business. Is that a true statement or a false you were going to terminate the Home Depot partnership, again around June of 2017 -- or statement? 2018; correct? A No. I mean, I was certainly not -- it 9 A Yes, we wanted to exit the Home Depot was certainly not my expectation or opinion that 10 sales channel. It just didn't look good having it would sharply downsize residential solar. 11 a Tesla sales, you know, sort of kiosk in Home Q So you think that is a false Depot. This was just sort of inconsistent with statement? Yes. 13 sort of the way Tesla likes to operate. 14 We tried various ways to have the Okay. And the second paragraph it solar sales at Home Depot look good and feel indicates, if you can see in the middle of the good. But it's just too bleak in there because first paragraph: It would include closing about 16 17 there is no way. a dozen installation facilities. And then also Home Depot was asking Is that a true statement or false 18 19 for quite egregious terms on -- like the amount statement? A It's incorrect to call these 20 that they wanted per solar sale was -- my understanding was quite high. And thus, this installation facilities. They are warehouses. 21 made it difficult to have affordable solar. Okay. The third paragraph it says: 22 About 60 installation facilities remain open. 23 So the combination of those two things 24 seemed as though we should not be working with according to an internal company list reviewed by Reuters. An internal company email named 14 Home Depot. Page 121 Page 119 So according to this article again, if facilities slated for closure, but the other 1 2 you go to the next page on the article where it list included only 13 of those locations. Is that a false statement as there was starts with, "High marketing costs." not closure of 13 or 14 facilities? 4 It says that the partnership with Home 5 Depot accounted for about half of the sales of A I mean, I don't recall the exact 6 number. But I always thought that there were solar systems. 7 warehouses that were not being useful. And, so, Is that an accurate statement? 8 Well, in this case they are saying you know, closing down warehouses that are not that some analyst thinks it's half of the sales. useful seems like a good thing to do. Q On the next page, second full I'm not sure if we thought it was half the paragraph: The company also fired dozens of 11 sales. I don't recall being told that it was customer service staffers at call centers in 12 half the sales. 13 What percentage of the sales were Nevada and Utah. related -- came through Home Depot as far as you Is that correct? Well, I mean, there were headcount 15 understood? I don't recall the exact number. But reductions throughout the company and this was 16 not -- so this was obviously not excluded. 17 I thought it was closer to

Okay. So it's not incorrect?

A I don't know the exact number here or

20 whether this is actually an accurate statement

21 by Reuters because they've made so many

22 inaccurate statements.

23 But it stands to reason that if we're

making headcount reductions throughout the 24 company, that we would not specifically exclude

25 Okay. And before you made the

I'm sorry, I didn't --

So -- but I don't recall an exact

result in a short-term decline in sales, but one

that we could make up through selling solar

number. But we thought those would probably

something like that.

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Page 124 Page 122 is shifting sales worldwide to online only. decision to get out of the Home Depot market, 1 1 2 Do you recall issuing that 8K? 2 did you actually get an analysis as to what percentage of the sales were going through it? 3 A There is a misunderstanding of what 3 4 was meant by "online only." This is not Did you actually have some of that 4 implying that we would not have stores. But the 5 5 information before you made the decision or was stores would be an information conduit and a way 6 it just sort of your sense? A My focus was on the Model 3, as it 7 for people to get educated about electric cars 7 8 and solar. should have been. So somebody else made that decision to 9 And so they would be something that --9 get out of Home Depot, that wasn't you? 10 the stores would still continue to induce sales, 10 but they would induce sales via online ordering 11 11 No. I knew this was not a long-term as opposed to ordering through a salesperson at 12 good thing for Tesla or for solar sales because of the costs and the -- I thought people just 13 the store. 13 14 Q And is that -didn't have a good impression of Tesla solar in This was, unfortunately, my mistake in the Home Depot store. 15 Α 15 not communicating this well. I did not It just didn't -- it wasn't -- not 16 16 communicate this well. So the stores would 17 good vibes, so --17 18 largely remain open except for the ones that had 18 Was it you, though, that made the 19 decision? 19 very low foot traffic. 20 But when somebody went into the store, 20 To exit Home Depot? Α 21 they would -- they could ask any questions they 21 Yes. 0 22 want; they could get a test drive; they could 22 Yes. I think this is not a thing we 23 want to do. Tesla doesn't sell cars through 23 ask questions about solar, power wall. But when it came time to buy or to order, the team would 24 Home Depot or something else, so we just didn't 24 show people how to order solar or car or power want to do solar through Home Depot. 25 Page 125 Page 123 wall on their phone online. 1 Q But you personally were of that 1 MR. BARON: Okay. Why don't we take 2 2 opinion? another break and we'll move on to a whole 3 3 Yes. I'm of the opinion and shared by Α 4 new subject. I don't know what you guys 4 others, but yes. 5 want to do. Do we want to do a lunch break 5 When you expressed your opinion that they should be out of the Home Depot stores, did 6 now or do we want to do a lunch break later? 6 you actually have some data as to how much sales 7 (Discussion off the record.) 8 VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of that would cause a reduction of? 9 tape 2. Going off the record at 12:41 p.m. 9 A I did not know precisely what the 10 result would be. But I felt confident that we 10 (Recess taken.) VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the could address this in the long-term. 11 11 beginning of media Number 3. Going back on 12 Last series before we take a break 12 0 13 13 again. the record at 1:07 p.m. 14 MR. BARON: Will you mark this next in 14 Is the discussion that -- the 15 order, please. announcement that you put in an 8K in late 15 16 (Exhibit 15 was marked.) February, early March, that you were shifting to 16 17 BY MR. BARON: all online sales, later to be walked back. 17 Q I'm showing you a document that's been 18 Do you recall that announcement? 18

32 (Pages 122 - 125)

marked as Exhibit 15. This is entitled,

Co-plaintiffs' First Set of Interrogatories,"

and is a document in which we identified a

number of public statements that you made and

asked that you provide us with the documents

that you believe supported those statements.

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MR. CHESLER: Objection to form.

THE WITNESS: You're talking about

Tesla automotive sales? Sorry, what are you

Well, it says: To achieve prices

while remaining financially sustainable, Tesla

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| 1 | Page 126 | 1 | Page 128 the normal definition of the word support. I |
| 1 | Do you recall reviewing this document? | 1 2 | don't think there's some special definition of |
| 2 | A This specific document? Q Yes. If you'll take a look at the end | 3 | support we're talking about here. |
| | Q Yes. If you'll take a look at the end of it, there is the second to last page, it | 4 | Q Well, were you of the understanding |
| 4 5 | is the verification pursuant to 10 Delaware C | 5 | that we were asking whether or not this is |
| | Section 3927, and you will see that there is a | 6 | information in the record that somehow |
| 6 | signature by I believe it is you. You can | 7 | corroborates what you said or whether it was |
| 7 | tell me. | 8 | information that you relied on before you made |
| 8 | | 9 | the statements? |
| 9 | MR. CHESLER: I'm sorry, can we just | | |
| 10 | interrupt for a second? | 10 | A I'm not sure what you mean. |
| 11 | (Discussion off the record.) | 11 12 | Q Well, the documents that are listed |
| 12 | VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record at | 13 | here on Exhibit 1, are these all documents that you reviewed before or at the time that you made |
| 13 | 1:09 p.m. | | • |
| 14 | (Recess taken.) | 14 15 | the statements set forth in the interrogatories? |
| 15 | VIDEOGRAPHER: Going back on the | | A I mean, I think I believed that I reviewed these documents, but there is a lot of |
| 16 | record at 1:11 p.m. BY MR. BARON: | 16 | · · |
| | | 17 | documents here. So it's possible I was mistaken. But I believe I reviewed all of these |
| 18 | Q Am I correct that under the | 18 19 | |
| 19 | verification page, that is your name and your | | documents. |
| 20 | signature? | 20 | Q Before you made the statements or |
| 21 | A Yes. | 21 | before you signed this document? |
| 22 | Q And you signed this document on the | 22 | A Before signing this document. |
| 23 | basis that the responses are true to the best of | 23 | Q Did you review any or all of these |
| 24 | your knowledge, information and belief, and you | 24 | documents before you made the statements that |
| 25 | declared under the penalty of perjury under the | 25 | are identified in the interrogatories? |
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| 1 | laws of the State of Delaware that the foregoing | 1 | A I believe I did. |
| 2 | was true and correct; is that correct? | 2 | Q Okay. |
| 3 | A Yes. | 3 | A But if you're asking me to recall |
| 4 | Q All right. Prior to your signing the | 4 | every single one of these things I thought |
| 5 | verification, did you actually read the | 5 | I think I did. But that's not the same it's |
| 6 | document? | 6 | possible I made a mistake of some kind. |
| 7 | A I believe I did. | 7 | Q We're going to go through them, so I |
| 8 | Q And you see at the very end there is | 8 | wanted to make sure that we understand. |
| 9 | an Appendix A and it has a number of Bates | 9 | |
| | | | A Great. |
| 10 | documents identified per interrogatory with | 10 | Q So let's start with Interrogatory |
| 11 | Bates ranges. | 10 11 | Q So let's start with Interrogatory Number 1. And if you go to Page 5, in |
| 11 12 | Bates ranges. Do you see that? | 10 11 12 | Q So let's start with Interrogatory Number 1. And if you go to Page 5, in particular we were asking you about the |
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| 1 | MR. CHESLER: This is Appendix A. | 1 | me, as I recall. |
| 2 | THE WITNESS: Okay. | 2 | BY MR. BARON: |
| 3 | BY MR. BARON: | 3 | Q From whom? |
| 4 | Q Appendix A. Open that for us for a | 4 | A I don't recall. |
| 5 | second so we're on the same page. | 5 | Q Somebody just printed out an email |
| 6 | A I can see it over there. | 6 | chain between two other people and handed it to |
| 7 | Q The first document identified is Bates | 7 | you? |
| 8 | range Tesla 00080754. | 8 | A Yes. Most likely. |
| 9 | Is it fair to say you don't know what | 9 | Q All right. Tell me what in this email |
| 10 | that document is based on the Bates range; | 10 | chain, in your view, was the basis for your |
| 11 | correct? | 11 | statement on Page 5 that says: I think there |
| 12 | A I mean, I think this is an obscure | 12 | have been some questions about, like, does this |
| 13 | reference to a document. | 13 | increase our debt position or lever up the bank |
| 14 | MR. BARON: Can you mark this as | 14 | or our balance sheet? It really doesn't. |
| 15 | Exhibit 16, please. | 15 | Please explain to me what in this |
| 16 | (Exhibit 16 was marked.) | 16 | email chain was the basis for your statement. |
| 17 | BY MR. BARON: | 17 | A I don't recall. |
| 18 | Q The document as you can see, the | 18 | Q Now, you understand that what this |
| 19 | document that is marked Exhibit 16 is an email | 19 | email chain is is a discussion amongst Mr. Bass, |
| 20 | chain. The top email chain is from Jonathan | 20 | Mr. Serra, and others, as to what to tell a |
| 21 | Bass I mean to Tanguy Serra dated Wednesday, | 21 | Reuters' writer; correct? |
| 22 | June 22nd, 2016. | 22 | It's not an actual analysis of whether |
| 23 | Do you see that? | 23 | or not there is going to be an increase or |
| 24 | A Yes. | 24 | decrease to the debt position of the company? |
| 25 | Q Have you seen this document before? | 25 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. |
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| 1 | A I believe so. | 1 | THE WITNESS: This is one of thousands |
| 2 | Q Now, your statement was on June 22nd, | 2 | of emails. |
| 3 | 2016; correct? | | BY MR. BARON: |
| 4 | A Are you asking for specific recall of | 4 | Q That you don't remember? |
| 5 | a specific email in the course of several | 5 | A I mean, does anyone remember thousands |
| 6 | thousand emails over the course of many years? | 6 | of emails? |
| 7 | This requires a memory that's beyond human. | 7 | Q I'm just saying this is one that you |
| 8 | Q I'nn not asking that question. My | 8 | signed under penalty of perjury that was support |
| 9 | question was simply: You made the statement on | 9 | for the statement and you don't recall what in |
| 10 | the 22nd; correct? | 10 | this email gave you a basis for your statement; |
| I1 | MR. CHESLER: He's asking if you made | 11 | is that an accurate representation? |
| 12 | this statement on Page 5. | 12 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. |
| 13 | THE WITNESS: If this document says I | 13 | THE WITNESS: I mean, I have a lot on |
| 14 | did, then probably it is correct. But if | 14 | my plate, to say the least. So, you know |
| 15 | you're asking for unaided recall, that's | | BY MR. BARON: |
| 16 | obviously not possible. | 16 | Q That's fine, we can move to the next document. Before we |
| | BY MR. BARON: | 17 | |
| 18 | Q This email chain that is four pages | 18 | MR. CHESLER: Did you finish your |
| 19 | does not have you on the email chain, does it? | 19 | answer? THE WITNESS: No. I mean, you know, |
| 20 | A No. | 20 21 | my workload is extreme. So it's very |
| 21 | Q How is it that you saw this email chain before you made the statement on the 22nd? | 22 | difficult to remember thousands the |
| 22 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of | 23 | details of thousands of emails and thousands |
| 23 24 | the question. | 24 | of interactions. |
| 25 | THE WITNESS: I think it was shown to | 25 | VI IIIOIIIVIIII |
| | THE WILLIAMS I HIME IT WE SHOWN TO | | 24 (Pages 120 122) |

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| | BY MR. BARON: | 1 | Q And, again, this is an email chain primarily discussing what to tell reporters, |
| 2 | Q Why do you think somebody handed you | 2 | this time from Bloomberg. |
| 3 | this email chain amongst other people that you | 4 | Do you see that? |
| 4 | weren't on? | 5 | A Yes. |
| 5 | A I don't recall. | 6 | Q Now, again, you are not on this email |
| 6 | Q So you don't know whether this was ever given to you? | 7 | chain; correct? |
| 7 8 | A I think it was. | 8 | A Correct. |
| 9 | Q Why do you think that? | 9 | Q Did you see this email chain prior to |
| 10 | A If you ask my best guess as to what I | 10 | your statement on June 22nd about the expected |
| 11 | recall, that's my best guess at recalling. | 11 | debt after acquisition? |
| 12 | Q What do you recall specifically about | 12 | A I think so. |
| 13 | this email chain, of the thousands of emails | 13 | Q And is there anything special about |
| 14 | that you get do you have thousands of emails | 14 | this email chain that makes you believe you saw |
| 15 | printed out to you from other people? Is that | 15 | this email chain? |
| 16 | common in your life? | 16 | A No. |
| 17 | A Not thousands, no. | 17 | Q And, again, this would have been an |
| 18 | Q Okay. So it's unusual for somebody to | 18 | email chain that somebody printed out but you |
| 19 | print out an email chain between other people | 19 | don't know who would have then handed that down |
| 20 | and bring it to you to just look at? | 20 | to you? |
| 21 | A What is your point? | 21 | A I don't recall. |
| 22 | Q That's a question. Is it unusual for | 22 | Q Is there anything about this email |
| 23 | you to get someone to hand you an email chain | 23 | chain that you can tell me supports or that you |
| 24 | between other people and say, hey, look at this? | 24 | relied on in making your statement on June 22nd? |
| 25 | A No. | 25 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. |
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| 1 | everything that I saw. My memory is not that | 1 | determine that you were giving an honest answer |
| 2 | good. | 2 | when you answered the interrogatory. |
| 3 | Q What about this document is there | 3 | My question is: What is the basis |
| 4 | anything about this document that you recall as | 4 | that made you say that this is the document that |
| 5 | being a basis for your statement that you made | 5 | supported your statement? |
| 6 | on June 22nd that it really increases our debt | 6 | MR. CHESLER: That's a different |
| 7 | position? | 7 | question, but okay. Object to the form. |
| 8 | A No. | 8 | THE WITNESS: I don't recall. |
| 9 | MR. CHESLER: I think you misstated | 9 | BY MR. BARON: |
| 10 | the statement. | 10 | Q Now, those three documents that we |
| 11 | MR. BARON: "I think there have been | 11 | went over were also identified as documents to |
| 12 | some question about, like, does this really | 12 | support your statement on Page 6: What really |
| 13 | increase our debt position or lever up the | 13 | matters is recourse debt. Obviously, the |
| 14 | bank or our balance sheet? It really | 14 | nonrecourse debt is not what matters. And the |
| 15 | doesn't." | 15 | cash flow that is generating in SolarCity will |
| 16 | I apologize, I did misspeak. | 16 | generate it covers what is required with the |
| 17 | Q Is there anything about this that you | 17 | recourse debt. |
| 18 | recall being your basis for saying it really | 18 | Do you see that statement? |
| 19 | doesn't increase your debt position or leverage | 19 | A Yes. |
| 20 | you up? | 20 | Q Now going back to 16 again, can you |
| 21 | A No. I don't recall. | 21 | tell me what it is in 16 that you think well, |
| 22 | Q In fact, it actually does indicate | 22 | is there anything in 16 that you relied on in |
| 23 | that you have that SolarCity, from whatever | 23 | making this statement that you made in |
| 24 | the analysis is, is going to have a negative | 24 | interrogatory number 2? |
| 25 | cash flow; correct? | 25 | A I don't recall. |
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| 12 A No, it wasn't. How do you live with 12 BY MR. BARON: | |
| 13 yourself? 13 Q So do you bully people all to | the time? |
| 14 Q Can you go to I'm showing you what 14 Is that sort of your regular course of | |
| 15 has been marked Exhibit 19, and this is a board 15 A No, that's your job. | |
| 16 of directors' meeting agenda. 16 Q I'm just asking you question | ns. I have |
| And as you can see, attending this 17 not insulted you once, Mr. Musk. | |
| 18 meeting was Elon Musk. This is on June 20th, 18 A You are a professional. | |
| 19 which would be two days before you made the 19 Q Mr. Musk, I have not insult | ted you |
| 20 statements identified in interrogatory 1 and 2. 20 once. You've insulted me a number | - |
| Would you agree with that, that June 21 that just your regular course of con | nduct? |
| 22 20th is two days before you made the statement? 22 Is that your regular course of | |
| 23 A That June 20th is two days before 23 is to insult people because they ask | |
| 24 June 22nd? 24 questions? | • |
| 25 Q So we can agree on things. 25 A You are a professional bull | ly. That's |
| Page 143 | Page 145 |
| 1 And you attended that meeting; 1 what you do for a job. | |
| 2 correct? 2 Q I'm asking | |
| 3 A I think you should reconsider your 3 A You chose that as a job. | |
| 4 life. 4 Q I'm asking you a question | on, Mr. Musk. |
| 5 Q Would you like to answer my question? 5 A Why did you choose that | at job? |
| 6 A What was the question? 6 Q I'm asking you the ques | |
| 7 Q You attended the meeting on the 20th; 7 question is: Are you a bully to | |
| 8 correct? 8 it just in this particular context. | |
| 9 A Are you saying June 20th, 2016? 9 A Why did you choose pro | ofessional |
| 10 Q Yes. 10 bullying as a career? | |
| 11 A Yes. 11 Q All right. We'll move o | on. |
| 12 Q At that meeting you were given a 12 A That's very sad. | |
| presentation by Evercore; correct? And that 13 Q So take a look at Exhibit | |
| 14 would be if you can turn a couple of pages, 14 Page 11 of Page 11 of Exhib | |
| 15 you'll see there is board discussion materials 15 Now, is this consistent w | |
| 16 prepared by Evercore. 16 amount of debt that you unders | |
| 17 A Yes. 17 would be inheriting once it acq | |
| 18 Q You recall receiving that 18 A I assume this is correct. | _ |
| 19 presentation; correct? 19 it's three years ago. Probably c | |
| 20 A Yes. 20 Q It's \$3 billion, \$3.164 billion | illion; |
| 21 Q In fact, that was probably emailed to 21 correct? | ,1 • |
| 22 you before the actual presentation; correct? 22 A I mean, that's the number | er on this |
| 23 It was emailed to you before you got 23 page. | 1 41 0 4 |
| 24 on the call? 24 Q And can you explain to | |
| 25 A It might have been. I don't know. 25 that it is acquiring \$3.164 billion | on means that |

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| 1 | it really doesn't increase the debt position or | 1 | credit lines are closed out and whether |
| 2 | lever up the bank balance? Do you think those | 2 | there are large intra-quarter swings or not. |
| 3 | are consistent phrases? | 3 | And because Tesla delivers cars all |
| 4 | A So, I mean, this says, "Total recourse | 4 | around the world, it is typical for Tesla to |
| 5 | debt of 1.5, nonrecourse of 1.6." | 5 | have large revolving credit swings within |
| 6 | I mean, obviously this adds debt to a | 6 | the quarter that because we make cars for Europe and Asia in month one, and we make |
| 7 | balance sheet, but Tesla had a lot of debt as well. | 8 | cars for the East Coast in month two, and |
| 8 | | 9 | make cars for the West Coast in month three. |
| | Q Yes. So that would not that would, in fact, lever up the balance sheet; correct? | 10 | We have one factory which is located in |
| 10 11 | A I don't know if it changed the portion | 11 | California. |
| 12 | of leverage by a lot relative to the debt that | 12 | So by the end of the quarter, the debt |
| 13 | Tesla had. All companies have debt, obviously. | 13 | is relatively low because we have completed |
| 14 | Q So let's look at the combined debt | 14 | deliveries. |
| 15 | then. Let's go to Page 77 of the document. | | BY MR. BARON: |
| 16 | MR. CHESLER: Sorry, what page? | 16 | Q Okay. You understand these are |
| 17 | MR. BARON: Seventy-seven. | 17 | identified as being the debt maturities; |
| 18 | THE WITNESS: I think you're actually | 18 | correct? |
| 19 | sad. That's my guess. You pretend to be | 19 | A Revolving credit |
| 20 | happy. | 20 | Q No. That's what this chart says, the |
| | BY MR. BARON: | 21 | very top page says, "Summary of combined debt |
| 22 | Q So are you looking at Page 77? | 22 | maturities." |
| 23 | So on the 20th, you were also told | 23 | It's not talking about inter-month or |
| 24 | what the combined debt was; correct? | 24 | inter-period debt obligations? |
| 25 | Do you see that? | 25 | A Yes. But you see that the biggest |
| | | | |
| | Page 147 | | Page 149 |
| 1 | Page 147 A Yes. | 1 | Page 149 green line is revolving credit. Do you |
| 1 2 | A Yes. | 1 2 | green line is revolving credit. Do you understand what revolving credit is? |
| | A Yes. | | green line is revolving credit. Do you |
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| 3 increase our debt position | _ | 3 A | Yes. |
| 4 bank sheet and essentially | | 4 Q | Who is he? |
| 5 in a much more leveraged | | 5 A | Tesla investor relations. |
| 6 would otherwise be? No. | | 6 Q | And behind that you see there is a |
| 7 BY MR. BARON: | | | ing plan post merger. |
| 8 Q So that we're clear, yo | 1 | 8 | Do you see that? |
| 9 that is, yes, it increases the de | - ' | 9 A | |
| 10 yes, it levers up the balance s | | 0 Q | And on the first page in the e-mail |
| 11 doesn't do it by enough to ma | | | Eric Senay to Jeffrey Evanson it says: I |
| 12 difference. Is that what you'r | | | we did a quick page turn the day we |
| 13 A Yes, pretty much. No | _ | | wed the timeline, but I wanted to make sure |
| 14 difference. Does it really ma | | - | have access to the pages we used with Elon. |
| 15 difference? No. | 1: | | Do you see that on the first page, on |
| 16 You're just barking up | | | mail page? |
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| 18 Q At the time that you b | | • | So you saw this document; correct? |
| 19 you knew that their debt posi | | | I mean, I don't recall seeing this |
| 20 and you had to do something | | - | fic document. It's three years ago. I saw |
| 21 A No. | 2 | | of documents. It's possible I saw this. |
| 22 Q The funding plan for | | _ | Do you see on the executive summary |
| 23 deal closed showed that you | | | that there is a discussion of the overall |
| 24 have to give it a capital infus | | | mental funding needs of the company, and in |
| 25 half a billion dollars; correct? | ?2: | 5 it is . | 5 billion-dollar capital infusion into |
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| 1 A I don't recall a figure | of that | | City to de-lever and de-risk the credit |
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| 2 | Just as at a personal level, you can decide | 2 | assets and other assets. It does not represent |
| 3 | do you want to increase your debt level or | 3 4 | recourse debt. |
| 4 | decrease your debt level. | 5 | Q But the asset but again, if you're going to do a balance sheet, you have to look at |
| 5 | This is, you know, a decision that one can make that is a choice, not a necessity. | 6 | the assets as well; correct? |
| 7 | I don't think SolarCity needed half a | 7 | If you're going to determine how much |
| 8 | billion. | 8 | a company is leveraged up, you not only look at |
| 9 | MR, BARON: Can I have the | 9 | the debt but you look at the assets that |
| 10 | December 7th? | 10 | actually can pay off that debt; right? Simple |
| 11 | Can you mark this Exhibit 21. | 11 | question. |
| 12 | (Exhibit 21 was marked.) | 12 | A Securitized assets, meaning that you |
| 13 | BY MR. BARON: | 13 | take a whole bunch of solar systems and then |
| 14 | Q Showing you an email chain, I believe | 14 | that which have an income stream, a revenue |
| 15 | it's from you to Susan Repo cc'ing Jason Wheeler | 15 | stream, and then you turn those into a security |
| 16 | dated December 7th, 2016. | 16 | which has debt - which has interest payments |
| 17 | Do you recognize this email? | 17 | against an existing set of assets is not |
| 18 | A I have so many emails. I mean, sure. | 18 | corporate debt in any meaningful sense of the |
| 19 | Q And in this email that was directed to | 19 | word. |
| 20 | you specifically about the debt that was being | 20 | Q Just so we're clear, my question was |
| 21 | acquired from SolarCity; correct? | 21 | simple. When you're looking as to whether or |
| 22 | A I mean, that's the title. | 22 | not debt increases the balance sheet, what |
| 23 | Q And in it, it identifies there being | 23 | matters is whether there are assets that can pay |
| 24 | total new debt of \$7.3 billion; correct? | 24 | that debt off; correct? It's just the balance? |
| 25 | A 7.2, but really it says 7.3 but then | 25 | A Not exactly. |
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It says: So SolarCity is headed to

cash flow positive situation for the next three

statements about debt.

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a residual that would count to de-risk, but the

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| 4 | was correct. | 4 | flow positive in the next three to six months? |
| 5 | BY MR. BARON: | 5 | A This is three and a half years ago. |
| 6 | Q Again, so we asked you for the basis | 6 | Would you like me to carefully review this and |
| 7 | for it. So the first document that you | 7 | give you a considered answer? How much time |
| 8 | provided and again, look at the Appendix A | 8 | would you like me to spend on this? |
| 9 | was Bates range number 02323, and that is a | 9 | Q Well, didn't you just do that? Didn't |
| 10 | board of directors Q1 '16 meeting from | 10 | you just give a careful answer when you actually |
| 11 | SolarCity. | 11 | signed under penalty of perjury that this |
| 12 | MR. BARON: Can you mark this as | 12 | document supported it? |
| 13 | Exhibit 22. | 13 | Didn't you already do that? |
| 14 | (Exhibit 22 was marked.) | 14 | I shouldn't be asking you to do |
| 15 | BY MR. BARON: | 15 | something that you didn't do when you signed |
| 16 | Q Just so that I am clear, you're | 16 | under penalty of perjury. |
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| 19 | positive now, in the next three to six months, | 19 | THE WITNESS: I can't recall what |
| 20 | it will be cash flow positive. | 20 | you're asking me to refresh what I looked at |
| 21 | Isn't that what this says? | 21 | some time ago. So what what sort of |
| 22 | A That's the statement. | 22 | expectations for memory do you have? This |
| 23 | Q And that's going forward, that's not | 23 | is unreasonable. |
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| 25 | be cash flow positive in one quarter and then | 25 | Q These interrogatories were served on |
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| 2 | done, so I don't care. | 2 operations, you are going to operations, its |
| 3 | A It's going for seven hours. | 3 cash is going to that they are going to be |
| 4 | MR. CHESLER: Going for seven hours. | 4 cash flow positive, meaning that they are going |
| 5 | MR. BARON: Under what law? Under | 5 to make more money than they are spending? |
| 6 | what jurisdiction? | 6 MR, CHESLER: Objection |
| 7 | MR. CHESLER: Do you want to swear me | 7 BY MR. BARON: |
| 8 | in and take my deposition? We have seven | 8 Q Is that what liquidity means to you? |
| | hours of clock time; that's how long he will | 9 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of |
| 9 | be here for. | 10 the question. |
| 10 | | 11 THE WITNESS: This appears to show 144 |
| 11 | MR. BARON: Well, then we're coming back after that's done. | 12 going to 153, and 144 in July and 153 in |
| 12 | | 13 December, which 153 is bigger than 144. |
| 13 | THE WITNESS: Yes, it will. | 14 BY MR. BARON: |
| 14 | MR. CHESLER: That may or may not | |
| 15 | happen. You don't get to control that. MR. ZAGAR: The court gets to control | 15 Q Okay. And you're right. It shows 16 that they are about to potentially default on |
| 16 | • | 17 their — or at least breach their covenant in |
| 17 | that. | 18 three months or three months in here. And then |
| 18 | MR. CHESLER: Exactly. | 19 in October, November and December, it will be |
| 19 20 | MR. BARON: What is your basis for seven hours? | 20 above their debt covenants on liquidity. |
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| 2 | Q That's increased your cash position. | 2 | form of the question, a misstatement of the |
| 3 | Is that the same to you as cash flow positive? | 3 | quote. |
| 4 | A Cash flow positive would be I mean, | 4 | THE WITNESS: It goes from 465 million |
| 5 | one can really get wrapped up in a lot of | 5 | to 622 million over the course of six |
| 6 | definitions here because when you have | 6 | months. Obviously that's an increase. |
| 7 | securitization, this can then say, you can say, | | BY MR. BARON: |
| 8 | well, is cash flow from operations increasing or | 8 | Q And your view is that that is support |
| 9 | is it from securitization? | 9 | that SolarCity is headed to a cash flow positive |
| 10 | And obviously securitization in this | 10 | situation for the next three to six months at |
| 11 | case should count as part of the company's | 11 | the outside? |
| 12 | operations. | 12 | A Yes. |
| 13 | Q Only the net securitization. We | 13 | Q I guess that's the last page. The |
| 14 | already just went through that. | 14 | next document that you actually say supported |
| 15 | A Sure. | 15 | was Bates stamp number 66924. |
| 16 | Q Right. And but again, that's not | 16 | (Exhibit 23 was marked.) |
| 17 | what Page 12 says. Page 12 says nothing about | | BY MR. BARON: |
| 18 | whether or not your either your cash from | 18 | Q Now, you see again that this is the |
| 19 | operations exceeds your expenses or whether or | 19 | second document you identified as supporting |
| 20 | not your cash from operations plus your net | 20 | your statement that SolarCity is headed to a |
| 21 | recourse exceeds your expenses. | 21 | cash flow positive situation for the next three |
| 22 | Neither of that is shown on Page 12; | 22 | to six months at the outside. |
| 23 | right? | 23 | You agree this is the document you |
| 24 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to form. | 24 | identified; correct? A Pardon? What did you say? |
| 25 | THE WITNESS: My impression was that | 25 | |
| | Page 171 | | Page 173 |
| 1 | the cash would increase, as I said. | 1 | Q You agree that this is the document |
| | BY MR. BARON: | 2 | you identified as supporting your statement that |
| 3 | Q Okay. Anything else within that | 3 | SolarCity is headed to cash flow positive situation for the next three to six months at |
| 4 | document that you think supports supported | 4 | the outside? |
| 5 | your position on June 22nd that SolarCity was | 5 | |
| 6 | headed to be a cash flow positive situation in | 6 | |
| 7 | the next three to six months? | 8 | Q That's what you identified. If you want to go back to Exhibit A to your |
| 8 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the | 9 | |
| 9 | misstatement of this quote. | - | - |
| 10 | THE WITNESS: If this is what you wan | 11 | sure. I would not say it's a significant one, |
| 11 | to spend time on. | 12 | _ |
| 12 | I think there's also Appendix A, total | | |
| 13 | cash from retained megawatts increases quite | 14 | |
| 14 | a bit. BY MR. BARON: | 15 | |
| 16 | | 16 | |
| 17 | Q What page is that? A This is Appendix A towards the end, | 17 | to you before you signed the interrogatory? |
| | - - | 18 | |
| 18 19 | Page 32. Q What line are you looking at? | 19 | |
| 20 | A Day one cash goes from 465 to 622. It | 20 | |
| 20 | starts at total cash in from retained megawatts, | 21 | A Before I made a statement on June |
| 21 22 | 465 to 622. | 22 | |
| 23 | Q Okay. In your view, that's indicative | 23 | |
| 24 | of showing a cash flow positive company in the | | |
| 25 | next three to six months at the outside? | 25 | |
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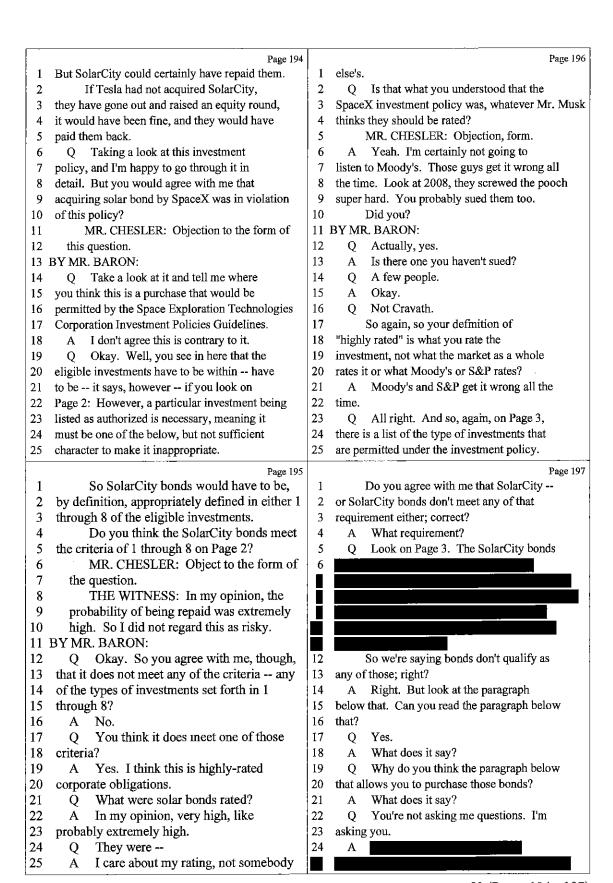
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| 1 | Page 174 | 1 | Page 176 Q Let's first identify, what is this |
| 1 | Q Why? Why would someone | | Q Let's first identify, what is this document? Where did you get it? |
| 2 | A I don't know. | 2 3 | A I don't recall. |
| 3 | Q print this out and give this to | | |
| 4 | you? | 4 | • |
| 5 | A They do this from time to time. | 5 | you made your statement on June 22nd? |
| 6 | Q Again, all this is a discussion | 6 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of |
| 7 | that thinks maybe there is a way to get to cash | 7 | the question. |
| 8 | flow positive in Q2. | 8 | MR. BARON: That's a fair point. |
| 9 | Do you see that? | 9 | Q Did you see this document before you |
| 10 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of | 10 | made your statement on June 22nd? |
| 11 | the question. | 11 | A I think I did, but I'm not certain. |
| 12 | THE WITNESS: Yes, I see that. | 12 | Q Why do you think you did? |
| | BY MR. BARON: | 13 | A That's my best guess. |
| 14 | Q Other than the fact that Mr. Serra | 14 | Q Do you know who created the document? |
| 15 | thinks that there might be a path to positive, | 15 | A I don't recall. |
| 16 | that's not support that you will be headed to a | 16 | Q Do you know what it was created for? |
| 17 | cash flow positive situation for the next three | 17 | A I don't recall. |
| 18 | to six months at the outside? | 18 | Q Do you know whether it was relied on |
| 19 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of | 19 | for anybody other than you in making that |
| 20 | the question. Mischaracterization of the | 20 | statement? |
| 21 | document. | 21 | A Don't know. |
| | BY MR. BARON: | 22 | Q Now, we do know on can you pull |
| 23 | Q Do you agree that this document does | 23 | back I think it's in your pile over there, |
| 24 | not support that statement? | 24 | Exhibit 19 over there. It should be in that |
| 25 | A No, I think it's slightly supportive. | 25 | pile to your left. |
| | Page 175 | | Page 177 |
| 1 | It's not a major factor. It's sort of neither | 1 | Now, again, we looked at this before. |
| 2 | here nor there. | 2 | This is the presentation that Evercore gave you |
| 3 | MR. BARON: Give me Tesla 302036. | 3 | two days before you made your statement about |
| 4 | (Exhibit 24 was marked.) | 4 | SolarCity is headed to cash flow positive |
| 5 | BY MR. BARON: | 5 | situation in the next three to six months at the |
| 6 | Q Showing you what's been marked | 6 | outside. |
| 7 | Exhibit 24. And, again, this is the document | 7 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the |
| 8 | you'll agree with me that this is a document | 8 | mischaracterization of the quote. |
| 9 | that you identified as the third document that | 9 | MR. BARON: Now go to Page 45 of that |
| 10 | supported your statement that SolarCity is | 10 | document and it's going to be Tesla 54. |
| 11 | headed to cash flow positive situation for the | 11 | Q This is a projected cash flow |
| 12 | next three to six months at the outside. | 12 | statement. And this is actually so we're |
| 13 | Will you agree with me that that's the | 13 | using the same document, that's fine. It's a |
| 14 | last document you said supported that statement? | 14 | projected cash flow statement. |
| 15 | A Yes. I think there's perhaps one | 15 | This would be a document that would |
| 13 | A 1 cs. 1 tillik tilete's peritaps one | 1 | actually indicate whether or not SolarCity is |
| 16 | of the things here that is maybe a bit confusing | 16 | |
| | | 16 17 | headed to cash flow positive situation for the |
| 16 | of the things here that is maybe a bit confusing | 1 | |
| 16 17 | of the things here that is maybe a bit confusing is that you've got Silevo and you've got | 17 | headed to cash flow positive situation for the |
| 16 17 18 | of the things here that is maybe a bit confusing is that you've got Silevo and you've got SolarCity. And, you know, in some cases these | 17 18 | headed to cash flow positive situation for the next three to six months at the outside; |
| 16 17 18 19 | of the things here that is maybe a bit confusing is that you've got Silevo and you've got SolarCity. And, you know, in some cases these were used separately and in some cases together. | 17 18 19 | headed to cash flow positive situation for the next three to six months at the outside; correct? |
| 16 17 18 19 20 | of the things here that is maybe a bit confusing is that you've got Silevo and you've got SolarCity. And, you know, in some cases these were used separately and in some cases together. The Silevo cash flow is sort of an R&D | 17 18 19 20 | headed to cash flow positive situation for the next three to six months at the outside; correct? MR. CHESLER: Objection to form. |
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| | Page 178 | | Page 180 |
| 1 | change in cash for 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019; | 1 | turns around in 2017. |
| 2 | correct? | 2 | Q So your view is that this actually |
| 3 | I don't want to interrupt you, | 3 | supports your statement that it will be that |
| 4 | Mr. Musk, but are you aware of what my question | 4 | it's headed to a cash flow positive situation |
| 5 | was? | 5 | for the next three to six months at the outside |
| 6 | Mr. Musk? | 6 | because it shows that it is only negative |
| 7 | A Yes. | 7 | \$8.4 million in 2017? |
| 8 | Q Are you aware of what my question | 8 | I just want to make sure I understand |
| 9 | the question pending is? | 9 | your testimony. |
| 10 | A Please restate. | 10 | A Some of these analyses would be quite |
| 11 | Q The question pending is: Do you agree | 11 | conservative. So if you have a conservative |
| 12 | that the projected cash flow statement on | 12 | analysis, that would suggest that it's you |
| 13 | Page 45 of the Evercore presentation is the type | 13 | might be more conservative; some might be |
| 14 | of analysis that would lend itself to | 14 | optimistic. |
| 15 | determining whether or not the statement from | 15 | These things are nonetheless basically |
| 16 | SolarCity is headed to a positive cash flow | 16 | a best guess at the time, and so I think this |
| 17 | situation for the next three to six months at | 17 | actually does support my statement. |
| 18 | the outside? | 18 | Q Let's go to the next statement then, |
| 19 | Do you believe this is the type of | 19 | let's go to Number 4. Again, on June 22nd, you |
| 20 | analysis that would show whether that is an | 20 | made a statement about synergies. |
| 21 | accurate statement or not? | 21 | Do you see that? |
| 22 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of | 22 | A Sorry, are you talking about in |
| 23 | the question. | 23 | response Number 4? |
| 24 | THE WITNESS: I think what I was | 24 | Q Yes. |
| 25 | looking at is the operating cash flow here | 25 | MR. CHESLER: You have to go back. |
| | Page 179 | | Page 181 |
| 1 | which does indicate rapid transition to cash | 1 | THE WITNESS: Yes. |
| 2 | flow positive. | 2 | BY MR. BARON: |
| 3 | BY MR. BARON: | 3 | Q And is it your view that someone had |
| 4 | Q Show me where. | 4 | actually as of your statement on June 22nd, |
| 5 | A Operating cash flow. | 5 | somebody had actually undertaken an actual |
| 6 | Q On what page? | 6 | synergies analysis to determine whether or not |
| 7 | A Page 45. | 7 | there would be what did you say, meaningful |
| 8 | Q The operating cash flow is showing | 8 | and noticeable synergies? |
| 9 | that it is negative in 2016 and negative in | 1 | |
| | that it is negative in 2010 and negative in | 9 | A Yes. I think there were analyses done |
| | | 9 10 | A Yes. I think there were analyses done to figure this out and |
| 10 | 2017; correct? | 1 | |
| | 2017; correct? A Yes. But it can only be negative very | 10 | to figure this out and |
| 10 11 | 2017; correct? A Yes. But it can only be negative very briefly in 2017 at best. | 10 11 | to figure this out and Q Prior to June 22nd? A I think so. I mentioned some of these |
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| 1 | Page 182 MR. BARON: I'll point you to this. | 1 | Page 184 ⁽ A I don't recall. |
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| 1 2 | There is an analysis, I think, so at | 2 | Q Can I go back to what exhibit number |
| 3 | least I saw one. | 3 | is in front of you? Go back to 19, which is in |
| 4 | I am going to you can look on | 4 | front of you. It's the Tesla June 20th board |
| 5 | page I guess it's Tesla 1449, some | 5 | meeting again. |
| 6 | discussion about increase in dilution. | 6 | Again, you identified this document |
| 7 | MR. CHESLER: You want him only to | 7 | also in support of your statement about |
| 8 | look at that page? | 8 | synergies. And let's see if I can be relatively |
| 9 | MR. BARON: No. The other page that | 9 | quick on this one, and rather than having you |
| 10 | you can look at is there is a key assumption | 10 | identify where I think that you got it, I will |
| 11 | on this document that is on Page 1447 that | 11 | identify. |
| 12 | talks about synergy second half of 2016. | 12 | If you go to Page 70 of this document |
| 13 | Q But again, my question on that is: | 13 | and that is 84732. |
| 14 | What is the basis of those assumptions? Do you | 14 | As you can see, this document |
| 15 | know? | 15 | identifies "illustrative synergies," which is |
| 16 | MR. CHESLER: That's a different | 16 | talking about what synergies existed in other |
| 17 | question, okay. | 17 | mergers, right, and whether it was the Microchip |
| 18 | MR. BARON: That's the question I'm | 18 | technology, Amtel, Microsemi PMC-Sierra, Cypress |
| 19 | asking. | 19 | Semiconductor, Spansion, RF Micro Device and |
| 20 | Q I understand it on the document. I | 20 | TriQuint. |
| 21 | want to know if you know what the basis for | 21 | Did you understand that the synergies |
| 22 | those assumptions are. | 22 | that were being talked about by Evercore on the |
| 23 | MR. BARON: Why don't we take a break | 23 | June 20th meeting were illustrative synergies, |
| 24 | while you determine that because the court | 24 | were based on what synergies could occur or |
| 25 | reporter needs a break. If you need time to | 25 | occurred in other acquisitions? |
| | Page 183 | | Page 185 |
| 1 | think about it, feel free. | 1 | A I don't recall this. |
| 2 | VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of | 2 | Q Do you know whether or not as a basis |
| 3 | media Number 3. Going off the record at | 3 | for your statement regarding synergies on the |
| 4 | 2:43 p.m. | 4 | 22nd you had information as to the amount of the |
| 5 | (Recess taken.) | 5 | synergies beyond what you received from Evercore |
| 6 | VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the | 6 | in this presentation? |
| 7 | beginning of media Number 4. Going back on | 7 | A I don't recall. |
| 8 | the record at 3:03 p.m. | 8 | Q So we don't beat a dead horse on these |
| | BY MR. BARON: | 9 | interrogatories any more, is it fair to say that |
| 10 | Q Looking at what was identified as | 10 | you have not reviewed the document and go |
| 11 | Project Icarus, which was the presentation | 11 | back to the interrogatory just for a second |
| 12 | that just so that we're clear, do you recall | 12 | you have not reviewed the documents set forth in the Appendix A since you signed the |
| 13 | asking the CFO to prepare a presentation for the | 14 | interrogatories. Is that a fair statement in |
| 14 | board about the possible acquisition of | 15 | this document here? |
| 15 16 | SolarCity in February 2016? A I mean, not specifically. | 16 | You did not review you haven't |
| 17 | Q Okay. Do you know and you may not, | 17 | reviewed these since you signed the |
| 18 | but again, on the key assumptions on this | 18 | interrogatories; correct? |
| 19 | document, which is and we're going to get to | 19 | A Correct. |
| 20 | this document again eventually but when it | 20 | Q All right. Is it fair to say that you |
| 21 | talks about synergies 2H 2016 on really the | 21 | don't anticipate that if I were to show each one |
| 22 | second page you can go to the very beginning. | 22 | of them to you that you could easily identify |
| 23 | I'm just asking if you have any | 23 | exactly within the document where the support |
| 24 | understanding as to what the basis for that | 24 | was? |
| 25 | analysis was? | 25 | A Like |
| 1 | <u> </u> | 1 | <u>. </u> |

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| | Page 186 | 1 | Page 188 |
| 1 | Q Because all I'm trying to do is save | 1 | a guideline for an investment policy |
| 2 | time. And, again, if every document I show you, | 2 | guideline. Are you aware of that? A No. |
| 3 | you say you're going to have to search through | 3 | |
| 4 | it like it were new to identify the spot, then | 4 | Q Let me show it to you. |
| 5 | we can put that off to another time. | 5 | MR. BARON: Can I have an email dated |
| 6 | A Right. I want to make sure I'm | 6 | March 27th, 2015. |
| 7 | answering your questions accurately. So if you | 7 | (Exhibit 26 was marked.) |
| 8 | hand me some presentation that's like 50 pages | 1 - | BY MR. BARON: |
| 9 | long and say, do you recall this, it's like, | 9 | Q Showing you what's been marked as |
| 10 | well, I and answer a question, then it's | 10 | Exhibit 26. It's an email chain from March 27, |
| 11 | like, okay, I have to look through 50 pages and | 11 | 2015. The top one is from Bret Johnsen to you |
| 12 | read some complicated spreadsheets. | 12 | regarding a \$90 million investment in SolarCity |
| 13 | And this is not something you just | 13 | from in SolarCity bonds from SpaceX. |
| 14 | answer off the cuff. | 14 15 | Do you have any recollection of this email? |
| 15 | Q If we end up coming back, I may ask | 1 | |
| 16 | that you actually review your interrogatory | 16 17 | A I mean, not precisely of this email. This was awhile ago. It was four years ago. |
| 17 | answers before and maybe we can do it faster | 18 | But, yeah, I mean, it seems like my |
| 18 19 | then. Let's move on to | 19 | rough recollection is that we had cash that was |
| | MR. CHESLER: Don't take my silence as | 20 | earning basically zero percent in the bank and |
| 20 21 | acquiescence, counsel. MR. BARON: Acquiescence to me moving | 21 | this earned a lot more at 2 percent, I guess. |
| 22 | on? | 22 | And sorry? |
| 23 | MR. CHESLER: No. | 23 | Q It's more. |
| 24 | MR. BARON: Okay. You do acquiesce to | 24 | A More than zero. It was back when |
| 25 | me moving on, though, right? | 25 | LIBOR and everything were basically zero. It's |
| | | | |
| 1 | Page 187 MR, CHESLER: I endorse it | 1 | Page 189 London Inter-Bank Offering Rate, which, by the |
| 2 | affirmatively. | 2 | way, turned out to be like gamed by all the |
| 3 | THE WITNESS: There could be a name | 3 | banks. It was shenanigans. |
| 4 | for like a new pack of water, | 4 | Q So is it a waste of time that we sued |
| 5 | | 7 | |
| - | "acquiescence " | 5 | |
| 6 | "acquiescence." MR_BARON: Aqua essence | 5 | them? |
| 6 | MR. BARON: Aqua essence. | 6 | them? A Oh, did you sue them? |
| 7 | MR. BARON: Aqua essence. MR. CHESLER: If you start the company | 6 7 | them? A Oh, did you sue them? Q Of course. |
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Page 200 Page 198 interest, I want to properly socialize it with a 1 2 few of the independent board members. 3 Do you see that? 4 Yes. 5 Were you aware at the time that you ı okayed going forward with the solar bond O So, in other words, you could waive 6 purchase that it, one, did violate the policy, out of the investment policy, correct, is the 7 and two, that there were a number of conflicts 8 way you interpret that? 9 A Yes. q of interest from the other board members? 10 A I didn't bother with the policy 10 Q Okay. Which is fine. Which is what you did? 11 because the policy clearly says that investments 11 out of variance simply require a discussion, A I would just recommend, you know, just 12 12 barking up a different tree. This is not a good 13 which is what ensued. 13 Q Okay. And ultimately -- can I have --14 tree to bark up. 14 I really just thought this was a much look at the front of Exhibit 26. You already 15 better thing for SpaceX to do than to have zero have it. That's the one with the -- that is 16 folded over. Go to the first page on that. 17 percent interest. 17 18 Q Exactly. And that's how it went 18 And what ultimately happened was that 19 you sent an email to the other directors and 19 about; right? So there was a -- there were said, "It appears that each member of the board 20 emails that says that the purchase of solar is an interested director within the meaning of bonds would be a violation of the investment 21 21 policy and then they talked to you and you said Delaware corporate code," and then got approval 22 from each of those board members in order to do 23 you want to do it anyway. 23 24 24 the SolarCity bonds; correct? That's what happened; right? 25 I guess this is what the email says. 25 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of Page 201 Page 199 1 Q Now, prior to --1 the question. THE WITNESS: No. I talked to Bret Something you said doesn't sound 2 2 3 and I said, "I think this is much better right, though. You said none of these got 3 4 than earning zero percent." repaid before? Because this is like March 2015. 5 Did it get rolled over or something? And I was encouraging him to look at 5 6 other options as well. It's just it's 6 0 It got rolled over. 7 pretty annoying to earn zero percent, which 7 A Okay. 8 is really -- earning zero percent interest You don't remember that? 9 when factoring in the inflation rate, which 9 There was a lot going on. Α 10 10 Okay. So let's talk about the is like at least 1 to 2 percent, then you're actually negative return on your bank analysis, though, that was done before you 11 11 agreed to purchase it. 12 balance. 12 MR. BARON: Can I have SpaceX 4003. 13 BY MR. BARON: 13 14 Q Let me give you a March 26th email 14 (Exhibit 28 was marked.) 15 from Bret to Brad Buss. 15 BY MR. BARON: (Exhibit 27 was marked.) Q Again, there was not a cover sheet to 16 16 this, so I can't be sure what date this was. 17 BY MR. BARON: 17 Metadata indicated that this was sometime in Q Now, in this email, again, Bret made 18 clear to Brad Buss that there was -- that: The 2015, but I don't think that's accurate given 19 the \$90 bond issued to selected parties, which I 20 challenge I have is the quarter end deadline. I 20 21 reached out to the GC tonight as I went through 21 think was SpaceX down in the numbers. 22 the company's investment policy to delay and 22 But that said, do you know or have you

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| 1 | SolarCity and let's look at the credit | 2 | Q Again, on the company liquidity, do you see here where it says that there are |
| 2 | quality issues. | 3 | several questions around liquidity in the event |
| 3 | Did anybody ever tell you that solar | 4 | of a downturn in the business? |
| 4 | bonds were non-investment grade? | 5 | Do you see that? |
| 5 | A I don't recall. I don't recall. But, | 6 | A Sure. |
| 6 | like I said, I mean, I thought the probability | 7 | Q And did you agree that that was a risk |
| 7 | of repayment was very high. | 8 | that SpaceX was taking? |
| 8 | Like I said, Moody's and S&P have | 9 | A Yes. Yes. As we talked about earlier |
| 9 | gotten it wrong so many times. They just look | 10 | in this deposition, you know, had we not |
| 10 | in the rearview mirror. But I mean, the problem | 11 | repurposed so much of SolarCity's resources |
| 11 | with those guys is if it's a winding road, they | 12 | towards helping Tesla with the Model 3, they |
| 12 | are wrong. | 1 | would have executed better, a lot better than if |
| 13 | It was like look at the road ahead, | 13 | they had been an independent entity. |
| 14 | behind was all straight. But then like to turn | 14 15 | And so you can't look at this thing |
| 15 | around the cliff and from those guys' | | |
| 16 | standpoint, everything would be fine. And then | 16 | independent once it's a combined company. And you can't look at it from a standpoint of my |
| 17 | the car goes off the cliff. | 17 18 | view that they should be different sales |
| 18 | Q Okay. | 19 | channels which necessarily requires some |
| 19 | A Their rearview mirror analysis is | 20 | refactoring of the business. |
| 20 | their approach. | 21 | Q So let me |
| 21 | Q And, again, if you look at this, it | 22 | A So it's just you're just |
| 22 | says that, "Solar bonds are effectively | 23 | fundamentally barking up the wrong tree. |
| 23 | subordinate to virtually all of SolarCity's other debt." | 24 | Q Let me make sure fair. Let me make |
| 24 25 | Did you see that? | 25 | sure I understand your premise. |
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| 1 | Page 203 | ١, | Page 205 Your premise is that SolarCity alone |
| 1 | A I mean, yes. I guess I saw it. | 1 | could not operate and needed Tesla to be able to |
| 2 | Q And is that your understanding? Is it | 2 3 | operate at full potential, but that Tesla was |
| 3 | true? | 4 | not able to bring SolarCity to its full |
| 4 | A Sure. | | |
| 5 | Q Okay. | 5 | potential yet because of Model 3. Is that a fair assessment of your story? |
| 6 | A Like obviously SolarCity was able to | 7 | A Please stop it with the complex, |
| 7 | raise funding many times in the public markets. | 8 | tricky questions. Seriously. This is a |
| 8 | And if there hadn't been a Tesla acquisition, they would have just done that again and that | 9 | nonsense |
| 9 | _ | 10 | Q Is that not correct? What is tricky |
| 10 | would have been that and it would have been | 11 | about that question, Mr. Musk? |
| 11 12 | fine. | | A When you create a complex question, in |
| 112 | O Novy do you goo the part bullet under | 1 17 | |
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demonstrated an ability to do, then they would

be able to repay whatever the debt was. Yes.

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| 1 | by itself and Tesla would have done fine by | 1 | to the investment policy? |
| 2 | itself, but in the long-term, they are better | 2 | A Probably Bret Johnsen did that. |
| 3 | together. And that is what the future will | 3 | Q Okay. |
| 4 | show. | 4 | A Is it your premise or is this like one |
| 5 | That's why I think you should stop | 5 | of the main thrusts of your sort of argument |
| 6 | wasting your time now and wait for a few | 6 | that it's like Tesla somehow bailed out |
| 7 | quarters and then you'll see just how foolish | 7 | SolarCity? |
| 8 | this lawsuit is. | 8 | Q It's not some part of the premise. |
| 9 | Q All right. So the next thing on | 9 | That's exactly what happened. |
| 10 | since we can't agree as to what your story is, | 10 | A It's not true. |
| 11 | we will move on back to this document. | 11 | Q Good. |
| 12 | The next point was that you say: | 12 | A It's obviously not true. SolarCity |
| 13 | Additionally, the company's free cash flow | 13 | could have just raised capital and proceeded |
| 14 | profile is concerning. | 14 | along their normal path. That's obvious. |
| 15 | And it talks about, you know, fiscal | 15 | Second guessing the public markets is |
| 16 | years from ops was negative 218 and cash use | 16 | not going to hold the day. It shouldn't. It |
| 17 | investment was negative \$1.3 billion with cash | 17 | would create a terrible precedent. |
| 18 | on hand at 504. | 18 | Q That's a fair point. |
| 19 | Was that information that you were | 19 | A Yes. |
| 20 | aware of when you pushed the purchase of solar | 20 | Q Let's actually really look at the |
| 21 | bonds? | 21 | problems that were happening at SolarCity when |
| 22 | A I don't recall. | 22 | they were happening. |
| 23 | Q Okay. | 23 | I think that's exactly our premise; |
| 24 | A It looks like you have a long way to | 24 | right? |
| 25 | go on that thing. | 25 | A Right, I get it. |
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| 1 | Page 207 Q I have a long way to go on that thing. | 1 | Q There was a February 2nd, 2016 board |
| 2 | A It seems like you're finding another | 2 | meeting; right? |
| 3 | section. Are we still on Section 1 or | 3 | A Why beat around the bush? |
| 4 | something? | 4 | Q What was that? |
| 5 | Q Pretty close. | 5 | A Why beat around the bush? |
| 6 | A Does that go all the way to bottom or | 6 | Sorry, yes, go on. |
| 7 | is that just notes for reference? | 7 | Q There was a February 2nd SolarCity |
| 8 | Q No, it goes all the way to the bottom. | 8 | board meeting that you were not at; correct? |
| 9 | A Why don't you try barking up a | 9 | Let's mark it |
| 10 | different tree? We are on a different tree. Is | 10 | A Probably you know, that was like |
| 11 | this a different tree? | 11 | three years ago. I wasn't at every board |
| 12 | Q All right. So in June of 2015, you | 12 | meeting. If there was an emergency, then I had |
| 13 | invested again in solar bonds; correct? | 13 | to not be at the board meeting. |
| 14 | A Same tree. | 14 | MR. BARON: Mark this as Exhibit 29, |
| 15 | Q Is that correct? | 15 | please. |
| 16 | A What? | 16 | (Exhibit 29 was marked.) |
| 17 | Q In June of 2015, you invested again. | 17 | THE WITNESS: The irony here is all |
| 18 | You actually invested another \$75 million in | 18 | these people think Tesla is a terrible |
| 19 | solar bonds. 90 in June in March of 2015 and | 19 | company and basically on the verge of death |
| 20 | then in June of 2015, another 75 million; | 20 | or something. |
| 21 | correct? | 21 | I mean, it's just you get these |
| 22 | A I guess so. Probably true. | 22 | differences of opinion. But the public |
| 23 | Q Did you again go through the same | 23 | markets, you have like a clearing price and |
| 24 | process of having to get interested directors | 24 | that's the people that are against it or |
| 25 | signing off on a signing off on an exception | 25 | optimistic and pessimistic and it nets out |
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| 1 | to some value, and sometimes people are | 1 | A I mean, that's the number that's on |
| 2 | right and sometimes they are wrong. That's | 2 | those. |
| 3 | how it goes. | 3 | Q I want to know if you have a |
| 4 | Q Look at Exhibit 29, if you would, | 4 | recollection of being aware of that in February |
| 5 | please. | 5 | 2016? |
| | BY MR. BARON: | 6 | A Not really. |
| 7 | Q That's a directors' meeting for | 7 | Q If you go to Page 12, and I think you |
| 8 | SolarCity, February 22nd. You'll agree with me | 8 | identified this page before, it's a couple of |
| 9 | that you were not there; correct? | 9 | pages back to Page 12, which is 2334. |
| 10 | MR. CHESLER: February 2nd. | 10 | And were you aware that the company |
| 11 | MR. BARON: February 2nd. | 11 | was below its liquidity covenant of |
| 12 | THE WITNESS: I guess so. | 12 | \$116.3 million in May, August and September of |
| | BY MR. BARON: | 13 | 2016? |
| 14 | Q All right. There was a presentation | 14 | A No. |
| 15 | made for the Q1 2016. And at that meeting, do | 15 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of |
| 16 | you know whether you got that presentation or | 16 | the question. |
| 17 | not? | 17 | THE WITNESS: I don't recall. Just |
| 18 | Give that to me. I'll mark that as | 18 | the entire premise of your case just makes |
| 19 | Exhibit 30. | 19 | no sense, you know. |
| 20 | A I don't recall. | 20 | It's like both Tesla and SolarCity |
| 21 | (Exhibit 30 was marked.) | 21 | were not profitable companies. And so it's |
| | , | 22 | just a question of whether the investors |
| 23 | Q Do you know whether or not you | 23 | believed that the debt present value of |
| 24 | actually saw this presentation in February 2016? | 24 | future cash flows are going to be |
| 25 | A I don't recall. | 25 | significant or not. |
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| 1 | Q Working through this document and | 1 | And obviously they did because the |
| 2 | we saw this document before because this is one | 2 | market cap was the market cap. |
| 3 | of the documents actually that I think you | 3 | So, you know, it's not like Tesla was |
| 4 | identified with one of the interrogatories. | 4 | in amazing is in amazing shape as one |
| 5 | But looking at going to Page 11 of | 5 | would normally evaluate, say, some |
| 6 | this document, it's Tesla 2333. | 6 | Fortune 500 company. |
| 7 | Were you aware, again, in February of | 7 | But they are very like low growth, low |
| 8 | 2016 that SolarCity was projecting a close of | 8 | potential companies. Both SolarCity and |
| 9 | fiscal year with a negative \$268 million in | 9 | Tesla were high growth, high potential |
| 10 | DevCo cash flow? | 10 | albeit loss-making entities. |
| 11 | A No. | 11 | And it was a stock-for-stock |
| 12 | Q Or | 12 | transaction. So this is like trying to |
| 13 | A I don't recall. I literally don't | 13 | second guess expert investors as to what the |
| 14 | recall. | 14 | ratio of a combination should be. |
| 15 | MR. CHESLER: Counsel, did you say, | 15 | And to enter precedent, it would be a |
| 16 | "DevCo cash flow"? | 16 | disaster for corporate America. You should |
| 17 | MR. BARON: Yes, "Total DevCo," which | 17 | hope that you don't win because you cause so |
| 18 | is down on the very bottom left. | 18 | much trouble. |
| | MR. CHESLER: Thank you. | 19 | BY MR. BARON: |
| 19 | BY MR. BARON: | 20 | Q So, again, you were aware of the |
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| | Q Were you aware that the total cash | 21 | liquidity problems or you were not aware of the |
| 20 | | 21 22 | liquidity problems in 2016, in February 2016? |
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| 20 21 22 | Q Were you aware that the total cash generation expected was on the lower right | 22 23 24 | liquidity problems in 2016, in February 2016? A You're mischaracterizing the situation. |
| 20 21 22 23 | Q Were you aware that the total cash generation expected was on the lower right was minus \$204 million? | 22 23 | liquidity problems in 2016, in February 2016? A You're mischaracterizing the |

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| 1 | Page 214 A Yes. But, again, it's a misleading | 1 | Page 216 A I can't wait for the trial. It will |
| 1 | A Yes. But, again, it's a misleading question. So would you like me to answer the | 2 | be great. You're going to lose. |
| 2 | question as it | 3 | Q I've been told that before. |
| 3 4 | • | 4 | A Yes. You should lose. It wouldn't be |
| 1 | • | 5 | right for you to win. |
| 5 | answer the question that I asked. | 6 | |
| 6 | Were you aware or not aware of the | 7 | Q So, again, were you aware also that there were problems at the Silevo manufacturing |
| 7 | liquidity issues as represented on Page 12 of | 8 | facility as of February 2016? |
| 8 | the Q1 presentation in February of 2016 or not? | l | , |
| 9 | A I knew SolarCity would need to raise | 9 | |
| 10 | money in order to continue a high-growth | 10 | = - |
| 11 | scenario. | 11 | facility, that they were behind budget and they |
| 12 | Q And you paid for a high-growth | 12 | were over budget and they were behind? |
| 13 | scenario? | 13 | A Yes. This is true of every |
| 14 | A With stock. | 14 | manufacturing facility that I am aware of. I |
| 15 | Q I'm just saying that what you were | 15 | would like to find a manufacturing facility that |
| 16 | purchasing and what you told Tesla shareholders | 16 | doesn't have problems. This is genius. |
| 17 | you were buying was a high-growth company; | 17 | MR. BARON: Can I have SpaceX 00412, |
| 18 | right? | 18 | please. |
| 19 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. | 19 | THE WITNESS: You will lose this case |
| 20 | THE WITNESS: Yes. The expectation | 20 | because you should lose, not for any other |
| 21 | was that there would be high growth in | 21 | reason. |
| 22 | solar, but that there would be some | 22 | MR. BARON: Can you mark this |
| 23 | disruptions in the short term until we | 23 | Exhibit 31, please. |
| 24 | changed the business to be more in line with | 24 | (Exhibit 31 was marked.) |
| 25 | what we how at least I thought it should | 25 | |
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| | BY MR. BARON: | 1 | you; correct? |
| 2 | Q Did you ever see this document? | 2 | You were the person who came up with |
| 3 | A It's possible I saw this document. | 3 | the idea in February, let's go talk to the board |
| 4 | Q Is it consistent with your knowledge | 4 | about buying SolarCity; correct? A Yes, I mean, this had been discussed |
| 5 | of SolarCity's credit quality as of February | 6 | informally for years, but I thought it was time |
| 6 | 2016? | 7 | to take action. |
| 7 | A You want me to analyze this? O I want to know whether or not you were | · - | Q Now, this is February this is a |
| 8 | • | 9 | Monday, February 29th. You can see that from |
| 9 | aware that SolarCity's credit quality had | 10 | the cover sheet; correct? |
| 10 | weakened as of February 2016? A In my opinion, SolarCity's credit | 11 | A Which cover sheet? |
| 11 12 | A In my opinion, SolarCity's credit quality did not weaken materially over this | 12 | MR. CHESLER: Here. |
| | * * | 13 | THE WITNESS: Sure. In the email, |
| 13 14 | period of time. Q All right. Were you aware that as | 14 | yes. |
| 15 | Q All right. Were you aware that as this comment in here that: SpaceX's current | | BY MR. BARON: |
| 16 | solar bond position of \$165 million, that would | | Q The email says that they have been |
| 17 | be the 90 plus the 75, appears to represent | 17 | looking closely over the last 48 hours. So |
| 18 | approximately 77 percent of SolarCity's bonds | 18 | again, is it fair to say that on Saturday or |
| 19 | ** | 19 | Friday, Friday or Saturday, you made a phone |
| 20 | MR. CHESLER: It says, "total solar | 20 | call to Jason Wheeler and told him, "Now is the |
| 21 | bonds" | 21 | time for us to go"? |
| 22 | MR. BARON: Total solar bonds | 22 | A I don't recall. |
| 23 | outstanding. | 23 | Q Is it fair to say whenever you told |
| 24 | THE WITNESS: I don't recall. | 24 | Mr. Wheeler, it was shortly before the creation |
| 25 | | 25 | of this presentation? He didn't have a long |
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| 2 | Lake Tahoe house the weekend of February 27th; | l | BY MR. BARON: |
| 3 | correct? | 3 | Q Why did you, in a special meeting, |
| 4 | A Sure. | 4 | give your CFO only 48 hours to prepare something |
| 5 | Q Were you having discussions were | 5 | in a very preliminary manner to give to the board? |
| 6 | you having discussions with Mr. Rive about the | 6 | |
| 7 | acquisition at the same time that you asked | 7 8 | MR. CHESLER: Object to the form of the question. |
| 8 | Mr. Wheeler to prepare the presentation? A I don't recall. | 9 | THE WITNESS: We only meet every three |
| 9 10 | | 10 | months, and so it's waiting months for |
| | | 11 | something to occur is a long time. Why |
| 11 12 | A I suppose it's a possibility. Anything is a possibility. | 12 | wait? Patience is not my strong suit. |
| 13 | Q And you told Mr. Wheeler that you were | 13 | Maybe you might have guessed that by now. |
| 14 | going to set up a special meeting of the board | ı | BY MR. BARON: |
| 15 | of directors, correct, to have that discussion? | 15 | Q Now, that is maybe the least shocking |
| 16 | A Is that what the email says? | 16 | thing I've heard today. |
| 17 | Q That's actually what the meeting says. | 17 | Now, Mr. Wheeler seemed to indicate in |
| 18 | So it was a special meeting you had a meeting | 18 | Exhibit 33 that he thought that this was maybe |
| 19 | on February 29th; it was a special meeting that | 19 | not the best time to discuss an acquisition of |
| 20 | you called specifically to discuss the SolarCity | 20 | SolarCity; correct? |
| 21 | acquisition; correct? | 21 | MR. CHESLER: Thirty-two. |
| 22 | A I guess it might be correct. For the | 22 | MR. BARON: I'm sorry, I thought it |
| 23 | premise of your case to have any merit, you have | 23 | was 33. The Wheeler deposition is 33, isn't |
| 24 | to say SolarCity could not raise equity capital, | 24 | it? |
| 25 | which is raising equity capital is a function | 25 | MR, ZAGAR: No, 33 is the Lake Tahoe |
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| 1 | of the market cap of the company, and they could | 1 | email. |
| 2 | obviously have done so. | 2 | MR. BARON: That's right. Thank you. |
| 3 | So why are you wasting everyone's | 3 | MR. CHESLER: Sorry. Can we get the |
| 4 | time? | 4 | question again? |
| 5 | MR. BARON: Could you mark this as | 5 | MR. BARON: Sure. |
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| 2 | you're looking, counsel? | | BY MR. BARON: |
| 3 | MR. BARON: Yes, Exhibit 32, which is | | Q No. |
| 4 | the Jason Wheeler email, bullet point | 4 | A This may be part of your |
| 5 | number 2, sub 1. | 5 | misunderstanding. So when you have lease |
| 6 | THE WITNESS: It's the job of the CFO | 6 | accounting, the income statement tends to look |
| 7 | to highlight risks. So it's generally going | 7 | bad but the balance sheet looks good. |
| 8 | to be quite risk averse CFOs. | 8 | So you essentially acquire a bunch of |
| 9 | BY MR. BARON: | 9 | assets on the balance sheet, but the earnings |
| 10 | Q So he clearly did not think that | 10 | statement, it looks negative because of the way |
| 11 | was you agree that acquiring a | 11 | Generally Accepted Accounting Principles account |
| 12 | highly-dilutive acquisition is not usually the | 12 | for leases. |
| 13 | best idea; correct? | 13 | So it's necessarily going to be true |
| 14 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. | 14 | that any company which is doing a lot of lease |
| 15 | THE WITNESS: No, I don't think | 15 | obligations is going to have a negative |
| 16 | that what matters is the long-term | 16 | earnings. This is true of a car company as |
| 17 | outcome, not some short-term EPS solution. | 17 | well. But you will see an accumulation of |
| 18 | | 18 | assets on the balance sheet. |
| 19 | Q And you saw, again, that he says that | 19 | Now, this, I think, is actually a flaw |
| 20 | Morgan Stanley was projecting a negative | 20 | in GAAP accounting. This flaw has been |
| 21 | \$190 million drain on the cash in that year | 21 | partially there is an adjustment to the way |
| 22 | alone. | 22 | GAAP accounting is done for leases that has made |
| 23 | Do you see that bullet point? | 23 | things a little bit better, but it's still not |
| 24 | A Yes. | 24 | fully capturing an accurate picture for in |
| 25 | | 25 | any company which has got significant leases. |
| 23 | | 23 | |
| ١, | Page 227 | , | Page 229 So if you sell a product in lease |
| 1 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to form. | 1 | |
| 2 | THE WITNESS: That's Jason's job to | 2 | form, it's still not quite accurate. You have |
| 3 | a CFO's job to highlight risks. So he was | 3 | to be kind of an accountant to or you have to |
| 4 | obviously going to be generally probably | 4 | understand quite a bit of accounting to |
| 5 | risk averse. That's what you would expect. | 5 | understand what the real health of a business is |
| 6 | BY MR. BARON: | 6 | if it has a lot of lease obligations. |
| 7 | Q Now, when you saw the presentation and | 7 | Like I said, that's true of car |
| 8 | you saw that it was, what he said, "highly | 8 | companies or solar companies or any company that |
| 9 | dilutive," and that's on the presentation, you | 9 | engages in leases. This is a longstanding |
| 10 | can go a couple of pages on the | 10 | debate in accounting. |
| 11 | Accretion/Dilution Analysis, that didn't matter | 11 | Q Thanks. |
| 12 | to you, correct, that it was highly dilutive? | 12 | A Yes, you're welcome. |
| 13 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. | 13 | Q Now, Mr. Wheeler, after he |
| 14 | THE WITNESS: Short-term dilution of | 14 | presented actually, when it was presented to |
| 15 | EPS is not a driving factor in an | 15 | the board of directors as your suggestion that |
| 16 | acquisition decision. | 16 | they should begin the negotiation or discussion |
| | BY MR. BARON: | 17 | of an acquisition of SolarCity, did any of the |
| 18 | Q Did that analysis ever change? Did | 18 | |
| 19 | that analysis ever demonstrate that this was | 19 | · · |
| 20 | actually going to be an accretive transaction as | 20 | |
| 21 | far as you know? | 21 | Q Did any of them say, are there any |
| 22 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. | 22 | problems? Are there any liquidity issues that |
| 23 | THE WITNESS: The issue, when you have | 23 | will be solved at SolarCity by us undertaking |
| 24 | lease accounting — are you familiar with | 24 | |
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| 25 | lease accounting? Are von taminar with | 1 / 1 | A Probably. |

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| 1 | Q They probably asked you that question? | 1 | board of directors' meeting at SolarCity; |
| 2 | A I mean, 1 think that I don't recall | 2 | correct? Or do you have any recollection? |
| 3 | the exact discussion, but these are natural | 3 | A I mean, you have to so like, okay, |
| 4 | questions to ask in any acquisition. | 4 | three years ago, what was the exact month and |
| 5 | Q And did you say, yes? Did you say, | 5 | time and everything, it's difficult to remember |
| 6 | yes, SolarCity has some real liquidity problems | 6 | these things exactly. But you're probably |
| 7 | in the short run that can be solved if we buy | 7 | correct that there was one. |
| 8 | the company? | 8 | Q Let's just confirm that. |
| 9 | A No, because it's not true. This is | 9 | MR. BARON: Can I have the April board |
| 10 | the point that you're fundamentally missing. | 10 | minutes, April 26, please. |
| 11 | SolarCity would have just gone out and | 11 | (Exhibit 35 was marked.) |
| 12 | raised equity capital, as they had done many | 1 | BY MR, BARON: |
| 13 | times before, and they would have continued | 13 | Q Board meeting on April 26th. And if |
| 14 | executing their business. | 14 | you take a look at the top, it says that you, in |
| 15 | Q So after that meeting, by the way, the | 15 | fact, participated in that meeting. |
| 16 | board of directors didn't tell you no to the | 16 | Do you see that? |
| 17 | SolarCity offer, they just said that they want | 17 | A Yes. |
| 18 | more information; correct? | 18 | Q Now, typically for the board meetings |
| 19 | A My recollection is that they wanted to | 19 | at SolarCity, were they by telephone or were |
| 20 | spend more time thinking about it and that we | 20 | they in person? |
| 21 | should make sure that we go through the best | 21 | A I don't recall. |
| 22 | possible process and that it should be | 22 | Q Were you typically emailed |
| 23 | ultimately unimpeachable. Although here you are | 23 | presentations prior to the meetings or did you |
| 24 | trying to impeach it of course. And that we | 24 | just get handed information when you were there? |
| 25 | want to make sure that this is the most legally | 25 | A I'm not sure. I think usually I got |
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| 1 | and morally right way to do it. | 1 | something before, but I'm not sure that was |
| 2 | Q Okay. | 2 | always the case. |
| 3 | A And that is obviously the right | 3 | Q Now, in this case, on the day before |
| 4 | approach. And so we slowed it down a bit. | 4 | the meeting, you received an email from John |
| 5 | Q So they clearly didn't shut you down, | 5 | Fisher. Do you recall that? |
| 6 | they just said they want more information; | 6 | A No. |
| 7 | correct? | 7 | Q Let me see. |
| 8 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of | 8 | MR. BARON: Mark this 36. |
| 9 | the question. Asked and answered. | 9 | (Exhibit 36 was marked.) |
| 10 | BY MR. BARON: | 1 | BY MR. BARON: |
| 11 | Q They didn't shut you down? | 11 | Q First off, John Fisher is also a board |
| 12 | MR, CHESLER: Same objection. | 12 | member of SolarCity; correct? |
| 13 | THE WITNESS: As I said, we continued | 13 | A Yes, he was. |
| 14 | to discuss it and said, like, you know, we | 14 | Q He was a venture capitalist that |
| 15 | should absolutely do this the right way. | 15 | invested in a number of your entities; correct? |
| 16 | And we did. | 16 | A Yes. |
| 17 | BY MR. BARON: | 17 | Q He was with DFJ? He's "Fisher" from |
| 18 | Q And part of that was because, even as | 18 | DFJ; correct? |
| 19 | presented in the board minutes, what Mr. Wheeler | 19 | A He puts the "F" in DFJ? |
| 20 | was able to present was very preliminary | 20 | Q Yes. That's okay. You can ask him. |
| 21 | financial information. | 21 | I deposed him as well. |
| 22 | That's what he presented, very | 22 | In this he says: It sounds like we |
| 23 | preliminary financial information; correct? | 23 | have some important/disturbing issues to |
| 24 | A Yes, of course. | 24 | discuss. |
| 25 | Q Okay. Now, in April there was another | 25 | Do you see that? |
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| 1 | A Yes. | 1 | A Do you drive a gasoline car? |
| 2 | Q Do you know what those | 2 | Q Yes. |
| 3 | important/disturbing issues were? | 3 | A How embarrassing. You can afford an |
| 4 | A I don't recall. | 4 | electric car. Save the environment. |
| 5 | Q Let's look at the presentation that | 5 | Q I'm one of the few. I appreciate |
| 6 | was provided to the board of directors. | 6 | that. |
| 7 | MR, BARON: Can I have the email and | 7 | A Why do you hate the environment? |
| 8 | presentation dated April 26th. | 8 | Q I haven't sent a rocket into space, so |
| 9 | (Exhibit 37 was marked.) | 9 | I guess I haven't hurt the environment doing |
| | BY MR. BARON: | 10 | that. |
| 11 | Q Just so that we're you did not | 11 | A I got you. What is it, a Mercedes or |
| 12 | when Mr. Fisher says, "It sounds like we have | 12 | an Audi? Is it a diesel Audi? |
| 13 | some important/disturbing issues to discuss," it | 13 | Q Nope. |
| 14 | looks to me like you were aware that there were | 14 | A Okay. |
| 15 | important/disturbing issues to discuss because | 15 | Q It's not. |
| 16 | you did not ask Mr. Fisher what he's talking | 16 | So let's look at the Quarterly |
| 17 | about; correct? | 17 | Overview. We'll see from the Quarterly |
| 18 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of | 18 | Overview that from the first to fourth |
| 19 | the question. | 19 | quarter in the cash and short-term |
| 20 | THE WITNESS: I didn't know what he | 20 | investments it went down. |
| 21 | was talking about. What I was saying is | 21 | Do you see that? It's on Page 6. |
| 22 | that I'll be calling in and we can talk | 22 | It's the other page. |
| 23 | hear what he's talking about. | 23 | A Mercedes, Audi or BMW? |
| | BY MR. BARON: | 24 | Q So, again, you see that it went from |
| 25 | Q You know for sure you didn't know what | 25 | the short-term cash and short-term |
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| 1 | A I'm guessing you don't have solar | 1 | A It's not great, obviously. But Tesla |
| 2 | either. | 2 | also was optimistic in its you know, we |
| 3 | Q Actually, I do have solar. | 3 | thought we would do better than we did over that |
| 4 | A Really? Imagine the irony if it was | 4 | period of time. So this is not usual. |
| 5 | from SolarCity. | 5 | Q But that problem can't be solved just |
| 6 | MR. BARON: That would be ironic, but | 6 | by going to the equity markets, right, the |
| 7 | it's not. | 7 | megawatt installed going down? |
| 8 | MR. CHESLER: Page what? | 8 | Before you said the other thing wasn't |
| 9 | THE WITNESS: Fate loves irony. | 9 | disturbing because you can just go to the equity |
| 10 | MR. BARON: 15. | 10 | markets, but the equity markets aren't going to |
| 11 | Q On Page 15, you can see that there is | 11 | improve your megawatts installed? |
| 12 | a \$196 million reduction in expected cash equity | 12 | A No. But they give you time to this |
| 13 | proceeds. | 13 | is just like what level of growth and how are we |
| 14 | Do you see that? | 14 | going to do in solar installation and in solar |
| 15 | Do you see that in the very bottom in | 15 | sales. |
| 16 | the last bullet point? | 16 | So I'm not sure what you're getting at |
| 17 | A Oh, yes. Not on the spreadsheet | 17 | here. |
| 18 | but | 18 | Q Just looking at timing issues. |
| 19 | Q Did you find that important or | 19 | So now, in May of 2015 I'm sorry, |
| 20 | disturbing? | 20 | 2016 Tesla did a public offering in which you |
| 21 | A No. | 21 | also sold approximately \$593 million worth of |
| 22 | Q How about Page 16, do you see how it | 22 | Tesla stock; correct? |
| 23 | indicates that in the last bullet point that | 23 | A When? |
| 24 | May through August are at risk of tripping | 24 | Q May of 2016. |
| 25 | covenant? | 25 | A These are the stock options that I had |
| | Page 239 | | Page 241 |
| 1 | Do you see that? And it has a circle | 1 | no choice but to exercise in order to pay the |
| 2 | around I guess in around a number of them, | 2 | tax. |
| 3 | and it shows that it is below the covenant per | 3 | Q You had to sell stock in order to pay |
| 4 | month on one, two, three, four, five, six, | 4 | the tax if you wanted to exercise the options? |
| 5 | seven | 5 | A Yes. These were options that would |
| 6 | A Yes. | 6 | otherwise expire. So I simply sold enough |
| 7 | Q Eight of the 12 months? | 7 | options to pay the taxes. The number of shares |
| 8 | A I think the point of this presentation | 8 | would have been the same no matter what. |
| 9 | is that SolarCity needed to raise money. This | 9 | Q I'm just saying that there was and |
| 10 | was they had needed to raise money before; | 10 | at the same time the company sold shares as |
| 11 | they had always been successful. 100 percent | 11 | well; correct? The total offering was 6,519,656 |
| 12 | success rate. And they would have just done so | 12 | shares. Of that, 2,782,670 were yours; correct? |
| 13 | again. | 13 | A Simply in order to pay taxes. |
| 14 | Q So you didn't consider that | 14 | Q That's fine. I'm just making sure we |
| 15 | disturbing? | 15 | have the timing right that there was a public |
| 16 | A No. | 16 | offering of shares that happened in May of 2016; |
| 17 | Q Now, go to Page 21. On the, | 17 | correct? |
| 18 | "Megawatts Installed, Guidance," they had to | 18 | A It sounds about right. |
| 19 | reduce their guidance or they were suggesting | 19 | Q And that closed on May 25th, 2016; |
| 20 | they had to reduce their guidance from 1250 to | 20 | correct? |
| 21 | 900. | 21 | A Probably correct. |
| 22 | Do you see that? | 22 - | Q And like any other stock sale, if bad |
| 23 | A Mm-hmm. | 23 | news came out or news that the market would not |
| 23 | 0 | 24 | The that would have downed the etaels. |
| 24 | Q Did you consider that to be | 24 | like, that would have dropped the stock; |
| | Q Did you consider that to be disturbing? | 25 | correct? |

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| 1 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of | 1 | responded to on June 8th, 2019 2016, sorry? |
| 2 | the question. | 2 | A No. |
| 3 | THE WITNESS: No, this is what you | 3 | MR. BARON: Can I have the June 8th |
| 4 | fundamentally don't understand. If you | 4 | letter, please. |
| 5 | sell it actually doesn't matter what the | 5 | (Exhibit 38 was marked.) |
| 6 | stock price is. | | BY MR. BARON: |
| 7 | If I was keeping the money, then it | 7 | Q Showing you a letter to the SEC from |
| 8 | would matter. But since I was not, and | 8 | SolarCity on June 8th. And as you can see on |
| 9 | simply paying taxes, the taxes scale | 9 | the first full paragraph, it talks about a |
| 10 | proportionate to the stock price. | 10 | letter received from the SEC dated May 23rd. |
| 11 | So it wouldn't matter whether the | 11 | Do you see that on the first |
| 12 | stock was sold at \$10 or at \$1,000. It's | 12 | paragraph? |
| 13 | irrelevant. | 13 | A Yes, sure. |
| 14 | Do you understand that? | 14 | Q So did you were you aware of either |
| | BY MR. BARON: | 15 | the letter from the SEC or the response to the |
| 16 | Q Sure. | 16 | letter to the SEC? |
| 17 | A Okay. | 17 | A I mean, aware aware, yes. Familiar |
| 18 | Q So now and just so that we have the | 18 | with the details, no. |
| 19 | timing right, the stock sale went through on | 19 | Q Take a look at on Page 6 of 9 of |
| 20 | the offering closed on May 25th and then at the | 20 | the letter. |
| 21 | next regular board meeting on May 31st, you once | 21 | Were you aware that the SEC wanted |
| 22 | again brought up the issue of buying SolarCity; | 22 | better disclosures on the issues of sources of |
| 23 | correct? | 23 | cash that will be sufficient to meet cash |
| 24 | MR. CHESLER: Objection, form. | 24 | requirements over the next 12 months? |
| 25 | THE WITNESS: Sounds right. | 25 | A It is common to receive these sorts of |
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| 2 | That's not what they said, is it? | 2 | (Recess taken.) |
| 3 | They actually said: In the event that | 3 | VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the |
| 4 | we are unable to raise additional sources of | 4 | beginning of media Number 5. Going back on |
| 5 | working or project capital, or that we believe | 5 | the record at 4:55 p.m. |
| 6 | that it is in the best interest of our | | BY MR. BARON: |
| 7 | shareholders to preserve capital, we may decide | 7 | Q All right. So when we went off, I |
| 8 | to install fuel or solar energy systems and | 8 | asked you if you recalled ever being told |
| 9 | procure fewer components. | 9 | specifically not to use the word "cash flow," |
| 10 | I believe that the nature of our | 10 | and I want to add to that. |
| 11 | operations provides us with a high degree of | 11 | Were you ever specifically told not to |
| 12 | flexibility to react to changing economic and | 12 | use the word "cash flow positive" because of SEC |
| 13 | operational situations in managing our projected | 13 | correspondence? |
| 14 | cash requirements. | 14 | - |
| 15 | A Yes. And that is one accurate answer. | 15 | MR. BARON: Let's mark this as |
| 16 | But, generally, if you're going to raise | 16 | Exhibit 39. |
| 17 | capital, you do not state this in documents. | 17 | (Exhibit 39 was marked.) |
| 18 | You make the decision, you go through | | BY MR. BARON: |
| 19 | the process, and you raise capital. But you | 19 | Q An email from your cousin, Lyndon, on |
| 20 | don't say so in something some document like | 20 | August 9th, 2016 that says: One additional |
| 21 | this which, you know, could potentially leak or | 21 | point, we cannot use the word, quote, cash flow |
| 22 | something like that. | 22 | positive, end quote. |
| 23 | You raise the money, and in the | 23 | The SEC sent us a letter saying that |
| 24 | process, you get the banks involved. And that's | 24 | we should not use those words. The reason for |
| 25 | how you do it. | 25 | being cash flow positive is the financing of |
| | Page 247 | _ | Page 249 |
| 1 | Q Going to Page 8 of this document, do | 1 | assets. |
| 2 | you recall there being an issue raised by the | 2 | Even though we describe our definition |
| 3 | SEC relating to how you phrase your generation | 3 | of cash flow positive, they do not want us to |
| 4 | of cash flows or generation of cash? | 4 | use those words. So we're saying, "The cash |
| 5 | Do you recall that issue? | 5 | balance will increase." |
| 6 | A I mean, this is a level of detail that | 6 | Do you see that? |
| 7 | I am not familiar with. | 7 | A Yes. |
| 8 | Q Were you ever told by anyone that | 8 | Q And does that refresh your |
| 9 | at SolarCity when you speak to the investing | 9 | recollection of ever having been told |
| 10 | public, including you, not to use the phrase | 10 | specifically not to use the phrase "cash flow |
| 11 | "cash flows" for SolarCity because that would be | 11 | positive" when talking about SolarCity's |
| 12 | an inaccurate representation and the SEC didn't | 12 | business model? |
| 13 | like using the word "cash flows"? | 13 | A No. |
| 14 | MR. CHESLER: Objection | 14 | |
| Į. | BY MR. BARON: | 15 | she can't write down the head shake. |
| 16 | Q Like you are using the word "cash | 16 | |
| 17 | flows" when you meant cash generation from all | 17 | - |
| 18 | sources including the equity, the VIEs and other | 18 | |
| 19 | instruments. | 19 | • |
| 20 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to form. | 20 | |
| 21 | THE WITNESS: I don't recall this. | 21 | • |
| 22 | MR. BARON: That's fine. We can take | 22 | - |
| 23 | a break now. I'll find the document. | 23 | Sure. |
| 24 | VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of | 24 | |
| 25 | media Number 4. Going off the record at | 25 | 2016, so we know that in May of 20 May 31st |

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| 1 | Page 250 | 1 | Page 252 BY MR. BARON: |
| 1 | on the regular board meeting, you brought up | 2 | |
| 2 | SolarCity again, the board gave you authority to | | Q So if you take a look at the June 19th email, which I'll represent is the day before |
| 3 | hire an investment banker and you did so; | 3 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| 4 | correct? | 4 | the meeting, to Roger, Stu, and Chuck, it says: Attached is the latest draft of the materials |
| 5 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of | 5 | |
| 6 | the question. | 6 | for tomorrow. These materials were sent to Ron |
| 7 | THE WITNESS: Sure. | 7 | at Wachtell, who sent it to Elon as a draft per |
| 8 | BY MR. BARON: | 8 | Elon's request. I reiterated that that is a |
| 9 | Q And you chose Evercore. How did you | 9 | draft and is subject to change. |
| 10 | choose Evercore? | 10 | Does that refresh your recollection as |
| 11 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of | 11 | to whether or not there was a process set up by |
| 12 | the question. | 12 | which Wachtell would forward to you drafts of |
| 13 | THE WITNESS: I'm not sure I actually | 13 | materials before they were provided to the rest |
| 14 | I think it may have been the board that | 14 | of the board? |
| 15 | chose Evercore. I don't recall being the | 15 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. |
| 16 | one that chose Evercore. | 16 | THE WITNESS: No, I don't think so. |
| 17 | I think that was one of your tricky | | BY MR. BARON: |
| 18 | questions again. | 18 | Q Did you, in fact, receive the |
| | BY MR. BARON: | 19 | June 20th board presentation on or a draft of |
| 20 | Q The board just gave you authority | 20 | it on June 19th? |
| 21 | according to the minutes. And you're welcome to | 21 | A I don't know. I suppose it's |
| 22 | look back and see if I'm being tricky. | 22 | possible. |
| 23 | The minutes just say they gave | 23 | Q Now, on that June 19th presentation |
| 24 | authority to hire an investment banker. Then | 24 | we've looked at it a number of times before |
| 25 | the next thing I know, Evercore was retained. | 25 | do you recall whether you gave any comment to |
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| 2 | know, I think this is an approximation of the | 3 | Q I didn't fight you on that one. |
| 3 | SolarCity debt structure. | 4 | So on the tax equity, is that |
| 4 | But accurate there's precision and | 5 | fundamentally through the leases or is that |
| 5 | accuracy. | 6 | through some other methodology of instruments, |
| 6 | You cannot be precise in a track like | 7 | some other instrument? |
| 7 | this because there is certainly not enough | 8 | A Tax equity just reduces the effective |
| 8 | space. Is it accurate? I guess it's probably | 9 | cost of the solar installation and would be |
| 9 | approximately accurate. | 10 | wrapped into the leasing process in a real |
| 10 | Q So is it, in your view, accurate that | 11 | securitization process. |
| 11 | at DevCo the financing was only the solar bonds | 12 | Q And that's what I'm trying to make |
| 12 | and the corporate revolver? Is that an | 13 | sure. Is that different than there would |
| 13 | accurate do you believe that was an accurate | 14 | also be tax equity which would be part of the |
| 14 | overview of the financing at DevCo? | ' | VIEs which was in the nonrecourse aggregate |
| 15 | A I mean, I don't know if this was I | 15 | facilities and in the nonrecourse term debt; |
| 16 | cannot speak to an exact level of accuracy of | 16 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| 17 | this situation. | 17 18 | right? I might have misunderstood this, so I |
| 18 | Q All right. We already saw the solar | | want to make sure I'm talking about the right |
| 19 | bonds which was over 70 percent SpaceX owned. | 19 20 | |
| 20 | Do you remember whether or not | 21 | Are the VIEs the instruments used for |
| 21 | there were you ever told there were any cross | l | |
| 22 | defaults from any of the PowerCo assets to the | 22 | the nonrecourse aggregate facilities? |
| 23 | corporate revolver? | 23 | A A VIE? Sorry.Q Yes, the variable interest entity. |
| 24 | A No, I don't recall that. | 24 | Q Yes, the variable interest entity.A I mean, these are esoteric financing |
| 25 | Q Do you remember anybody ever telling | 25 | A Timean, these are esotene mancing |
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| 1 | you that there was a cross default for any | 1 | questions that I am not sure if the you know, |
| 2 | amount over \$10 million that would trigger a | 2 | we need to look up the definition here and say |
| 3 | default of the corporate revolver? | 3 | let's do a bunch of math. It's like |
| 4 | Were you aware of that? | 4 | Q That's fine. I don't need to go |
| 5 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. | 5 | through it with you. I just want to make sure |
| 6 | THE WITNESS: No. | | |
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Page 258 Page 260 it needed to be done before the following a sense of -- there was window in which they had 1 1 2 quarter? 2 to make the decision. They either needed to go to the public markets or they needed to be 3 Α I think June has 30 days. 3 4 Q That's true. acquired were the choices that you saw; correct? 4 5 They didn't need to be acquired. But Nice try. Α 5 they did need to raise funding. Basically they 6 0 You got me. I'm trying to be tricky 6 7 7 needed to raise funding middle of that year. on you. 8 MR. CHESLER: Even about that. Q Right. So there was a window, 8 9 MR. BARON: See, maybe I'm not tricky, 9 obviously, and you said you thought that this 10 maybe I'm just -should happen before they had to go and raise 10 11 THE WITNESS: I recall June 31st being funding is what you just said. 11 12 a very special day. 12 Am I accurate? 13 13 BY MR, BARON: Yes. Α February 30th is better. 14 What was that window? Q 14 Q 15 So were you thinking you wanted to get 15 I'm not sure. That window is not a this done before the quarter ending on the 30th 16 fixed number because if they did not raise 16 17 or were you thinking that it needed to be by the 17 funding, they would change their actions within end of the third quarter? 18 the company to consume less capital. 18 19 So this is a -- this is not -- you 19 Well, you need to begin the 20 preparations for raising money before the 20 just adjust the business activities to use less quarterly earnings release. 21 21 cash. You would go into a lower growth mode 22 So this is obviously going back now 22 until you could complete the capital raise. three years. But, you know, probably was -- it 23 Q I don't think we're fighting on this 23 one. I was wondering why you believed that it 24 made sense to -- they had a divergent path: 24 25 Either raise money in the capital markets or 25 was appropriate for you not to wait till the Page 261 Page 259 get -- go through an acquisition process with next meeting and to have a special meeting in 1 1 2 Tesla. 2 June. 3 And so we needed to begin that 3 I thought you said that it made sense to do the acquisition before they went back out investigation; decide whether we do this because 5 it's an extended process; you have shareholder 5 to the public markets. 6 votes and everything. 6 Did I misstate that? 7 A No, that's correct. 7 So I thought it made sense to do so 8 before they raised funding because that would 8 Okay. And so my question was: What push out any acquisition by at least three to 9 was that window? 10 You said, "before they went." 10 six months -- at least three months. Okay. And I think you said before 11 When did you think they were likely to 11 12 when you said going to the capital markets, in 12 have to go back to the public markets? the context of SolarCity, they were pretty much 13 Well, generally you can go to the 14 public markets after you post your quarterly stuck to go to equity markets, they no longer 15 had a lot of opportunity for debt markets; 15 earnings. 16 correct? 16 So then there is a window, a fundraising window after you post the quarter, 17 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. 17 THE WITNESS: I don't -- I think they which is generally when you would raise funding 18 19 probably could have gone to the debt markets because otherwise you need to do a special 19 20 intermediate, you know, intra-quarter closing. 20 as well. 21 BY MR. BARON: 21 So it's generally after the quarterly 22 22 earnings, there's sort of a window of about a Did you ever --23 But they would have gone to the equity 23 month to raise funding. 24 markets. That would have been the path that 24 So were you thinking that this needed to be done before June 31st or were you thinking 25 they had taken before. 25

Was there any analysis as to what 1 would have happened had they gone to the equity 2

markets given their need for -- immediate need 3

for liquidity, whether or not that would have, 4

A, been underwritten or, B, at what price that

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Was there ever an analysis?

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Q My question isn't what it would do. My question was whether anybody talked to

investment bankers, tried to get an 21

22 understanding as to whether or not there was a

23 window in the equity market, whether or not

24 there was people that would underwrite that and

25 whether or not that price -- if you go to the

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No, it's not -- this is not correct. 1 The public market understands it. The public 2 3 market sets the price.

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4 Q But there was no document, there is no 5 analysis that said this -- we believe that this 6 is the right window for us to go back to the 7 market and this is what we think we can get on 8 the public equity market?

As I said, the market, the buyers and sellers in the market set a clearing price. That is the share price of the company. It is the most objective means of setting the price of the company.

If the company was private, that would be a different story. But if it's public, you know what the price is that you can raise capital and it is approximately the market price of the company.

And if raising capital would de-risk the company, then you will actually result in a price increase. The market cap of the company would increase.

Again, this is -- I'm not going to argue with you whether or not I agree with you or not.

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1 equity markets and tell the story of why 2 SolarCity needed money, whether or not the stock

3 price would stay up or would go away down in

order to dilute the rest of the shareholders.

I'm just asking whether that analysis was done, not whether you agree with it or not.

A For a publicly-traded company in general, the market is already setting the price. This is not -- it's the -- you go to the market and you raise capital based on the share price of the company.

My guess is, actually, that SolarCity's share price would have actually increased if they had gone to the markets for equity because it would have de-risked the company and their investors like that.

17 And this happened several times with Tesla, not always but more often than not, when 18 we've raised money, our share price has gone up, 19 20 not down.

21 Q Again, my question was still: Was 22 there some analysis?

23 And I take it from your answer that, no, you felt you understood that, so there was 24 no analysis of that?

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1 I'm just asking whether or not there is any documentation that says what the price is

3 that it could do an offering at and whether or

not there was a window for it to do so? 5

The public market sets the price at 6 which you can raise money.

Okav.

8 But it's not somebody's opinion. It's

not some prior person's opinion. It's literally 10 a public market.

That's how it goes. That's how it works at the public market companies.

And whether or not one agrees with that price -- people disagree, people agree, and then there is a clearing price, and that is the price of -- the stock price of the company, and then you can raise money at that price. That's essentially what they are saying.

I don't need to ask you a third time. The only question was, again, what documentation there was. You keep going to the public

21 markets. I gotcha. 22

23 MR. BARON: Can you mark this as 24 Exhibit 41. 25

(Exhibit 41 was marked.)

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Page 268 Page 266 electric vehicles, we need battery -- stationary 1 BY MR, BARON: battery storage and we need solar power. At 2 Q I'm showing you what's been marked as 3 Exhibit 41. It is the Minutes of a Special 3 least you have one of those legs. 4 That is what -- but those are the 4 Meeting of the Board of Directors of Tesla 5 three things that are needed. They work better 5 Motors dated June 20th, 2016. These are the minutes for the 6 as an integrated product. That remains true. 6 7 7 presentation that we've looked at a number of However, the mistake on my part is 8 that I thought Tesla was further along on the 8 times. 9 9 Again, do you have any recollection at Model 3 program than we were. 10 this meeting whether or not anybody at the board And, in fact, it took us probably a 10 11 year and a half, I would say, longer to get 11 said, well, why now, and you responding, as you 12 through that than expected. 12 just did, that we should do this before SolarCity goes back to the public markets? 13 That was -- I thought it would be 13 hard, but it was harder than I expected. 14 14 A Yes, I do. This is three years later, 15 but I do recall. My recollection, which may be 15 Q Now, as far as a solar company, inaccurate, is that we just -- is that I said we 16 though, nobody actually went and talked to any 16 other solar companies; right? 17 17 should begin the acquisition process before 18 The only solar company anybody ever SolarCity has to go out and raise funding 18 19 because otherwise it would delay the 19 talked about buying was actually SolarCity; 20 correct? 20 acquisition, you know, several months. 21 A I thought SolarCity was far and away 21 So they've got to make a choice. And 22 the best choice. There doesn't seem to be 22 better for us to do this now and not in the 23 future. 23 anything close. 24 Q Nobody ever talked to anybody else, 24 And why better now than in the future? Q 25 25 Because at the time I thought it made though; correct? Page 267 Page 269 1 I don't know. People may have talked strategic sense for Tesla and SolarCity to 1 2 combine. 2 to other companies, but, you know, there is only Hindsight is 20/20. And if I could one company that I thought was the right one and 3 3 that was SolarCity. wind back the clock, you know, I would say 5 O I showed you -- and I can show you 5 probably would have let SolarCity execute by itself; would have let Tesla execute by itself 6 again, but I don't think I need to. 7 and --7 I showed you the chart in the April 8 8 But I just didn't realize how board meeting at SolarCity that showed the 9 9 liquidity below the covenant line eight times difficult it would be to do the Model 3 program. 10 And so that was just a big distraction and sort 10 out of 12 months. of offset a lot of things by more than a year, 11 Do you recall that chart? 11 12 year and a half maybe. A I guess, yes. 12 13 Was there something to be achieved 13 Did you share that with the board of 14 more by doing it in June, July than there would 14 directors at Tesla and say, look, this shows you that they need to be raising capital and this is 15 have been a year or two later? 15 why we need to do this now? 16 Did you think SolarCity was going to 16 crash in the mid term or --17 I'm sure that the board saw all of the 17 18 A No. 18 documents, including that one. It seems likely. Why would the Tesla board have seen a 19 19 -- or was it going to grow so big that 20 it would be too expensive for Tesla? 20 presentation to the SolarCity board? Not -- in the acquisition process, 21 Why was it necessary to do it then 21 22 instead of wait? 22 they were presented with all of the due 23 23 A I wanted to create an integrated solar diligence.

I'm talking on June 20th, when you

told them that you think this is the window of

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and storage product. And for a sustainable

energy future, we need three things: We need

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| 1 | time to buy the company before they go to the | 1 | MR. CHESLER: I probably wouldn't yell |
| 2 | public markets, did you share with them the | 2 | at you, I might object. So we're supposed |
| 3 | liquidity issues that you were aware of from | 3 | to have 83765, is that the |
| 4 | being a board member of SolarCity? | 4 | MR. BARON: Yes, 83765. |
| 5 | A I mean, I said SolarCity has to either | 5 | Q Perhaps you can help decipher this. |
| 6 | raise money or go through an acquisition | 6 | This appears to be a note to himself or in |
| 7 | process, which, obviously, you don't raise money | 7 | preparation of a conversation. And my belief is |
| 8 | unless you need to raise money. This is | 8 | it's with you. So let's go through this for a |
| 9 | obvious. | 9 | moment. |
| 10 | And then subsequently, the board was | 10 | In July of 2016, did you express to |
| 11 | presented with all of the due diligence | 11 | Lyndon that you were surprised that the company |
| 12 | information. | 12 | was running super Iow on cash? A Yes, I think I did. |
| 13 | There was an overwhelming shareholder | 13 | ··· , |
| 14 | vote by both companies, super majority, | 14 | Q Okay. And it appears that he was |
| 15 | independent shareholders. | 15 | trying to figure out in his own mind what the |
| 16 | I don't know why you're wasting your | 16 | best way to tell you that you should not be |
| 17 | time. | 17 | surprised. |
| 18 | Q Were you told that as by early | 18 19 | And the first thing he said is he gave you an update on forecasts of the low cash |
| 19 | July, that the management at SolarCity believed | 20 | balance; is that correct? |
| 20 | that the company was close to breaching a | 21 | Did he give you, throughout the time |
| 21 | liquidity covenant under the company's revolving | 22 | period, updated forecasts on low cash balances? |
| 22 | credit facility? | 23 | A I'm sure he gave me some updates. |
| 23 | Did you know that? A What do you mean by "close"? | 24 | Q And he also says that he told you that |
| 24 | | 25 | they were running crazy close and that the team |
| 25 | | 25 | · |
| 4 | Page 271 | 1 | thinks that he was crazy for not raising capital |
| 1 | Did you think that they were close to | 1 | right away. |
| 2 | breaching a liquidity covenant under the | 2 3 | Do you see that? |
| 3 | company's revolving credit facility? | 4 | A Yes. |
| 4 | A Well, it stands to reason if a company | 5 | Q Is that true? Did he tell you that in |
| 5 | needs to raise capital, there's a reason for it. | 6 | advance of July of 2016? |
| 6 | Q And that reason was they were close, | 7 | A Yes, I mean, he I'm not sure. He |
| 7 | whatever that means, to breaching their liquidity covenants? | 8 | probably used different words with me. But I |
| 8 | • | 9 | mean, it was clear it was clear that |
| 9 | A For God's sake, if a company needs to raise money, it means it needs to raise money. | 10 | SolarCity either needed to raise capital or go |
| 10 | And if it doesn't raise money, it either has to | 11 | through the acquisition, but it couldn't be |
| 11 | make significant changes to its business | 12 | stuck in between. |
| 12 | operations or we'll have severe issues. | 13 | Q And then his next comment was: I |
| 13 | What else is common sense? | 14 | mentioned that I needed to raise capital but you |
| 14 | MR. BARON: Let me have the 7983765. | 15 | told him no and that you will have me covered. |
| 15 | Mark this as exhibit next in order, whatever | 16 | I made it clear that I needed the capital but if |
| 16 | number I'm at. | 17 | you have me covered, okay. |
| 17 | | 18 | Is that an accurate statement? Did he |
| 18 19 | (Exhibit 42 was marked.) MR. CHESLER: Are you taking the | 19 | tell you he needed capital and you said you had |
| | • - | 20 | him covered? |
| 20 | document apart for some reason? MR. BARON: I realized that we put | 21 | A I think I said that I would make sure |
| 21 | they are the same subject matter, same date, | 22 | that they were okay through an acquisition |
| 22 | but they were two nonsequential Bates ranges | 23 | period. In other words, I would not let the |
| 23 | and I thought you would yell at me if I | 24 | acquisition discussions cause undue strife with |
| 24 | | 25 | SolarCity. |
| 25 | tried to mark them as one. | 125 | SOINTCHY. |

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And how were you planning to have him 1 Q 2

covered?

I did not have specific plans. 3 A

What this says was that the main 4 reason for this is that we were planning an

acquisition. And it looks like he meant in May, 6

and then you asked if we could make it June.

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Is that accurate, that originally you planned on trying to do the acquisition in May but then you asked Lyndon to push it to June?

Yes. "Begin the acquisition" would be more accurate. You don't do an acquisition

13 instantaneously.

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Okay. And then he says: I told you we would need a \$200 million loan, and he was afraid of the domino effect if they didn't get the capital.

18 And you said -- and your response was: 19 Why don't we just get the acquisition done in 20 May.

21 Was that accurate?

22 This is not -- it would begin the

23 acquisition in May, not complete the acquisition

24 in May. That's not a realistic time frame. You

25 can't instantaneously do an acquisition.

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Well, but originally you went to the board in February. So if you went to the board

3 in February, it's possible to have completed it

in May; correct?

5 A No, that sounds optimistic. Probably 6 take longer.

7 And then after the conversation when you said that you would get it done in May, is 8

it true that you called him back and you said it

10 needs to wait a month, and you asked if he could

manage an extra month on their cash deficit 11

problem? 12

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Sounds about right. Α

14 And, ultimately, I think in response

to that, he also sent you an email with an

16 attachment.

MR. BARON: Can I have Tesla 22462, 17 18 please.

19 (Exhibit 43 was marked.)

20 BY MR. BARON:

Q Now, do you recall receiving this 21

email from Lyndon on July 10th, 2016? 22

23 Yes. This was like quite an

important -- quite an important thing. So this

is -- it goes back to the old saying that banks

want to lend you money when you don't need it but they don't want to lend you money when you

3 do need it.

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4 And so essentially you do not want to get close to running out of money because the 6 banks get scared and do not want to lend you

8 So what Lyndon was essentially saying 9 is it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. If they think you're running low -- dangerously low 10 on cash, then they don't want to give you cash. 11

But if they think you've got plenty of 12 13 cash, they want to give you cash. It's ironic.

Now, as you can see, what he attached with this document was the liquidity by month analysis from the April SolarCity board meeting.

Do you see that on the second page?

18 Mm-hmm. Α

That was the document that we looked

at that was one of the presentations. So what 20

he was -- you understood that what he was saying

22 is this is the liquidity information that you've

23 known since April, so you shouldn't be

surprised; correct? 24

25 I guess so.

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1 Now, at some point again in July, it became clear that -- well, it became clear in

June and July that SolarCity did not have enough 3

cash to even make it through the close of the

5 acquisition, correct, and that something had to

6 be done?

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8 And it also became clear, like you

just said, that the banks were being problematic

10 because they were too close and the banks didn't

want to lend them any money; correct, any more 11

12 money?

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No. I just think that the old saying

that banks want to lend you money when you don't

need it, and they don't want to lend you money

when you do. So you don't want to get too close

17 because that makes the banks nervous.

They were having trouble getting any

19 bridge loans from any banks during this time 20 period; correct?

In the process of an acquisition, it's 21

difficult. Banks don't know which balance sheet 22

23 to look at, ours, theirs, or the combined. This

24 is a difficult thing.

25 And they looked at doing a PIPE

| that one. MR. CHESLER: You deserved that for that one. MR. BARON: Go ahead. My question was very It's like are you did anybody tell you that they looked into getting a PIPE transaction but that was not possible? A I think the if you're in the middle of an acquisition, it's critical to raise funding because the the stock price of the be higher than it normally is. So raising equity in a situation like Page 279 that is difficult because the equity buyers will say the stock price is higher than it normally would be if you were an independent company. So they don't want to pay the acquisition premium in raising equity. Then, for debt, it also creates a challenge in raising debt because the banks don't know whether to look at the acquiror or It consideration. Q What was that? A Not in the time frame under consideration. Q I don't know what that means. A They might have succeeded. A They might have succeeded. A That's not the same as saying they did not succeed. We were trying to find the most morally and legally defensible way to provide the bridge capital. Ultimately solar bonds seemed like the most morally right and legally right way to do other paths. Q That path was not decided until after the shareholder vote; correct? A You're talking about the solar bonds When did you buy the solar bonds? A You're talking about the solar bonds? A You're talking about the solar bonds? | | | | - |
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| 11 | Was that rejected by you or the board? | 11 questions. In any way? Sure. In some ways |
| 12 | Who said no to that idea? | 12 but would it be appropriate for the board to |
| 13 | A Well, all of these things would have | 13 hear my views? Of course. |
| 14 | been had to have been approved by the board. | 14 Q You were a participant in all of the |
| 15 | Q I understand. But was that idea of | 15 analysis |
| 16 | buying Silevo and then following that up with an | 16 A No. |
| 17 | acquisition of SolarCity, was that was the | 17 Q No? What analysis were you not |
| 18 | kibosh put on that by you or the board? | 18 participating in? |
| 19 | A Both. | 19 A How could I be a participant in all of |
| 20 | Q So you did present that suggestion to | 20 the analysis? That's an absurd statement. |
| 21 | the board of directors? | 21 Q The same analysis that the rest of the |
| 22 | A We discussed a number of alternatives. | 22 board was involved in, you were involved with? |
| 23 | The entire premise of your argument is | 23 A I was involved I think, actually, |
| 24 | just on quicksand. So foolish. | 24 the board got more analysis than I did. |
| 25 | Q At the June meeting when they decided | 25 Q Why do you say that? |
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| 1 | board decided as to exchange rates as well; | 1 | check-in calls with you and the bankers? |
| 2 | correct? | 2 | Is there anything that happened |
| 3 | A I was involved in some of those | 3 | somewhere between the June presentation and July |
| 4 | discussions. | 4 | 15th that prompted your desire to have daily |
| 5 | Q In fact, there were daily calls and | 5 | check-in calls? |
| 6 | update calls between Evercore and you; correct? | 6 | A I don't recall. |
| 7 | A Not every day. | 7 | Q It was your desire, you're the one who |
| 8 | Q There were not daily check-in calls | 8 | asked for them; correct? |
| 9 | with Elon regarding the merger negotiations in | 9 | A I mean, I think we need to stay on top |
| 10 | process prior to the board approving the merger? | 10 | of the acquisition. |
| 11 | A Maybe for a few days. But not how | 11 | Q So something prompted you to say, I |
| 12 | many days are you talking about here? That's | 12 | want to know what's going on, I want to have |
| 13 | not the case. | 13 | daily check-in calls; right? |
| 14 | Q Okay. So you had meetings or | 14 | A I have many situations where I have |
| 15 | discussions with the bankers where the rest of | 15 | daily check-in calls. This is not unusual. |
| 16 | the board was not involved; correct? | 16 | O And is it a coincidence that there |
| 17 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. | 17 | was that you had discussions with folks at |
| 18 | THE WITNESS: There may have been some | 18 | the special committee of SolarCity on the day |
| 19 | where the board was not present. But not | 19 | before, or do you not recall that? |
| 20 | very many. Very few. | 20 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of |
| 21 | BY MR. BARON: | 21 | the question. |
| 22 | Q Starting on July 15th, you started | 22 | THE WITNESS: I don't recall. |
| 23 | having daily check-in calls with the bankers; | 23 | MR. BARON: Can I have July 14th. |
| 24 | correct? | 24 | (Exhibit 45 was marked.) |
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| 1 | China and North America and Europe. | 1 | MR. BARON: Before I do this |
| 2 | So whatever is a priority. This is | 2 | actually, before I mark this one, because |
| 3 | clearly a priority. So that is when | 3 | this one is fat, can I have Evercore 163736? |
| 4 | something is a priority, you do daily calls. | 4 | THE WITNESS: I do recall I did not |
| 5 | "Daily" doesn't mean necessarily every | 5 | really think of things in terms of an |
| 6 | single day. There are obviously going to be | 6 | exchange ratio but rather what did the |
| 7 | gaps. But as is appropriate, when something is | 7 | public markets how did the public markets |
| 8 | a priority, you should have daily calls. | 8 | view the value of Tesla and SolarCity, their |
| 9 | Q Were you aware that, again, in as | 9 | most objective source for establishing a |
| 10 | of the time you started having daily calls that | 10 | valuation. |
| 11 | SolarCity was holding back their payables, | 11 | (Exhibit 46 was marked.) |
| 12 | trying to sort of preserve as much cash as | | BY MR. BARON: |
| 13 | possible? | 13 | Q This document specifically says that: |
| 14 | A It seems like that would be one of the | 14 | On tonight's call with Elon, we need to make a |
| 15 | things that they would do. It's important to | 15 | recommendation, also revise exchange ratio which |
| 16 | preserve cash through the acquisition process. | 16 | we will recommend to the full board tomorrow. |
| 17 | Q Are you aware of whether or not the | 17 | Does this refresh your recollection as |
| 18 | company or SolarCity decided not to reduce their | 18 | to whether or not you had a call with the |
| 19 | guidance on their megawatt deployment even | 19 | investment bankers before they made a |
| 20 | though it was suggested that it do so? | 20 | recommendation to the board of directors on an |
| 21 | Do you remember we saw that slide | 21 | exchange ratio? |
| 22 | earlier that showed that in, I think it was the | 22 | A I think there may have been some |
| 23 | April presentation, that they were going to | 23 | discussion. Like I said, I wouldn't have |
| 24 | reduce their guidance on megawatt deployment | 24 | thought of this as an exchange ratio, but rather |
| 25 | from approximately 1200 to 900. | 25 | just that there is a public market value of one |
| | Page 291 | | Page 293 |
| 1 | Do you recall that slide? | 1 | company and another company. |
| 2 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of | 2 | And, you know, if you divide the two, |
| 3 | the question. | 3 | you get an exchange ratio. But I think of it |
| 4 | THE WITNESS: I recall that slide, | 4 | more in terms of the public market is setting |
| 5 | yes. | 5 | values for these things. |
| 6 | BY MR. BARON: | 6 | MR. BARON: Can you mark this next in |
| 7 | Q Do you recall why it was that despite | 7 | order, please. |
| 8 | that recommendation, the company still did not | 8 | (Exhibit 47 was marked.) |
| 9 | actually revise its guidance? | | BY MR. BARON: |
| 10 | MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of | 10 | Q I'm showing you what's marked as |
| 11 | the question. | 11 | Exhibit 47. |
| 12 | MR. BARON: Actually, that's fair. | 12 | A This is not environmentally friendly. |
| 13 | Q Do you know whether or not the company | 13 | Q This is a board package sent to the |
| 14 | actually did revise its guidance? | 14 | board of directors on July 19th, 2016. You got |
| 15 | A My recollection is there was a | 15 | a copy of the board presentation in advance; is |
| 16 | guidance revision. | 16 | that correct or incorrect? |
| 17 | Q Let me show you a document from | 17 | A I don't recall. Seems unnecessary to |
| 18 | July 19th from the board of directors, please. | 18 | print all these pages that just say, "Redacted." |
| 19 | By the way, as part of the check-in | 19 | Q Yes, it does. |
| 20 | calls you were having with the bankers and the | 20 | MR. CHESLER: It looks like the |
| 21 | lawyers, you actually specifically discussed | 21 | Mueller report. |
| 22 | their recommendations to the board as to what | 22 | THE WITNESS: Yes, exactly. That's |
| | | | |
| 23 | the exchange ratio should be; correct? | 23 | what I was thinking. Just publish one word. |
| 23 24 25 | the exchange ratio should be; correct? MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. THE WITNESS: I don't recall. | 23 24 25 | It's all redacted. MR. BARON: No collusion. Volume 1. |

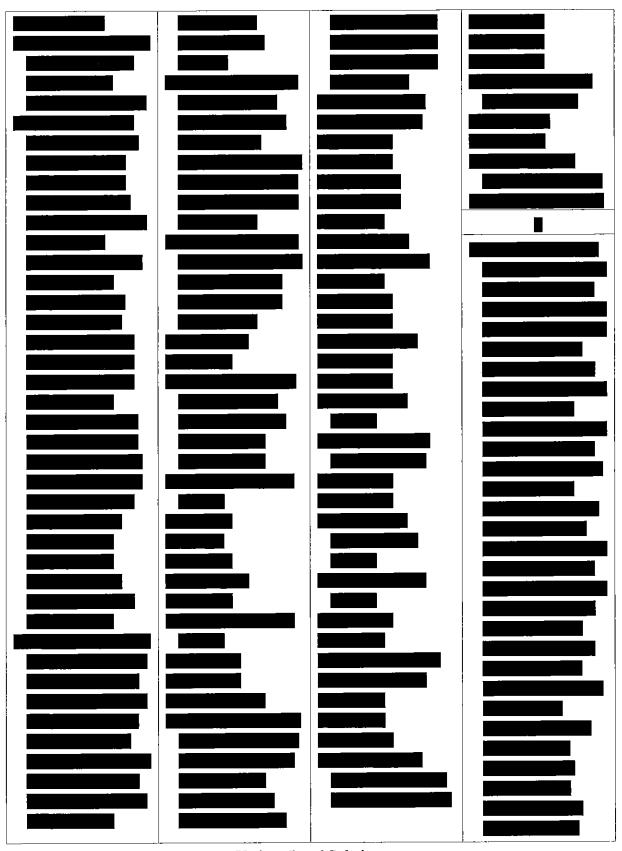
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| 1 | Q Do you recall receiving this package, | 1 | SolarCity management case model and the revised |
| 2 | though? | 2 | sensitivity case model? |
| 3 | A No, not really. I mean, this is a | 3 | A I'm sorry, did you say |
| 4 | weighty term. | 4 | Q Had you seen them prior to this |
| 5 | Q Do you recall | 5 | presentation? |
| 6 | A I think you could finish Lord of the | 6 | A Maybe. I mean, look at this thing. |
| 7 | Rings faster than you could read this thing. | 7 | It's gigantic. So probably I did. |
| 8 | Q So going to Page 2, this is a the | 8 | Q Are you aware of well, who prepared |
| 9 | first summary from Evercore as to due diligence | 9 | the SolarCity management case? |
| 10 | that they were undertaking. On the last bullet | 10 | A Evercore. |
| 11 | point | 11 | Q Okay. Who prepared the revised |
| 12 | MR. CHESLER: Wait a minute, page | 12 | sensitivity case? A I assume Evercore. |
| 13 | what? I'm trying to find the Bates | 13 | |
| 14 | MR. BARON: Page 2, Bates range 717. | 14 | Q Do you understand the distinction between the two? |
| 15 | MR. HUFFMAN: It's ending in 8022. | 15 16 | A One is revised. |
| 16 | MR. CHESLER: You have to go way in to | l | |
| 17 | get to Page 2. | 17 | Q Do you understand how the revised what revisions and who did the revisions of what |
| 18 | THE WITNESS: Game of Thrones but the | 18 19 | is? |
| 19 | boring edition. | 20 | |
| 20 | What page? | 21 | A Do I understand it? What do you mean by do I understand it? |
| 21 | MR. CHESLER: 8022 at the end. | 22 | |
| 22 | THE WITNESS: Can I have yours? | 23 | Q Do you have some understanding as to how the revised sensitivity case came about |
| 23 | MR. CHESLER: Sure. | 24 | other than it is, by definition, revised from |
| 25 | BY MR. BARON: Q A couple of questions. I just want to | 25 | something? |
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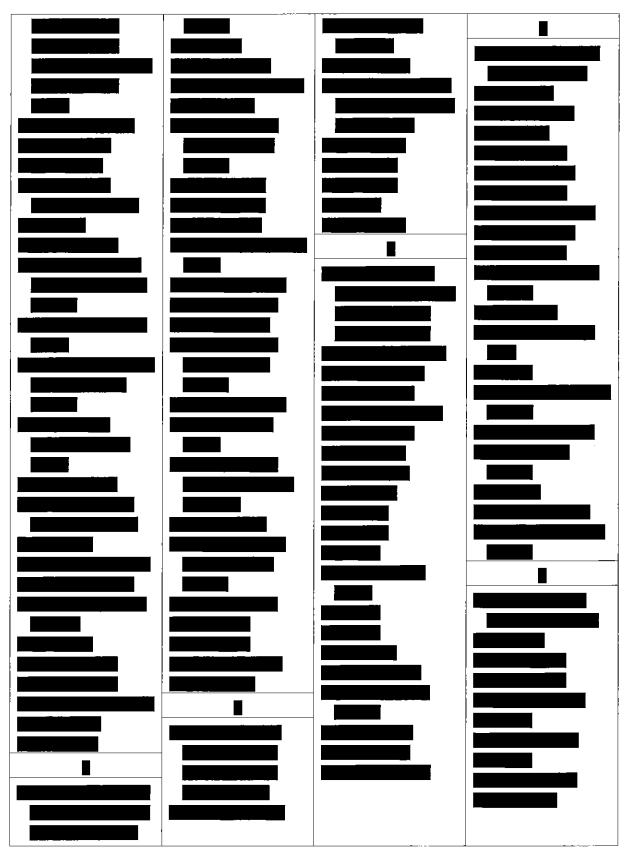
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| 1 | representatives had requested the company | 1 2 | Don't answer that question. He's just |
| 2 | consider providing SolarCity with short-term | | THE WITNESS: Don't worry. |
| 3 | bridge financing in connection with the | 3 | Specifically because we knew some jerk, like |
| 4 | potential acquisition to address its near-term | 4 | you, were to file a suit, and so what is the |
| 5 | liquidity needs, which requests the company had | 5 | most morally and legally defensible way to |
| 6 | rejected. | 6 | provide interim financing? |
| 7 | Mr. Wheeler then reviewed with the | 7 | Solar bonds seemed like the best way |
| 8 | board the discussion representatives of | 8 | to do that. |
| 9 | SolarCity and the company had held with | 9 | We could have done it from Tesla, but |
| 10 | potential lenders regarding certain financing | 10 | better to do it with solar bonds. |
| 11 | solutions for SolarCity and a preliminary | 11 | Now you know the answer. It's you. |
| 12 | proposal for a bridge financing from one such | 12 | BY MR. BARON: |
| 13 | lender. | 13 | Q Just so for timing, I can show you the |
| 14 | Three questions involved there. | 14 | document. |
| 15 | First, who at the company rejected the bridge | 15 | You're aware that the board approved |
| 16 | financing from Tesla? | 16 | the merger agreement or the fairness opinion on |
| 17 | MR. CHESLER: Object to the lack of | 17 | July 30th, 2016; correct? |
| 18 | foundation. | 18 | Are you aware of that? |
| 19 | BY MR. BARON: | 19 | A The what? |
| 20 | Q It says that again, it says the | 20 | Q The board approved the merger on |
| 21 | company had rejected the request for bridge | 21 | July 30th, 2016? |
| 22 | financing from Tesla. | 22 | A That sounds right. |
| 23 | Who at the company rejected that? It | 23 | Q Okay. Just so that we have a frame of |
| 24 | doesn't appear that the board knew about it. So | 24 | reference. The transaction obviously did not |
| 25 | was that a board decision or was that your | 25 | close right away. And you recall attending |
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| 1 | weeks or so after the vote on the merger, | 2 | agreed to; correct? |
| 2 | SolarCity still had not gotten any short-term | 3 | Do you want me to go back to that |
| 3 | financing; is that correct? A I mean, I don't recall the exact date. | 4 | document to show you? |
| 4 | | 5 | A I don't feel that that was the final |
| 5 | Q The reason I ask is if you take a look in the third full paragraph, there is a specific | 6 | rejection. This is not a desirable path, but it |
| 6 | discussion about proposed a proposal that you | 7 | would be a normal path in an acquisition. |
| 8 | and others buy solar bonds; correct? | 8 | I mean, at one point Google was going |
| 9 | Do you see that in the third full | 9 | to try to acquire Tesla, and it was like, okay, |
| 10 | paragraph? | 10 | but you need to provide interim financing and |
| 11 | A Yes. | 11 | that and then according to the HSR issue with |
| 12 | Q So the solar bond financing hadn't | 12 | like the interim financing, it was like, oh, |
| 13 | occurred yet as of August 13th; right? Because | 13 | this is going to take too long. |
| 14 | otherwise they wouldn't discuss that that was a | 14 | So then it's like, well, we can't go |
| 15 | proposal. | 15 | through this Google transaction. We're going to |
| 16 | A I guess so. | 16 | have to go raise money. So we did. |
| 17 | Q And, again, they had been looking for | 17 | And then our share price actually went |
| 18 | some form of financing both before the merger | 18 | up a ton and then we got too expensive for |
| 19 | agreement was signed and even more so afterwards | 19 | Google to acquire. |
| 20 | because there was a contingency that the deal | 20 | Standard operating procedure. |
| 21 | would not have to be submitted to shareholders | 21 | Q Let's go back again to |
| 22 | if short-term financing was not achieved; | 22 | A Are we out of time? |
| 23 | correct? | 23 | Q Let's go back to Exhibit 48. |
| 24 | A I guess that's what it says. | 24 | A Okay. We're out of time. Good night. |
| 25 | Q You do recall that there was a | 25 | MR. BARON: Counsel, this deposition |
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| 1 | contingency that the deal would not have to be | 1 | is not concluded. We will ask you to see if |
| 2 | given to shareholders if short-term financing | 2 | you can get us a time so that we can finish. |
| 3 | had not been achieved by SolarCity. | 3 | I think I can do so in a couple of hours, |
| 4 | Do you recall that? | 4 | maybe three at the most. |
| 5 | A I guess so, yes. | 5 | I would ask you to get us a time. But |
| 6 | Q So at least we know that as of | 6 | if you tell us that you will not, then we'll |
| 7 | August 13th no other means of short-term | 7 | ask the court for its assistance. |
| 8 | financing had been decided. And it was not | 8 | MR. CHESLER: Okay. |
| 9 | until some point in August that the decision, as | 9 | MR. BARON: Thank you. |
| 10 | you said, for the legally and morally | 10 | MR. CHESLER: As I told you hours ago, |
| 11 | appropriate measure for short-term financing of | 11 | we planned on being here for seven hours on |
| 12 | the solar bond purchases was brought up; | 12 | the clock. Just for the record, it is now |
| 13 | correct? | 13 | 6:25 p.m. and we've been sitting for a full |
| 14 | A As I said earlier and maybe there | 14 | seven hours on the clock and |
| 15 | were multiple paths to provide liquidity. Tesla | 15 | MR. ZAGAR: So to be clear on the |
| 16 | could have provided liquidity directly, but it | 16 | record, you are refusing to produce Mr. Musk |
| 17 | seemed that it would be better in every way if | 17 | for another day; is that correct? |
| 18 | liquidity was provided by solar bonds. | 18 | MR. CHESLER: I just said we were |
| 19 | Q The company declined to provide bridge | 19 | going to sit here today if you want to |
| 20 | financing in July before the vote to approve the | 20 | take my deposition, you can notice it, |
| 21 | merger agreement; correct? We saw that a moment | 21 | counsel. Don't raise your |
| 22 | ago. | 22 | MR. ZAGAR: Perhaps I will, |
| 23 | A No. That's not quite correct. No. | 23 | Mr. Chesler. |
| 24 | It simply felt preferable to do the solar bond. | 24 | MR. CHESLER: Good idea. |
| 25 | Q The request was rejected to provide | 25 | MR. BARON: Can we ask, are you |
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| 2 | continuation of the deposition or are you | | DATE OF DEPOSITION:6/1/19 | |
| 3 | saying you do not know yet? | 4 | NAME OF WITNESS: Elon Musk | |
| 4 | MR. CHESLER: I'm telling you that | | Reason codes: | |
| 5 | we'll have that conversation off the record | 6 | 1. To clarify the record. | |
| 6 | when we don't have people who think that | 7 | To conform to the facts. To correct transcription errors. | |
| 7 | yelling at me is going to get them anywhere. | | Page Line Reason | |
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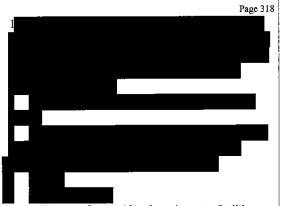
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| 5 | Exhibit 58 Transcription of Q2 2016 Tesl | | | the record, and the time is 11:32 a.m., and today's |
| 6 | Motors, Inc. Earnings Call - | a 501 | ı | date is August 24th, 2019. And this begins the |
| 7 | Final dated 8/3/16; 17 pages | | ı | video-recorded deposition of Elon Musk being taken |
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| 9 | Exhibit 59 E-mail dated 7/21/16; | 402 | l . | Incorporated stockholder litigation filed in the |
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| 11 | TESLADIRO009140 | | 1 | Delaware, case number 12711-VCS. |
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| 13 | Meeting presentation dated | 702 | | of Irell & Manella located at 1800 Avenue of the |
| | 7/22/16; TESLA00001360-445 | | | Stars, Suite 900, Los Angeles, California. My name |
| 14 | 7/22/10, TESEA00001300-443 | | | is Richard Foster from the firm Veritext Legal |
| 15 | Exhibit 61 E-mail dated 7/24/16; | 404 | | Solutions, and I am the videographer. The court |
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Do me a favor. Already we're sort of talking 14 over each other, and she'll get mad at us if we do

15 that. So again, I'll try to finish my question

16 before you answer if you try to finish -- or wait

17 until I finish my question and I'll try to wait

18 until you finish your answer.

19 Can you do that?

20 A Let's move on.

21 MR. BARON: I want to start off, sort of,

22 updating where we were last time.

23 Can I have this updated chart. I'm going to

24 mark this exhibit as Musk Exhibit 1A. Here I go. I 25 have to get used to working with my left hand.

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1 (Exhibit 1A was marked for identification

2 by the court reporter and is attached hereto.)

3 BY MR. BARON:

4 Q Exhibit 1A is an updated chart. You

5 recognize this as being the chart that we spent some

6 time with on your last deposition, comparing the

7 megawatts employed at SolarCity -- or at Tesla now,

8 versus what was in the projections that were

9 provided to shareholders in the proxy?

10 Do you recognize this?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Okay. And you can see that the current

13 quarter -- the current quarter, Q2 2019, you

14 reported 29 megawatts deployed.

15 Do you see that?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Is that accurate?

18 A Yes.

9 Q And -- and last time, you told me I should

20 just wait a couple of quarters and I'm going to see

21 a vast improvement.

22 A I believe that's correct.

23 Q And, in fact, there was no improvement. In

24 fact, there was about a 40 percent decline from the

25 quarter before, correct?

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1 A I said the -- the -- when -- when we last

2 talked, that the quarters ahead, not -- not Q2,

3 would show a significant improvement. I believe

4 that still to be the case.

5 Q There was a 40 percent decline or so from --

6 from Q1 to Q2, correct?

7 A That is correct.

8 Q Okay. And is that because you were still not

9 prepared to do what it takes in order to grow the

10 business because of the Model 3, or was there some

11 other reason that megawatts continued to decline?

12 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.

13 THE WITNESS: We spent time reallocating

14 resources to Solar and rethinking the best way to

15 sell and install and execute on Solar. And so with

16 regard to Q2 as a period of reorganization and

17 reallocation of resources, and I expect that -- that

18 we will see the results significantly in Q3 and Q4.

19 BY MR. BARON:

20 Q Okay. So you'll have reall- -- you'll have

21 now reall- -- you have now reallocated resources to

22 improve Solar; is that what you're telling us?

23 A Yes. So the -- the resources that I -- I

24 took from Solar to help with the Model 3 program I

25 have restored to the Solar program. So the

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1 results -- we will see what the results are, but I

2 am confident that they will be good.

3 MR. BARON: Okay. Let me show you another

4 document. I'd like to mark as Exhibit 51 a

5 complaint from the Supreme Court of the State of New

6 York in Wal-Mart v. Tesla Energy.

Mark that as Exhibit 51, please.

8 THE REPORTER: 51 or 50? I --

9 MR. BARON: Is it 50 or 51?

10 MR. OUTWATER: 50.

11 MR. BARON: 50, sorry.

12 MR. CHESLER: She's going to give --

13 THE WITNESS: Oh, okay. Sorry.

MR. CHESLER: Did you -- yeah, she's going to

15 put a sticker on it and give you her copy.

16 THE WITNESS: Oh, okay.

17 (Exhibit 50 was marked for identification

18 by the court reporter and is attached hereto.)

19 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

20 BY MR. BARON:

21 Q I'm showing you what's been marked Exhibit 50

22 which is a complaint against Tesla from Wal-Mart

23 regarding fires and other problems caused by in---

24 installation of solar systems.

25 Have you seen this document before?

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- A I have not read the full document, but I'm 2 aware of it.
- Q Okay. The problem that this addresses is
- 4 that a problem that has caused you to have to
- 5 allocate resources away from production and
- 6 deployment towards remediation of problems?
- A In -- in this case, the -- this was a
- 8 long-running dispute where Wal-Mart's solar system's
- 9 were de-energized, I think, 16 or 17 months ago.
- 10 And the re- -- re-energizing those was dependent
- 11 upon achieving resolution with the Wal-Mart.
- The -- I have been led to believe by my legal
- 13 team that we were close to achieving resolution.
- 14 And so I was quite surprised to see this lawsuit
- 15 filed on -- on Monday. I -- I talked to the CEO of
- 16 Wal-Mart on Tuesday. We figured out a resolution,
- 17 and this -- this lawsuit is going to be withdrawn.
- Q The question was, did you have to reallocate
- 19 resources from increasing deployment in order to
- 20 account for problems you were having with your Solar
- 21 systems catching on fire?
- A No, not yet, no. In fact, with -- in fact,
- 23 one of the -- one of the elements of the
- 24 agreement with Wal-Mart --
- THE REPORTER: "One of the" what? 25

- O -- in the Business Insider about a Project
 - 2 Titan which they identify as a stealth nationwide
 - 3 program to replace so -- sono- -- solar panel parts
 - 4 that cause fires.
 - Have you seen this article before?
 - A I haven't read the article, but Business
 - Insider will frequently -- does attack pieces like
 - 8 this.
 - O Okay. Is it true that there is a -- there's
 - 10 such a thing called Project Titan that was a stealth
 - 11 nationwide program to replace solar panel parts that
 - 12 caused fires?
 - A It is accurate that there's a thing called
 - 14 Project Titan. I wouldn't call it stealth.
 - Q Okay. And --
 - A This not possible to have such a program --
 - 17 program to be -- be stealth.
 - Q And what is Project Titan?
 - 19 A Proj- -- Project Titan is going back and
 - 20 inspecting all the roofs that had Amphenol
 - 21 connectors, to determine whether they're -- they're
 - 22 operating safely and -- and correctly.
 - Q Okay. And again, did that require you to
 - 24 deploy people from the process of actively
 - 25 increasing megawatts in order to inspect prior

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- 1 commercial installations?
 - A These are not commercial; these are primarily
 - 3 residential.
 - Q Okay.
 - A But in -- in this case, this -- this was an
 - 6 impact on -- on deployment of Solar, yes. And like
 - 7 the Wal-Mart situation, this -- this had a -- and I
 - 8 can't say the exact magnitude, but it had an unusual
 - 9 impact on our ability for deployments, because we
 - 10 reallocated our -- our team to prioritize inspecting
 - 11 the existing systems.
 - Q And when did you start Project Titan? 12
 - A I'm not sure of the exact date, and I think
 - 14 it really just got going before it had a name. But
 - 15 I -- I think it's been somewhere a year and a year
 - 16 and a half.
 - O Okay. And is that -- is that -- are you
 - 18 inspecting installations that Tesla made -- put
 - 19 forth, or are you inspecting legacy SolarCity
 - 20 installations?
 - A I believe these are primarily -- possibly all
 - 22 legacy SolarCity, but I'm not certain. I think -- I
 - 23 think they're all legacy SolarCity.
 - Q Right. And when did you learn that you had
 - 25 problems of fires starting from these legacy

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- THE WITNESS: Sorry. One of the -- the 2 elements of the agreement with Wal-Mart is that the
- 3 inspection and any -- anything that needs to be 4 fixed or repaired will be done by a -- a third
- 5 party.
- 6 BY MR. BARON:
- Q Who's going to pay that third party?
- A Tesla will pay for the third party.
- Q So you don't have to reallocate your internal
- 10 resources; you just have to spend money, correct?
- A Yes. I don't think a lot of money, but yes. 11
- 12 MR. BARON: All right.
- 13 Can I see the Project Titan, please.
- 14 MR. OUTWATER: Yes.
- 15 MR. BARON: We'll mark this as Exhibit 52, 16 please.
- 17 MR. CHESLER: Isn't this 51?
- 18 MR. BARON: Oh, yeah, 51. I'll do that all
- 19 day long.
- 20 (Exhibit 51 was marked for identification
- by the court reporter and is attached hereto.) 21
- 22 BY MR. BARON:
- Q I'm showing you an article that was published
- 24 yesterday --
- A Uh-huh.

- 1 SolarCity installations?
- 2 A I think it was around -- around 12 to
- 3 18 months ago.
- 4 Q How did you learn about it?
- 5 A I was informed by the team that we were
- 6 having trouble with some of the Amphenol connectors
- 7 and that -- that in some cases they posed a fire
- 8 risk, I asked about the magnitude of the fire risk.
- 9 They said this was not something that would cause a
- 10 house to burn down, but it would cause a solar
- 11 system to fail and would, obviously, be alarming to
- 12 the homeowner.
- 13 Q Last time when we spoke, you told me that
- 14 because of the deployments going significantly down
- 15 was because you redeployed to Model 3.
- 16 Is there a reason you didn't tell me that you
- 17 also had deployments towards Project Titan to
- 18 remediate problems?
- 19 A Well, there's -- there's two elements to --
- 20 there's -- there's demand generation, and then
- 21 there's installation. And this was mostly in---
- 22 installation as opposed to demand generation, yeah.
- 23 Q Again, when you were talk- -- talking about
- 24 that you did not have sufficient resources to
- 25 continue to keep your megawatts deployed consistent

2 that all on Model 3 which you said was above the

3 company number, and it was not the right time to

6 A Yeah. And just organizational attention 7 overall. That -- that was alarmingly the -- the

O Is there a reason you didn't tell me about

MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.

16 effect on the solar demand generation especially to 17 be a factor in this. The -- I would regard the --

18 the, overwhelmingly, the issue being organizational 19 attention, organizational resources in general as

And as I mentioned earlier, I expect that to

22 turn around in Q3 and Q4 and Q1 and to be steadily

Q So now is a better time to deploy those

THE WITNESS: I did not think it's -- it's --

11 Project Titan at the time, or did you just not think

15 I did not think it's the -- enough of -- of an

20 for the -- for the client Solar.

23 increasing after that.

24 BY MR. BARON:

8 factor in the declining solar sales and

9 installation.

12 about it?

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14

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4 spend the money on Solar. It was the time to spend 5 the time and resources on Model 3, correct?

- 1 resources to -- to grow the business; is that a fair
 - 2 statement?
 - 3 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.
 - 4 THE WITNESS: I -- I believe we will see a
 - 5 rapid turnaround in Solar deployment.
 - 6 BY MR. BARON:
 - 7 Q Because you think it's a better time now than
 - 8 it was in 2017 when you bought the company?
 - 9 A Yes. At this point, I feel like the Model 3
 - 10 program is doing well. Our vehicle program is doing
 - 11 well. And, in fact, I -- I gave -- when I -- I gave
 - 12 a talk for the company's -- for the company every
 - 13 three months. And I, a few weeks ago when I gave my
 - 14 talk, made it clear that it is -- it's time to turn
 - 15 our focus to solar and energy storage but Tesla
 - 16 Energy essentially and -- because we are now in good
 - 17 shape on the vehicle side.
 - 18 Q Okay. And just so that we're clear, that --
 - 19 from what SolarCity was doing to today, a number of
 - 20 programs -- in fact, most of the programs that would
 - 21 lead to demand in megawatts have been canceled,
 - 22 correct?
 - 23 A No. I'm not sure what you mean.
 - 24 Q Let's -- let's go through it.
 - 25 SolarCity's door-to-door sales, those got

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- 1 with what the projections were, you -- you blamed 1 canceled after Tesla acquired SolarCity, correct?
 - 2 A Yes.
 - 3 Q Tesla -- Tesla -- or SolarCity had outside
 - 4 sales in big box stores like Home Depot, Best Buy,
 - 5 other location -- other locations. Tesla canceled
 - 6 that, correct?
 - 7 A Yes.
 - 8 Q The SolarCity had an outside sales
 - 9 department where they would actually go and do
 - 10 in-home appointments and meet with people. Tesla
 - 11 canceled that, correct?
 - 12 A I don't think that's correct.
 - 13 Q Do you still think that you do outside sales?
 - 14 Do you still have a team of people that go -- go
 - 15 and -- and actually go to people's houses and do
 - 16 sales? I thought that you announced that all you
 - 17 did anymore was online or coming in to a Tesla
 - 18 store.
 - 19 A No. We have -- it actually -- the term
 - 20 you're actually looking for is inside sales.
 - 21 Essentially, if somebody calls Tesla, we have an
 - 22 inside sales team that can help them with solar.
 - 23 And if they would like to have somebody visit their
 - 24 house, well, they're -- we're happy to do that.
 - 5 Q So you do have an outside sales team?

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- A It's technically an inside sales team.
- 2 Q How many people do you have available to go
- 3 out and meet with people?
- A I actually don't know the exact number.
- 5 O Okay.
- A But it's -- it's meaningful.
- O Does Tesla -- does -- does SolarCity usually
- 8 do significant digital marketing -- does Tesla do
- 9 digital marketing for solar?
- A We don't do advertising, but we do -- it's
- 11 fair to say we do additional market- -- marketing
- 12 via social media.
- O How is that? In what way -- in what matter
- 14 do you do digital marketing for SolarCity?
- A Through our social media channels, we -- we
- 16 promote solar and talk about the benefits of the
- 17 solar, you know, through YouTube, Instagram,
- 18 Twitter, through conventional media stories,
- 19 essentially, you know, press communications and
- 20 social media communications.
- 21 O Okay.
- THE REPORTER: What was the first 22
- 23 communication?
- 24 THE WITNESS: Just sort of conventional
- 25 press, as well as social media.

- Q Okay. All right. Spam e-mail or just
- 2 e-mails in response to people signing up and --
- 3 or -- signing up online?
- A They have to have some expression of interest
- 5 in -- in solar.
- O All right. By the way, Project Titan wasn't
- 7 disclosed in SEC filings. Do you know why?
- A I assumed it was not known at the time.
- O Project Titan?
- A Yes. 10
- Q Do you know how much is being spent on 11
- 12 Project Titan?
- A I don't know the exact number.
- Q Do you have a general idea?
- A I don't have, no. It's -- it's -- I don't
- 16 believe it is material enough to show up in our
- 17 financial statements.
- O Okay. I'd like to sort of move on to -- to
- 19 be consistent with what we're talking about, about
- 20 the right time to buy SolarCity.
- 21 Last time you made it very clear that mak---
- 22 making a car or getting a car up to --
- 23 A Uh-huh.
- Q -- production was very, very difficult. You 24
- 25 said that, you know, in a hundred years, many have

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- 1 BY MR. BARON:
- Q SolarCity used to sell -- sell through
- 3 kiosks. Tesla doesn't do that anymore either,
- 4 correct?
- A Well, we -- we -- we did -- we have
- 6 effectively transferred those kiosks to Tesla
- 7 stores.
- Q Okay. So there are no more kiosks. The
- 9 answer to that is yes, you don't do kiosks.
- A No. The answer is we do do kiosks in Tesla 10
- 11 stores --
- 12 O All right.
- 13 A which we said at the time of the
- 14 acquisition that we do.
- Q You don't do -- you don't do outbound calls
- 16 anymore?
- A We don't call people randomly. 17
- Q And you don't do mail drop campaigns anymore, 18 back in -- sorry, in 2016, right?
- 19 correct?
- A It's -- it's accurate to say if -- if
- 21 somebody has made an expression of interest by
- 22 signing up for a newsletter or some indication or
- 23 interest in solar, that we do outbound calls. We --
- 24 we don't send people physical mail. We do send
- 25 people e-mail.

- 1 tried, and they have all failed.
- So you -- you acknowledged how important that
- 3 was and how hard it was.
- A Uh-huh.
- O And it's true that you were well aware of how
- 6 important that was and how hard it was at the time
- 7 you were considering buying SolarCity and throughout
- 8 the process of the acquisition, correct?
- A Yes. I -- I, obviously, thought it would be
- 10 difficult. It was -- I thought it would be very
- 11 difficult. It turned out to be extraordinarily
- 12 difficult.
- 13 If I -- if I thought, perhaps, it would be a
- 14 difficulty like 9 out of 10 difficulty, I actually
- 15 had the scale wrong. It was more like 11 out of 10.
- Q But you were sure it was going to be a
- 17 significant, significant problem -- difficulty well
- Even as early as February 2016, you were
- 20 already telling, you know, the market and telling
- 21 investors and the SEC how hard it was going to be,
- 22 correct?
- 23 A Yes.
- Q All right. As early as -- to make sure I
- 25 have -- I may not need it. We'll see -- as

1 February 24th, 2016 in a 10-K, you un- -- unveiled

- 2 and you publicly talked about that your plan was to
- 3 start production and deliveries of the Model 3 in
- 4 late 2017, correct?
- So that was your --5
- 6 A Uh-huh.
- 7 Q -- original goal, correct?
- A Sorry. March of 20- -- we've -- we've had at
- 9 various times different goals for the Model 3
- 10 production. It also depends on what you mean by
- 11 start a production versus volume production. Those
- 12 are two different things.
- THE REPORTER: "Start a production versus" 13
- 14 what?
- 15 THE WITNESS: Volume production.
- MR. BARON: Can you mark this as Exhibit 52. 16
- 17 Right?
- 18 THE REPORTER: Yes.
- MR. BARON: It will be the only time I get it 19
- 20 right all day.
- (Exhibit 52 was marked for identification 21
- 22 by the court reporter and is attached hereto.)
- 23 BY MR. BARON:

2 oversight in this filing.

A Okay.

A Yes.

21 accurate statement?

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6 certainly had some say in it.

Q Do you see that?

A Okay. Yeah.

8 document, in- -- internal page 5.

13 say -- see where it says (as read):

vehicle in late 2017"?

Do you see that?

of 2016 and expect to start

production and deliveries of this

- 24 Q If you'd go to Exhibit 52. And what you'll
- 25 see is this is a Form 10-K that was filed by Tesla

Is that an accurate statement?

A Some say, yeah. I wouldn't say it's a

5 detailed recollection of every element of it, but I

Q All right. If you'd go to page 5 of this

O Where it talks about the Model 3, do you

"We plan to unveil Model 3 in March

Q At the time, did you believe that to be an

Q All right. So at the time in -- in, again,

24 February of 2016, you understood that -- that you

25 were trying to do something that had not yet been

- 1 achieved in over a hundred years in the United
- 2 States, correct?
- A Yes.
- MR. BARON: Can I -- I'd like to show you an

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- 5 e-mail chain from, again, February 2016.
- Can we mark this as Exhibit 53, please. 6
- 7 THE REPORTER: 5- --
- 8 MR. CHESLER: -3.
- 9 MR. BARON: What are we at?
- 10 MR. CHESLER: 53.
- 11 MR. BARON: I was right again.
- 12 (Exhibit 53 was marked for identification
- 13 by the court reporter and is attached hereto.)
- 14 BY MR. BARON:
- Q So again, I'm showing you a document, an
- 16 e-mail chain. The first page of the e-mail chain is
- 17 from -- an e-mail from Mark Lipscomb to Jon McNeill.
- 18 But if you go down to what is TESLA -- and you'll
- 19 see the Bates number on the bottom 724813.
- Can you go to that, please, and there's an
- 21 e-mail between you and Mr. Lipscomb and Jon McNeill,
- 22 subject, "Top salespeople weekend."
- 23 Do you see that e-mail?
- 24 A Yes.
- Q Okay. And in this e-mail, as of

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1 February 14th --1 Motors. I am assuming that you had some say or

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- MR. CHESLER: Wait a minute. He's on the
- 3 wrong page. Sorry.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Oh, sorry. Which page?
- MR. CHESLER: 81- -- look for the 813. 5
- THE WITNESS: Oh, got it. Okay. It's 6
- 7 towards the end.
- 8 BY MR. BARON:
- 9 Q Okay. February 14th, you wrote (as read):
- 10 "I just made it" -- "I just gave a
- company talk making it clear that we 11
- 12 need to save costs or we are fucking
- doomed. This words need to be taken 13
- to heart. There is zero appetite 14
- 15 for invest-" -- "investors to give
- Tesla more money." 16
- 17 Do you see that?
- 18 A Yes.
- Q In what way was Tesla fucking doomed if they
- 20 did not save costs in February of 2016?
- A Well, I mean, I -- I tend to use your 21
- 22 colorful language to make a point.
- 23 Q It's your language, not mine.
- A Yes, yes. I mean, so, you know, there's some
- 25 hyperbole here. To be clear, you know, it's not --

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- 1 I'm -- I'm trying to make a point. I'm trying to
- 2 make sure people take action. So this language
- 3 would be more hyperbolic than, you know, calm
- 4 language. But calm language gets less done.
- Q What's your point?
- A My point is I -- I don't think we're --
- 7 fucking doomed is -- I -- I think we probably would
- 8 have -- would have made it. I just -- this was -- I
- 9 was trying to inspire -- inspire action here. So --
- 10 but, obviously, we need to save costs, and we need
- 11 to take it seriously.
- 12 Q What you're saying is that where the company
- 13 was with the amount of cash that you had, the amount 13
- 14 of loans that you needed to take, that if you aren't
- 15 saving costs, that -- it is a critical time in the
- 16 company.

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- Isn't that what you're saying? 17
- A Yes. Yeah, that's accurate. 18
- Q And it was a critical time in the company 19
- 20 that needed to focus on the core business of the
- 21 company which was selling cars and finding a way to
- 22 get to Model 3 up to full production, correct?
- A Yes, definitely. I mean, it's certainly
- 24 not -- it's not a time to spend money on a

THE REPORTER: On a what?

MR. CHESLER: Boondoggle.

5 boondoggle resort expenses, you know...

THE WITNESS: On a boondoggle.

THE WITNESS: Not -- not a good time for

(Exhibit 54 was marked for identification

by the court reporter and is attached hereto.)

Q I'm showing you an e-mail chain from, again,

Do you see the e-mail between Mr. Jeff Brown

12 now April 2016. And in this e-mail chain, there

13 appears to be discussions of warehouse line issues,

16 and you dated April 18th? Can you tell me what the

Q So -- so the way -- and -- and I apologize.

Q When I give you e-mail document chains --

A Are you talking about the first page, or

MR. BARON: Can you mark that as Exhibit 54,

25 boondoggle as a resort.

7 please. Sorry about that.

17 e-mail exchange was about.

Q No. The last page --

A You start backwards.

10 BY MR. BARON:

14 et cetera.

19 something --

A Okay.

A Okay.

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- A Yeah, I understand.
- 3 MR, CHESLER: So it's the last e-mail in the 4 chain.

Q -- you start backwards and go forward.

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- 5 THE WITNESS: Yes. It was (unintelligible.)
- THE REPORTER: "Yes, it was" what? 6
- THE WITNESS: Oh, sorry. I was just
- 8 clarifying. Is it the e-mail that starts with --
- 9 yeah, the -- from Jeff Brown, yeah.
- 10 BY MR. BARON:
- Q Yeah. Tell me what the -- what the nature of
- 12 that conversation was.
- MR. CHESLER: Take a minute just to read it. 14
 - THE WITNESS: Yeah, I just need to read it
- 15 for a second.
- 16 Oh, yeah. This was with respect to more bank
- 17 financing for automotive leases.
- 18 BY MR. BARON:
 - O All right. And then above, you talk about --
- 20 and again, it is in the e-mail from -- what were you
- 21 laughing about?
- A I'm just looking -- laughing at my own
- 23 language, at this (as read):
- 24 "Are we being too aggressive in our
- 25 residual assumptions?" That would

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 - institution with a brain not want to 2.
 - work with us."
 - O That's sort of where I was going. So let's

 - 6 sentence that is on the top of page 724074. And
 - 7 that is an e-mail from Jon that says first (as
 - 8 read):

 - securitization and the" --11

 - 13 mean to interrupt you. Are you talking about the
 - - MR. BARON: Yeah.
 - Q And I -- I think that's from Jon -- that's 16
 - 17 from Jon McNeill, right?
 - MR. CHESLER: It's the e-mail that begins at 18
 - 19 the bottom of the first page and carries over.
 - THE WITNESS: All right. Okay. 20

 - 23 an investment banker to talk about securitization

 - Do you know what that is? 25

obviously make any financial

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5 talk about that -- that -- sort of that -- the

- 9 "I'd like to get an investment
- 10 banker or two in to talk about
- MR. CHESLER: I -- I'm sorry, Randy. I don't 12
- 14 e-mail that begins on the bottom of the page before? 15

- 21 BY MR. BARON:
- O And there's a discussion here about getting
- 24 and the ADS option.

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| 1 | | 1 | is 12:05 p.m. |
| 2 | | 2 | (Recess.) |
| 3 | | 3 | (Mr. Chesler re-entered the proceedings.) |
| 4 | | 4 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on |
| 5 | | 5 | THE REPORTER: Go ahead. |
| 6 | Q Okay. And it says (as read): | 6 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record. The |
| 7 | "In our current situation, we need | 7 | time is 12:08 p.m. |
| 8 | to move beyond warehouse lines and | 8 | BY MR. BARON: |
| 9 | especially for Model 3, ABS needs to | 9 | Q I I'm showing you a document which is a |
| 10 | '- '- '- '- '- '- '- '- '- '- '- '- ' | 10 | transcription of on earning calls |
| 11 | A Yeah. | 11 | A Oh, sorry, uh-huh. |
| 12 | Q Do you see that? | 12 | Q from May 4th, 2016. |
| 13 | A Yes. | 13 | And in this earning call and you can go |
| 14 | Q What do you mean or what did he mean, if | 14 | down to the bottom of the first page do you see |
| 15 | you know? | 15 | that you |
| 16 | A It it what he's referring to is | 16 | A Uh-huh. |
| 17 | asset-backed securitization needs to be part of our | 17 | Q indicated that Tesla was now aiming to get |
| 18 | solution. So when creating issuing a series of | 18 | half a million unit per year run rate at in 2018 |
| 19 | leases, in order to take the leases off our books, | 19 | instead of 2020? |
| 20 | which is a standard practice of car car | 20 | Do you see that? |
| 21 | companies, you package the leases and turn them into | 21 | A I'm sorry. Is that the first page or |
| 22 | a security. And then you you sell that security | 22 | MR. CHESLER: Yeah, bottom of the first page. |
| 23 | to as a as a bond to bond buyers. | 23 | MR. BARON: Bottom of the first page. |
| 24 | Q Okay. And was that active program that you | 24 | THE WITNESS: Yeah, yeah. |
| 25 | started in April and tried to build up in order to, | 25 | BY MR. BARON: |
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| 1 | again, make sure that you had enough cash moving | 1 | Q And is that because and is that statement |
| l . | forward? | 2 | saying that you think things are going so well in |
| 3 | A Yes. | 3 | Model 3 that you're going to be able to move things |
| 4 | Q Was it complicated? | 4 | up, or are you at this point realizing that Model 3 |
| 5 | A I wouldn't say it's especially complicated, | 5 | was how do you say it? Instead of a 9 or a 10 on |
| 6 | no. It's pretty simple actually. | | the scale, more like an 11, 12 on difficulty? |
| 7 | | 7 | A I'd say 11. Let's not get crazy with the 12. |
| ا ا | January May this is in May of 2016 | Ω | O All right 11 I'm trying to keep the |

| 3 A Yes. |
|---|
| 4 Q Was it complicated? |
| 5 A I wouldn't say it's especially complicated, |
| 6 no. It's pretty simple actually. |
| 7 MR. BARON: I'd like to show you another |
| 8 document. Now, this is in May of 2016. |
| 9 THE WITNESS: Sorry to trouble you. Do you |
| 10 have a tissue or something? |
| 11 MR. CHESLER: Sure. |

MR. BARON: And -- and we can go off the

13 record at any time you want. You are not a prisoner

14 here. 15 MR. CHESLER: Hold on. I'll get you 16 something.

MR. BARON: Mark that as Exhibit 54. 17

18 THE REPORTER: 55.

19 (Exhibit 55 was marked for identification 20 by the court reporter and is attached hereto.).

21 MR, BARON: See what happens?

22 (Mr. Chesler left the proceedings.) 23 THE REPORTER: Should we go off?

24 MR. BARON: Yeah. Why don't we go off.

25 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record. The time Q All right. 11. I'm trying to keep the

9 scale, just so we -- we can keep our scale right.

A Sure. It's like "Spinal Tap," you know. 11 Q One louder?

12 A 11 is louder than 10?

13 O With one louder.

14 A Yes, one louder.

15 MR. OUTWATER: This one goes to 11.

THE WITNESS: This one goes to 11, because,

17 yeah, 11 is actually louder than 10.

18 BY MR. BARON:

Q Is one louder.

A The Model S -- the Model SX and 3, the volume 20

21 goes to 11.

THE REPORTER: The --22

23 BY MR. BARON: 24 Q Does it really?

25 A Yes.

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Page 346 that date seriously, and there needs O That's really funny. 1 1 2 to be some penalties for anyone 2 A Yeah. O I -- I -- that's -- that's nice. I like 3 internally or externally who does 3 4 not meet the timeframes. This has 4 that. to be the case because there's just 5 5 So let's -- so I -- I just want to make sure 6 no way that you can have several 6 that I understand the scale. 7 Back in February when we -- you talked about thousand components, all of whom 8 make it on a particular date. The 8 it and you knew it was difficult, at that point it 9 reality is that volume production 9 was a nine or a ten. At some point --10 will then be some number of months 10 A Yes. 11 later, as we solve the supply chain 11 Q -- it moved to an 11. and internal production issues." 12 12 As of April of 2016, had it moved to an 11 13 So that's what you meant? 13 yet? 14 A Exactly, yes. 14 A No. Q All right. So again, you were pushing the Q Okay. Had you thought that it was going to 15 15 16 date forward, but even at the time you understood 16 be easier than you thought? Had it moved down in 17 that with thousands of components and, in fact, 17 your -- your estimation that it was going to be 18 trying to build a machine to build machines --

18 easier? 19 A Actually, probably, it had -- I probably -- I

20 probably thought at some -- I probably thought it 21 was like maybe eight out of ten. The -- and I --

22 and I mean, at -- at the risk of giving -- giving

23 answers that are longer than I should and making

24 myself vulnerable, the -- the -- I -- I thought if

25 we -- if we are more aggressive in the schedule --

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1 but essentially, schedules -- it's rare for -- for 2 any complex manufacturer product to be on schedule,

3 because you're going to go as fast as the slowest

4 item.

And so it's kind of like the term paper 6 problem. I was a TA in college, and no matter what 7 date you set for the term paper, some people were 8 going to be late.

Q Really?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Not in my classes.

A Well, maybe you just had a very --

O No, I -- I teach a class. I'm not letting

14 people be late no matter what, so...

15 A Okay. Well, you're -- you're hard core. If

16 you have a big class and especially if it's an

17 under- -- undergrad class, I've never seen it happen

18 where they all came in on time.

Q That's fair. So let -- I think you said

20 that. So if you turn to page 3 of your conference

21 call, you fundamental -- look to the la- -- or the

22 one, two, three, fourth full paragraph down where

23 you say (as read):

"Nonetheless, we need to, both 24

25 internally and with suppliers, take Page 349

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A Yes. Yeah, that's a -- yeah, especially 2 2018, worst year of my career by far.

Q Well, and just so that we're clear, you

Q -- it was still going to be exceedingly

4 thought you would get to -- and again, we saw the

5 one in February. You were hoping to get to

6 production by end of -- production and delivery by 7 end of 2017.

Now, by Q1 2016, in the conference call, now 9 you're pretty sure that that's not going to happen

10 in 2017. It's going to be sometime in 2018,

11 correct?

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12 MR. CHESLER: I think it's Q2, Randy.

MR. BARON: This -- I'm sorry. This is the

14 Q1 conference call.

A Uh-huh.

A Absolutely.

O And difficult?

Q And expensive?

21 complicated?

A Yes.

15 MR. CHESLER: Oh, oh, I'm sorry. Okay.

THE WITNESS: I -- I think it's important to 16

17 distinguish start of production versus volume

18 production. So start of production is relatively

19 easy. But volume production is -- is -- is hard.

And this is because for production of any

21 large complex item -- perhaps even small less

22 complex items, it tends to follow an S curve where

23 the production is at first slow, and then it ramps

24 up exponentially, goes linear and then tails off.

25 BY MR. BARON:

- 1 Q So again, I -- I guess my question is much
- 2 simpler than that, though.
- As of May 2016, did you believe that you were
- 4 still going to be able to begin production and
- 5 delivery in 2017?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Okay.
- 8 A We -- we did.
- 9 Q Turn, if you would, to page 7 of this
- 10 document. And there's -- Mr. Straubel, on the very
- 11 bottom under the second to the last paragraph, is
- 12 talking about (as read):
- 13 "We've discussed previously, this
- 14 is a small part of why Gigafactory
- 15 was, we accelerate some of our plans
- 16 there, and we're still on track to
- 17 have the first cell production
- 18 starting at the end of the year."
- 19 Do you see that?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q All right. So simultaneously to the project
- 22 with Model 3 was also Gigafactory, which was, in
- 23 large part, associated with Model 3, correct?
- 24 A Yes. Gigafactory, in fact, is almost
- 25 entirely about supplying battery -- batteries and

- 1 But again, I think that the point that you were
- 2 making is that you understood that the Model 3
- 3 required, I guess, some 6,000 to 7,000 unique
- 4 components and that you understood that that was
- 5 going to be difficult to get them all there on time,
- 6 correct?
- 7 A Yes. And that is actually, I would say, an
- 8 underestimate. The number of unit components is
- 9 probably closer to 9,000.
- MR. BARON: Okay. So can you give my the
- 11 next document.
- 12 Again, it's the 10-Q on the -- from that
- 13 date. I'd like to mark this as Exhibit 56, please.
- 14 It sounded bad.
- 15 (Exhibit 56 was marked for identification
- by the court reporter and is attached hereto.)
- 17 BY MR. BARON:
- 18 Q So now this is still -- this is the 10-Q
- 19 filed in -- on -- for quarter end March 31st, but it
- 20 was filed in May.
- 21 MR. CHESLER: No. The quarterly period ended
- 22 June 30th.
- 23 MR. BARON: Yeah, but it was filed on May
- 24 10th.
- 25 THE WITNESS: Sure, sure.

- Page 351 power trains to Model 3. For all intents and
- 2 purposes, Gigafactory is entirely driven by Model 3.
- 3 The other items there are not material.
- 4 Q All right. So in your, you know, scale of
- 5 one to ten, how hard it is on the nine to ten level,
- 6 is the Gigafactory, in your mind, part of that --
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 O -- or the Gigafactory another problem --
- 9 another issue that you actually have to do that has
- 10 its own challenges?
- 11 A Gigafactory is -- is part of that 9 out of 10
- 12 or 11 out of 10 difficulty issue.
- 13 Q Okay. Now -- it's funny. I -- I just
- 14 thought I'd show you that the -- you are at least
- 15 consistent with your analogies. If you go to page 9
- 16 of this --
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 O -- document, you -- actually, on the third to
- 19 the last paragraph, you say just like a college term
- 20 paper, they always -- there are always late papers.
- 21 You made the same analogy.
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Actually, what I wrote was, did they really
- 24 let you do that in college? Because they didn't let
- 25 me. So I had the same -- I had the same question.

- 1 BY MR. BARON:
- 2 Q Anyway, I -- I can show you where in the
- 3 document, but trust me, it was filed on May 10th.
- 4 A Sure.
- 5 Q So again, this -- is this a document that you
- 6 would have at least some say in?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 MR. OUTWATER: I might have pulled the wrong
- 9 one.
- 10 MR. BARON: I think you pulled the wrong one.
- 11 MR. CHESLER: I'm sitting here thinking have
- 12 I ever seen a June 30th, 10-Q filed on May -- in
- 13 May?
- 14 MR. BARON: No. Sorry. I -- he pulled the
- 15 wrong one, and I didn't look at what he --
- 16 THE WITNESS: Oh.
- 17 MR, BARON: So put that to the side for a
- 18 second.
- 19 THE WITNESS: You mean it was filed before it
- 20 existed?
- 21 MR. CHESLER: Yeah.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Yeah, yeah.
- 23 MR. CHESLER: That would be cool. That might
- 24 make SEC history.
- 25 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

- 1 MR. BARON: All right. Q1 2016.
- 2 Q Let me ask -- while he's looking at --
- 3 looking for them, I'll ask you some questions.
- 4 Now, in the -- assuming in -- in the Q you
- 5 noted that (as read):
- 6 "Given under the overview" -- "given
- 7 the demand for Model 3 we expect to
- 8 achieve volume production and
- 9 deliveries in late 2017."
- 10 So again, in -- in the Q, there seems to be
- 11 reference to volume production. Is it still true
- 12 that you believed as of May of 2016, that you still
- 13 thought you could achieve volume production of the
- 14 Model 3 by late 2017?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q When did you actually get model production
- 17 of -- or get volume production of the Model 3?
- 18 A In December of 2017. I -- I -- when I say
- 19 "volume," I -- I refer to on the order of a thousand
- 20 units a week. So it's not -- it's not full volume,
- 21 but it is volume.
- 22 Q Well, when you as- -- when you tried to
- 23 clarify for me the difference between starting
- 24 production and volume production, were you talking
- 25 about that volume production a thousand per week?

- 1 Q Okay. In -- in addition to sort of the --
 - 2 the challenges and the difficulty of getting parts,
 - 3 et cetera, you also realized in -- by Q1 of 2016
 - 4 that it was going to cost substantially more than
 - 5 you had originally planned, correct, to get the
 - 6 Model 3 up to production, volume production?
 - 7 MR. CHESLER: I'm sorry. I'm going to object 8 to the form.
 - 9 Randy, did you mean to ask if he rec---
 - 10 recognized that by Q1 of 2016?
 - 11 BY MR. BARON:
 - 2 Q I'm saying in 20- -- by 2016, you realized
 - 13 that it was going to cost you more than you had
 - 14 originally planned to get the Model 3 up to volume
 - 15 production, correct?
 - 16 A In 2016, I did not think it would be -- at
 - 17 that point in 2016, I did not think it would be --
 - 18 cost materially more than estimated for Model 3
 - 19 production.
 - 20 Q There is a trends and cash flow section of
 - 21 the Q- -- of the Q1 --
 - 22 You never found it, right?
 - 23 MR. OUTWATER: Right.
 - 24 BY MR. BARON:
 - 25 Q And, you know, at some point I can get it for

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- A Yes.
- Q All right. Is that what you thought when youwere talking about the bell curve? Is that what you
- 4 thought would be hard, to get to a thousand, or is
- 5 there some number above a thousand that was -- you
- 6 thought was what -- that sort of difficult
- 7 no-one-in-a-hundred-years-has-achieved-standard was?
- 8 A No. The -- I would say the no-one-in-a-
- 9 hundred-years, it's -- it's actually closer to
- 10 5,000.

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- 11 Q Okay.
- 12 A Yeah.
- 13 Q And when did you get to 5,000?
- 14 A In June of 2018.
- 15 Q Was it easier or harder to get to 5,000 than
- 16 you thought it would be?
- 17 A It was definitely harder.
- 18 Q Okay. And when did you start to realize it
- 19 was going to be harder to get to 5,000 than you
- 20 thought?
- 21 A Well, I started to become concerned about
- 22 this, which is far from reaching a conclusion, but
- 23 become concerned about it in October of 2017. But I
- 24 did not realize the full magnitude of the
- 25 difficulties, actually, probably until March 2018.

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- 1 you if we need it, but there's a statement that says 2 (as read):
 - "We decided" -- "we decided to
- 4 advance our 500,000 total unit build
- 5 plan by two years to 2018, which is
- 6 approx-" -- "approximately double
- 7 our prior growth. Given this plan,
- 8 we currently are in the process of
- 9 evaluating our capital expenditure
- 10 needs but expect it will be
- 11 approximately 50 percent higher than
- the 1.5 billion we previously
- 13 estimated for the full year of
- 14 2016."
- 15 Again, does that sound like an accurate
- 16 statement?
- 17 A Yes
- 18 Q Okay. And so if I understand it correctly,
- 19 at that point in 2016 or in March 2016, you realized
- 20 you -- you wanted to get to try to get -- get to
- 21 that 5,000 -- that 5,000-car production level and it
- 22 was going to cost you 50 percent more to get there?
- 23 A No, that -- that is not an accurate
- 24 understanding of the situation. The -- if you
- 25 advance the -- the deadline, the -- the expenses per

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- 1 year will increase, but the total amount may
- 2 actually decrease or stay the same.
- 3 Q Okay.
- 4 A In fact, I should say I actually thought
- 5 advancing it would decrease our -- our costs.
- O In connection with, again, the Q, you were of
- 7 the opinion, again, that the Gigafactory was -- you
- 8 know, given the size and complexity of the
- 9 undertaking, the cost of the building, the operating
- 10 the Gigafactory would -- could exceed our current
- 11 expectations, and the Gigafactory may take longer to
- 12 bring online than you anticipated.
- 13 So you already understood that the
- 14 Gigafactory, as -- as part of the overall process,
- 15 could be difficult to bring online, correct?
- 16 A Yes. I mean, in -- in these, you know,
- 17 quarterly disclosures, it is customary to be -- you
- 18 know, be -- be conservative in -- in risk
- 19 estimation.
- 20 So you'll typically see the language being
- 21 more conservative than is -- is believed at the
- 22 time, on the conservative side of things, mean --
- 23 meaning, you err on the side of -- aspirationally
- 24 err -- err on the side of, you know, overestimating
- 25 costs and risks than underestimating them.

- 1 that --
- 2 A Uh-huh.
- 3 Q so that was going to make it a significant
- 4 challenge at the time?
- 5 A Yes. But as I mentioned, it's customary
- 6 to -- to express the risks in -- in language that is
- 7 conservative, mean- -- meaning it's -- it's -- this
- 8 was true, I think, of -- of all companies that you
- 9 aspire to -- to err on the side of overstating the
- 10 risks rather than understating them.
- 1 This is -- this is sometimes misunderstood in
- 12 the -- in the media where you could have some
- 13 risks -- the risk that's like the moral equivalent
- 14 of we could be hit by a meteor. Yes, this is true.
- 15 It's very unlikely, but it's -- it's a risk.
- 16 Q Again, you also stated when talking about the
- 17 Ener- -- the Model 3 and the -- the Tesla Energy
- 18 products that as of, again, May of 2016, that (as
- 19 read):
- 20 "We have no direct experience in
- 21 production of lithium ion cells,"
- 22 correct?
- 23 A Correct.
- 24 Q All right. So again, that was a challenge
- 25 that you were facing in that -- in the early -- in

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- 1 Q You also noted that -- that one of the 2 risks -- in talking about the risk factors, one of
- 3 the things that was a challenge in the Model 3 at
- 4 the time was that (as read):
- 5 "We have limited experience in
- 6 delivering a high volume of vehicles
- 7 and no experience in delivering
- 8 vehicles at a significantly higher
- 9 volumes we anticipate for Model 3."
- 10 That's an accurate statement, correct?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 O Okay. Again, so -- again -- that's fine.
- 13 And again, as of that time, it was -- you
- 14 knew plaintiff understood the challenge that you
- 15 were facing with the Model 3 and what you were
- 16 trying to achieve with the company, correct?
- 17 A Yes. I -- well, just so -- it would not be
- 18 accurate to say that I understood the Model 3 risks
- 19 and challenges until they were addressed, which was
- 20 really -- I think they really only got fully
- 21 addressed around June of last year -- not even
- 22 fully. July maybe.
- 23 Q I mean, there was enough for you to put in 24 your SEC filings that you knew you had limited
- 25 experience, you didn't have experience in achieving

- 1 the first quarter of 2016, correct?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q You also noted in there that you had
- 4 experience in 2012 and 2016 in connection with
- 5 slower-than-planned Model S and Model X ramps,
- 6 correct?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 THE REPORTER: "Model X" what?
- 9 MR. BARON: Model S and Model X ramps.
- 10 Q So again, when trying to wrap up Model 3 --
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q -- again, you understood the challenges that
- 13 even at the time that you can't even anticipate the
- 14 kind of challenges that you may have because you had
- 15 them with the Model X and the Model S, correct?
- 16 A You can't know the unknown, not to borrow a
- 17 Rumsfeld statement, but...
- MR. BARON: Can I have the June '16 e-mail, 19 please.
- 20 (Exhibit 57 was marked for identification
- by the court reporter and is attached hereto.)
- 22 MR. CHESLER: So this is 57?
- 23 THE REPORTER: Yes.
- 24 BY MR. BARON:
- 25 Q I'm showing you a e-mail, again, from June of

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- 1 2016. The top e-mail is from you to Jason Wheeler
- 2 who was your CFO at the time, about "Project
- 3 Daedalus Capital Structure Considerations."
- Do you see that? 4
- 5 A Uh-huh.
- 6 Q What is Project Daedalus?
- A I -- the SolarCity acquisition. I --7
- Q I don't know. Do you know?
- A I didn't really call it Project Daedalus, so
- 10 I think that was more something other people called
- 11 it.
- 12 Q All right.
- 13 A I just called it the SolarCity acquisition.
- O Now, you got some information in June from
- 15 Mr. Wheeler about concerns about trying to buy
- 16 SolarCity at the same time you were trying to reach
- 17 Model 3 production, correct?
- 18A Yes.
- 19 Q All right. And specifically, he noted some
- 20 problems, and I want to make sure that you were
- 21 aware of those problems as well. His immediate
- 22 issues was that the revolving debt, the ABL at
- 23 SolarCity, would have to be amended or else it would 23 given the Model 3 CapEx age, one of which was that
- 24 be -- you would be in default of that, correct?
- 25 A Yes.

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- Q All right. It -- you were aware that
- 2 SolarCity's 2019 converts had a -- had a call
- 3 spread, correct?
- He had told you that, and you were aware that
- 5 that was something that had to be dealt with
- 6 immediately for the acquisition, correct?
- 7 A Yes.
- Actually, I'm just curious, though, if -- if
- 9 there's a privileged discussion, is that -- I
- 10 thought that was something that wouldn't -- you
- 11 know, was not subject to a deposition. But maybe --
- 12 I must be mistaken, obviously.
- Q That's why you have a lawyer. 13
- MR. CHESLER: It was -- it was produced -- I 14
- 15 assume it was vetted during the production.
- 16 THE WITNESS: I --
- 17 MR. CHESLER: It was before our time, so I
- 18 don't know, but -- but it's produced, and we should
- 19 answer the questions now. And I'll -- I'll look
- 20 into it. I see it says -- I was just looking and it
- 21 says "Privileged and Confidential" on the document.
- 22 Let's answer the questions but --
- 23 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 24 MR, CHESLER: -- since I didn't -- I wasn't
- 25 involved in the production, I will look into it, and

- 1 if we need to pull it back, we will do that.
- THE WITNESS: Yeah, I'm happy to answer the
- 3 questions. This is really just a, you know, a
- 4 question of -- I've always been told if it's
- 5 privileged, it's -- you know, that's like a private
- 6 conversation with our legal counsel, but if --
- MR. CHESLER: Generally --
- THE WITNESS: -- if that's -- if that's not
- 9 true, then it would be helpful to know for the 10 future.
- 11 MR. CHESLER: Generally, it is true, but --
- 12 but I don't want to stop the deposition. But I will
- 13 note for the record, that the document says
- 14 privileged and confidential. We're not intending to
- 15 waive anything by allowing you to answer the
- 16 questions. And if it turns out that it shouldn't
- 17 have been produced, I'll take care of that.
- THE WITNESS: Sounds good.
- 19 BY MR. BARON:
- Q All right. So again, you were also told 20
- 21 those were immediate issues, that there were
- 22 near-term issues that were a concern, again, as --
- 24 SolarCity would need cash in early 2017.
- Were you aware of that at the time -- as of

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- 1 June 20th, 2016?
 - A Yes.
 - Q All right. And that it would need cash at
 - 4 the same time that CapEx would also need -- or that
 - 5 the Model 3 CapEx would also need cash in early
 - 6 2017, correct?
 - 7 A Yes.
 - Q Were you aware that -- that there was also a
 - 9 significant debt maturity -- debt maturity issue
 - 10 starting in 2018 for SolarCity?
 - A Yes. I mean, sure, yes.
 - Q Were you aware, again, in -- in June, again,
 - 13 in connection with needs on the -- your Model 3
 - 14 that -- when you go to the next page, the first
 - 15 bullet point on page 2, that you were in the process
 - 16 of opening a warehouse line for NA leasing capacity
 - 17 and that you will hit the cap with U.S. Bank in the
 - 18 next couple of weeks.
 - So that there -- so again, you had capital
 - 20 needs that were happening with Model 3 that were at
 - 21 risk because of SolarCity, correct?
 - MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. 22
 - 23 THE WITNESS: I -- I wouldn't say that there
 - 24 were cap rates that were at risk because of
 - 25 SolarCity but that both companies had capital needs.

- 1 Actually, my -- my opinion was that if --
- 2 actually, as a combined entity, we would need to
- 3 raise less capital because we could combine our
- 4 reserves.
- 5 BY MR. BARON:
- 6 Q Did you actually have somebody do that -- 7 that math for you, or was that just your personal
- 8 belief?
- 9 A I -- I think that's just a basic principle of
- 10 finance. If -- if you have two -- you can either
- 11 have two pools of reserve or one pool of reserve.
- 12 Q That wasn't my question.
- 13 My question to you was specifically, is that
- 14 just your belief based on your sense of basic rule
- 15 of financing, or did you actually have somebody
- 16 prepare a report with actual numbers to show that
- 17 you would be better off combined than you would be
- 18 independently?
- 19 A This is -- this is basic math.
- 20 O Now, that's not what -- what Mr. Wheeler told
- 21 the board when you had him prepare the first
- 22 presentation on February -- in February of 2016. He
- 23 said the acquisition of SolarCity would be highly
- 24 dilutive, didn't he?
- 25 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of the

- 1 is worth more than the sum of the parts, it would
- 2 be, I guess, probably, in your terms, accretive.
- And if it is not, it would be -- you could
- 4 call it dilutive, although this is -- this is, I
- 5 think, a -- a play on words that is not sensible
- 6 from a mathematical standpoint.
- 7 Q So if you acquire a company that has more
- 8 debt and adds debt to your company --
- 9 A Uh-huh.
- 10 Q -- is that accretive or dilutive?
- 11 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.
- 12 THE WITNESS: It's -- it adds -- it increases
- 13 the total debt. If you -- if you say is it -- does
- 14 it increase your debt, I think you're being
- 15 imprecise with your language. If you say does -
- 16 does your debt increase if you -- if you add two
- 17 amounts of debt, obviously.
- 18 BY MR, BARON:
 - 9 Q If your overall debt increases through an
- 20 acquisition, is that an accretive acquisition or a
- 21 dilutive acquisition --
- 22 MR. CHESLER: Objection --
- 23 BY MR. BARON:
- 24 Q -- whether you pay for it in cash or stock?
- 25 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.

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- 1 question.
- 2 THE WITNESS: That's -- that's a different
- 3 statement. I -- I don't know -- I can't speak to
- 4 whether he said highly dilutive or not. But
- 5 obviously, if we acquire a company, we will need to
- 6 issue shares and that -- those shares will be
- 7 dilutive and -- meaning there will be more shares
- 8 issued obviously.
- 9 And then the question is, does -- does -- is
- 10 the -- is the whole worth more than the sum of the
- 11 parts?
- 12 BY MR. BARON:
- 13 Q Is that what you understand dilutive to mean,
- 14 just the -- the acquisition through shares is going
- 15 to require additional shares in dilution; it has
- 16 nothing to -- you don't know what the difference
- 17 between an accretive and a dilutive acquisition is?
- 18 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.
- 19 THE WITNESS: It sounds like you don't.
- 20 BY MR. BARON:
- 21 O Do you know the difference between an
- 22 accretive and a dilutive acquisition?
- 23 A For -- in -- in practical terms, if you -- if
- 24 you have a -- if your prior company and you issue
- 25 shares and the -- the value of the combined entity

- Page 369 THE WITNESS: Your language is imprecise.
- 2 BY MR. BARON:
- 3 Q Can you not answer my question?
- 4 A I cannot --
- 5 O If you tell me you can't answer my question,
- 6 I'll move on.
- 7 A I can't answer a question that is -- is
- 8 incorrectly posed.
- 9 Q All right. Do you know whether from your
- 10 own -- from your own understanding, was the
- 11 acquisition of SolarCity accretive or dilutive?
- 12 A You're asking the question in a way that is
- 13 ambiguous. So if I may -- maybe I -- let --
- 14 Q No. You can tell me yes or no or say you
- 15 don't understand the question.
- MR. CHESLER: No. He can also give you an 17 explanation.
- 18 THE WITNESS: I'm saying your question is --
- 19 is -- is imprecise, so, yeah.
- 20 BY MR. BARON:
- 21 O Okay. So you can't answer the question as
- 22 it's posed, which is, was the acquisition of
- 23 SolarCity by Tesla accretive or dilutive in the
- 24 normal terms used in acquisitions?
- 25 MR. CHESLER: Objection to form.

THE WITNESS: If I was grading your paper, I

- 2 wouldn't give you a good grade.
- 3 BY MR. BARON:
- Q Okay. Can you -- are you saying you can't
- 5 answer the question as asked?
- A I'm saying you don't understand the question
- 7 you're asking.
- Q That may well be true, Mr. Musk. The
- 9 question is -- is still the same. Are you telling
- 10 me you cannot answer the question as posed, was the
- 11 acquisition of SolarCity by Tesla in 2017 accretive
- 12 or dilutive?
- MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. 13
- THE WITNESS: Do you want me to restate your 14 14
- 15 question correctly or --
- 16 MR. BARON: Not at all.
- 17 THE WITNESS: -- or not?
- 18 BY MR. BARON:
- 19 Q I want to know whether or not you can answer
- 20 the question as I posed it.

1 massive CapEx needs.

7 foreseeable future.

Do you see that?

12 Issues," first bullet point.

20 BY MR. BARON: Q Yep.

A Okay.

MR. BARON: Yeah.

3 June 2016? A Yes.

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16 Yeah.

10 back of --

- A No one can answer a question that is 21
- 22 ambiguously posed, as you have done.
- Q Okay. Mr. Wheeler also identified
- 24 medium-term issues which was noting that SolarCity
- 25 does not generate any cash from operations and has

Did you understand that to be true as of

O And he also said that SolarCity will need

MR. CHESLER: Where is that? On the

MR. BARON: No. It's under "Medium-Term

MR. CHESLER: At the end of the document?

MR. CHESLER: He's at the back of this page.

Q And did you understand that to be true, that

THE WITNESS: It says (as read):

"The public forecasts don't show

24 SolarCity -- that the SolarCity that you were

25 acquiring would need 2 billion plus in financing

that changing anytime soon."

6 2 billion plus in financing every year for the

- 1 every year for the foreseeable future?
 - 2 A Yes. I think he is not correctly stating it
 - 3 as CapEx. He is -- it should be just -- he is -- he
 - 4 is mistaken here. It has -- it has massive
 - 5 financing needs, but this is --
 - THE REPORTER: "It has" what financing needs?

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- THE WITNESS: It has -- it has massive
- 8 financing needs, but it does -- actually does not
- 9 have massive CapEx needs.
- 10 BY MR, BARON:
- Q Yeah. But it did need 2 billion in financing
- 12 every year for a foreseeable year; you understood
- A Yes, but the nature of the financing is
- 15 for -- that -- for consumer debt related to the
- 16 solar panel systems as opposed to CapEx. It
- 17 wouldn't really be CapEx in -- in a -- in a
- 18 sensible -- CapEx, it's more -- it's more like lease
- 19 and loan financing.
- Just as -- as Tesla needs to raise debt for
- 21 leases and loans of vehicles, SolarCity would need
- 22 to raise debt for leases and loans of solar panels,
- 23 which is not CapEx. CapEx would be factory,
- 24 equipment and that kind of thing.
- Q Yeah. You just think that Wheeler didn't

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- 1 understand the difference between CapEx and
- 2 financing, or you just think he was being sloppy?
- 3 What -- what's your thought on that?
- A I -- I think his language was -- is not quite
- 5 correct there. It has massive financing needs.
- 6 There is not -- CapEx would be the wrong
- 7 categorization of that.
- Q There's also -- he also notes that there --
- 9 the elimination of investment tax credit in the
- 10 future could cause a problem, correct? Were you
- 11 aware of that?
- 12 A Yes.
- O Just so -- you understood that at the time
- 14 that you acquired SolarCity, a lot of it -- cash
- 15 generation was through the VIEs, through variable
- 16 interest entities, correct?
- 17 A Yes.
- Q Okay. You stopped that as well. You don't 18
- 19 do -- you have not done any variable interest
- 20 entities for solar assets since Tesla acquired it,
- 21 correct?
- A Actually, I'm not -- you may know better than 22
- 23 I. I'm not sure.
- Q Okay. They would have to be reported, and
- 25 they're -- they would have to be in public

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1 reportings, correct?

- 2 A Presumably. This is not -I I I
- 3 actually am not certain if -- if this has occurred.
- 4 Q Okay. Was that not your -- did you give a
- 5 directive to stop that or continue that one way or 6 the other?
- 7 A I did say that we need to make sure that
- 8 whatever financing methods are chosen, they should
- 9 not involve large amounts of legal fees.
- 10 MR, CHESLER: Thanks.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yeah, you're welcome. It was
- 12 effectively increasing the cost to the consumer to
- 13 have the -- to have very lengthy legal contracts.
- 14 Essentially, you don't want to spend, you know,
- 15 potentially 5 percent of the cost of the solar on --
- 16 literally on legal fees and -- and have each of them
- 17 be a unique work of art. That was my main concern
- 18 is it -- it was raising the cost to the consumer.
- 19 BY MR. BARON:
- 20 Q You don't have -- you don't have any
- 21 understanding one way or the other whether or not
- 22 you are continuing the VIE program or not, correct?

THE WITNESS: I -- I think we may be using

2 potentially different terminology. The -- we -- we

3 are continuing to provide or have continued to4 provide solar systems that are -- that are financed

5 but through -- through a third party instead of

Q Okay. You are not securitizing the tax

9 equity assets and the fees from them any longer,

A We -- we certainly will be doing that in the

Q You have not done that since you acquired

15 A I -- I cannot say with certainty one way or 16 the other, but we certainly will be doing that in

Q So you have no knowledge, as you sit here

MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.

Q I'm just saying you have -- as you sit

19 today, whether or not you continued the process -- 20 the -- the methodology of secure -- securitizing

21 solar assets as SolarCity did prior to the

- 23 THE REPORTER: "Whether or not you are
- 24 continuing"?

6 directly by Tesla.

10 correct?

17 the future.

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7 BY MR. BARON:

14 SolarCity, correct?

22 acquisition, correct?

24 BY MR. BARON:

25 MR. BARON: The VIE program or not.

- 1 here --
- 2 A I don't want to misspeak.
- 3 Q -- you don't know one way or the other?
- 4 A I don't want to misspeak. There -- there is

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- 5 securitization taking place, and I'm actually not
- 6 certain if this is -- I know it is primarily through
- 7 third parties instead of with Tesla. I don't know
- 8 with certainly if Tesla has -- has done any of
- 9 these.
- 10 And it's possible that they may not -- that
- 11 we may have done them, but they have not -- that
- 12 they did not pass the materiality threshold for
- 13 public reporting.
- 14 THE REPORTER: Want me to remark that?
- 15 MR. BARON: No.
- 16 Q This is -- I'm showing you what was Exhibit 9
- 17 in Mr. Wheeler's deposition.
- 18 MR. CHESLER: Do you have another copy of
- 19 that?

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- 20 MR. BARON: He does.
 - MR. CHESLER: Oh, sorry. I didn't see it.
- 22 Thank you.
- 23 BY MR. BARON:
- Q This is some materials that were purportedly
- 25 shared with you in July of 2016.

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- Do you recognize these materials?
- 2 A Yes. Actually, if I may, you know, if it is
- 3 accurate that privileged communications with general
- 4 counsel are not admissible in a deposition, I -- I
- 5 think we should as -- just as a matter of principle,
- 6 strike it so as not to create any precedent for the
- 7 future.
- 8 MR. CHESLER: Yeah, the -- the issue -- let's
- 9 talk about it off the record. The issue --
- 10 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 11 MR. CHESLER: -- is not whether the
- 12 general ---
- 13 MR. BARON: Want to go off the record?
- I4 MR. CHESLER: I can say it on the record.
- 15 It's a question of whether it's, in fact, subject to
- 16 an attorney-client privilege.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Exactly.
- 18 MR. CHESLER: And we'll -- we'll figure it
- 19 out.
- 20 THE WITNESS: If -- if -- if it is, I think
- 21 we should not -- we should adhere to the principle.
- 22 MR. CHESLER: Absolutely.
- 23 THE WITNESS: Yeah, whether it's material or
- 24 not.
- 25 MR. CHESLER: No, it doesn't matter whether

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1 it's material or not. I agree.

- 2 MR. BARON: Okay.
- 3 MR. CHESLER: I'm reserving our rights. This
- 4 was marked at another deposition --
- 5 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 6 MR. CHESLER: -- it was produced. I'll
- 7 figure it out.
- 8 BY MR. BARON:
- 9 Q I'm showing you a document. And can you tell
- 10 me what the document is.
- 11 A Model 3 investment updates, July 2016.
- 12 Q And who put this together?
- 13 A I'm not sure who wrote this, but it may be
- 14 Chris Jenny, or just the e-mail is from Chris Jenny.
- 15 I don't know.
- 16 Q Okay.
- 17 A I'm not sure who -- who the -- the author of
- 18 this three-year old PowerPoint presentation is.
- 19 Q All right. But presumably, this was done
- 20 based upon internal records and internal discussions
- 21 with management, correct?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q And did you disagree with any of the
- 24 information that was provided in this -- this to
- 25 you?

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- A May I take a moment to read this?
- O Of course.
- 3 A There's a lot -- there's a lot here.
- 4 O I -- I know.
- 5 A Is there something specific that --
- 6 Q Yeah, there is.
- 7 A Okay.
- 8 Q And I really was just trying to make sure
- 9 that, you know, you didn't say, oh, I saw this and I
- 10 thought this was complete BS and I yelled at people
- 11 and told them to -- you know, you're fired for --
- 12 for preparing it.
- 13 A You're all fired, you're all fired.
- 14 Q Yeah. I really want to focus just on one
- 15 page, which is page 5, if you would.
- 16 This -- this is -- there's an indication here
- 17 that because of Model 3 and the production, that you
- 18 were going -- that -- that the Model 3 production
- 19 was going to significantly challenge Tesla on a cash
- 20 level, you know, in early -- or by September 2017 to
- 21 the extent of being 1.7 billion below their minimum
- 22 cash balances that they hoped to achieve; is that
- 23 correct?
- 24 A That is what this forecast says.
- 25 Q And you understood that to be an accurate

- 1 assessment of what the plan was, that it was going
- 2 to be a serious challenge to the cash needs?
- 3 A I mean, there was a certain amount of error
- 4 in any -- any forecast, but I didn't think this
- 5 forecast was substantially off. But yeah, I
- 6 think -- actually, I think it might have been a
- 7 little pessimistic on the -- on the -- on both the
- 8 down and a little optimistic on -- on the up.
- 9 Q Okay. And just so that we understand, that
- 10 specifically notes that it doesn't include SolarCity
- 11 cash balance issues, correct?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q But you -- at the time that this was done,
- 14 everybody understood that SolarCity did not -- was
- 15 not generating any cash, so that would cause the
- 16 overall cash balance to be even lower, correct?
- 17 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.
- 18 BY MR. BARON:
- 9 Q It was expected that SolarCity would cause a
- 20 cash balance to be even lower, correct?
- 21 A Yes
- 22 MR. BARON: All right. All right. Can I --
- 23 we can put that to the side. We'll mark this next,
- 24 please.

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25 THE REPORTER: 58.

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- (Exhibit 58 was marked for identification
- 2 by the court reporter and is attached hereto.)
- 3 BY MR. BARON:
- 4 Q I want to show you what -- again, this is
- 5 your earnings call from Q2 2016. The date is
- 6 August 3rd. Again, I really only have one question
- 7 in this document. If you could turn to page 14.
- 8 In the middle of the page, you -- you say (as 9 read):
- 10 "I think we want to postpone
 - anything that is a heavy capital
- impact until after the Model 3
- 13 production is ramped."
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A Sorry. Whereabouts is this?
- 16 Q Middle of the page on page 14.
- 17 A Okay.
- 18 Yes.
- 9 Q Okay. Now, what you were -- why -- why did
- 20 you decide at that point in time or say that you
- 21 wanted to postpone anything of any capital impact
- 22 until after the Model 3?
- 23 A I think it would -- we -- we didn't want to
- 24 place unnecessary capital needs on -- on top of the
- 25 Model 3. There's another factor, which is that we

- 1 wouldn't have enough battery cells in any case to --
- 2 there would be no point in adding complexity to the
- 3 product line, because we would not have enough
- 4 battery cells to supply it for the vehicle side.
- 5 Q By this point in time when you were
- 6 postponing anything of heavy capital impact, had
- 7 your concerns about getting Model 3 up to production
- 8 moved up towards the 10 or 11 phase in your scale of
- 9 1 to 10?
- 10 A Not at this time.
- 11 Q All right. Now, you understood that buying
- 12 SolarCity was going to be a heavy capital impact,
- 13 correct? We just showed you documents. You knew it
- 14 was \$2 billion, correct, or more of capital impacts
- 15 per year?
- 16 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.
- 17 THE WITNESS: I think that's not quite
- 18 correct. I think that SolarCity would -- I'm not
- 19 sure that the net capital needs of SolarCity would
- 20 be 2 billion -- well, there's -- there's equity
- 21 capital needs, and then there's -- then there's
- 22 securitization and bank financing capital needs.
- 23 The -- the 2 billion a year for SolarCity
- 24 would be primarily securitization and bank financing
- 25 needs as opposed to equity raising needs. And so

- 1 (Recess.)
- 2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record. The
- 3 time is 1:02 p.m.
- 4 BY MR. BARON:
- 5 Q I just want to sort of run through some --
- 6 some of this stuff and sort of jump around a little
- 7 bit but in order to get through.
- 8 First off, I want to talk about early in -- a
- 9 bit ago was December of 2015. Do you recall there
- 10 being a problem that was discussed around SolarCity
- 11 about fire code restrictions preventing from --
- 12 preventing the ability to fill in an entire roof
- 13 with a -- a solar tile or -- yeah, exactly, a solar
- 14 tile?
- 15 A Oh, yeah, yeah.
- 16 Q What -- what did you learn about that? Did
- 17 you understand that there were -- that, you know,
- 18 you were having issues with local fire co- -- fire
- 19 jurisdictions saying, you know, it's dangerous;
- 20 we're not going to approve those?
- 21 A No, not at all.
- 22 Q What did you understand?
- 23 A I mean, I don't -- I don't agree with this,
- 24 because I do not think this is a fire risk.
- 25 Q I wasn't asking your opinion. I was asking

- 1 these are -- I would say should not be conflated.
- 2 BY MR. BARON:
- 3 Q You were told, though, that there would need
- 4 to be an immediately -- and we showed you a
- 5 document -- at least 200 million of an immediate
- 6 cash infusion to SolarCity upon acquisition,
- 7 correct?
- 8 A Yes. SolarCity was going to be -- was going
- 9 to raise equity capital on their -- of their own
- 10 accord. And they -- my understanding was they
- 11 needed on the order of \$200 million. And if we were
- 12 in acquisition discussions, it's very difficult
- 13 to -- to raise that money.
- 14 Q And 200 million is -- wouldn't be a heavy
- 15 capital impact in your view?
- 16 A Not -- not when the -- the total, you know,
- 17 revenue throughput is on the order of 10 billion.
- 18 It's at 2 percent.
- 19 MR. BARON: Why don't we take a quick break
- 20 so that we can -- you know, this will probably be
- 21 the only break we'll take, and then we'll try to
- 22 finish up.
- 23 THE WITNESS: Sounds good.
- 24 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record. The time
- 25 is 12:54 p.m.

- 1 whether or not fire -- you know, fire marshals and
- 2 fire -- firemen were telling you it was a risk.
- 3 A Actually, I think -- I think probably most of
- 4 them would agree that it is, in fact, not a risk.
- 5 But for longstanding legacy reasons, this goes
- 6 back -- it might go back 80 years or something.
- 7 There's a rule that you have to have
- 8 approximately 3-foot clear around the edge of a roof
- 9 with no active -- no active electrical system. And
- 10 so it simply means that for the solar tile roof, the
- 11 tiles that are close to the edge, within 3 feet of
- 12 the edge would -- would -- cannot -- cannot contain
- 13 active solar cells.
- 14 Q When you said most -- you just said that most
- 15 of the fire marshals or fire jurisdictions aren't --
- 16 don't think it's a fire hazard. What's your basis
- 17 for that? Is that just sort of your guess, or have
- 18 you actually seen somebody who's done that study for
- 19 you?
- 20 A There's no logical basis for it. It's a --
- 21 it's a -- a very old rule, you know, and it -- it's
- 22 premised upon electrocution danger, but there
- 23 actually isn't electrocution danger. The voltage is
- 24 far too low to represent the danger.
- 25 Q But that really wasn't my question. My

1 question was, when you said you don't believe that

- 2 most fire code officials believe it is a danger or a
- 3 risk, what is your basis for that? Just because you
- 4 think that the rationale for that is stupid or
- 5 because somebody's actually gone and done a survey
- 6 and talked to these people and said it's actually
- 7 fine?
- 8 A Physics.
- 9 Q Okay.
- 10 A Yeah.
- 11 Q So -- so what are they actually saying? What
- 12 are -- what -- what your people who actually go and
- 13 actually lobby and talk to -- talk to fire marshals,
- 14 what are -- what are they telling you the fire
- 15 marshals are saying?
- 16 A First of all, I think you're -- you're
- 17 barking up the wrong tree in terms of -- this is
- 18 neither here nor there. It's simply -- it's simply
- 19 a -- a slight reduction in the amount of active
- 20 solar cells you can have on the roof.
- 21 But honestly, it's neither here nor there,
- 22 but the -- the voltage in question is simply not
- 23 enough to electrocute somebody.
- 24 Q And you're not answering my question.
- 25 My question was, what are the fire marshals

- hat 1 represent any risk, no reason -- no logical person
 - 2 would be concerned with it. But it doesn't matter.

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- 3 The 3-foot offset is irrelevant. We haven't
- 4 bothered fighting it because it doesn't make that
- 5 much of a difference.
- 6 Q Were you aware -- you were aware that prior
- 7 to the acquisition of SolarCity, that Tesla, through
- 8 your director of engineering at Tesla, believed that
- 9 the engineering talent at SolarCity was subpar,
- 10 correct?
- 11 A I heard one comment in that regard, yes.
- 12 Q No. You said you were going to fire them
- 13 all, right?
- 14 A What? If -- if -- if somebody is a subpar
- 15 engineer and not -- doesn't meet the Tesla standard,
- 16 then, obviously, we would part ways with them.
- 17 Q You were --
- 18 A That doesn't mean they -- they all -- it is
- 19 not accurate to state that, therefore, they are all
- 20 subpar and, therefore, they will all be fired. This
- 21 is not the case.
- 22 O You were specifically told that -- that the
- 23 SolarCity engineers would probably rate on a two to
- 24 three, on a scale of one to ten, and that there was
- 25 only one engineer that Mr. Snyder would even

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- 1 saying? What are the firemen saying?
- 2 A I -- I think any -- any logical firefighter
- 3 would not have an issue with -- if they -- if it is
- 4 not actually a -- a risk. I have not had
- 5 conversations with them directly, but if you have
- 6 something that is very low voltage -- and you're
- 7 more likely to be electrocuted by your iPhone -- I
- 8 can't imagine any rational person objecting to that.
- 9 Q Again, not my question. My question is, have
- 10 you heard any feedback one way or the other
- 11 specifically from firemen or fire marshals, or are
- 12 you telling me that you just think they would be
- 13 stupid if they found there to be a problem?
- 14 A I haven't talked directly to them --
- 15 Q That's fine.
- 16 MR. CHESLER: Wait, wait. Let him finish his
- 17 answer.
- 18 BY MR. BARON:
- 19 Q Okay. Have you ever heard from them? Has
- 20 anybody else talked to them directly?
- 21 A Yes. Many people have talked to them
- 22 directly.
- 23 Q And you have some reports that says what they
- 24 said?
- 25 A I -- if -- if the voltage is too low to

- 1 consider hiring, correct?
- 2 A I guess that -- that's -- that's his opinion.
- 3 I don't agree with his opinion.
- 4 Q Then why did you say in response to it (as
- 5 read):
- 6 "We are going to part ways with a
- 7 lot of SolarCity personnel"?
- 8 A Well, as part of an acquisition, you find
- 9 where there is redundancy, where there's overlap and
- 10 you find cost savings -- and this is normal for an
- 11 acquisition. You would expect in any acquisition to
- 12 part ways with personnel where the -- there's
- 13 overlap.
- 14 Q Did -- did you fire -- did you fire the
- 15 engineers or a good portion of the engineers from
- I6 SolarCity after it was acquired?
- 17 A I think some number were -- were let go,
- 18 yeah.
- 19 Q How many?
- 20 A I don't know.
- 21 O Have you rehired --
- 22 A It's --
- 23 Q Have you rehired new engineers to replace
- 24 them?
- 25 A We've -- we've hired many engineers over --

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- 1 over the last two years.
- 2 Q Is that for the solar company or for the --
- 3 overall for the for the Model 3 program?
- 4 A They -- they were hired overall -- because
- 5 the Model 3 was the primary thing that needed to get
- 6 sold, they were hired primarily for the Model 3
- 7 program. And now -- now we're turning our attention
- 8 to solar, and we're going to fix it.
- 9 Q At one point in time, did you propose buying
- 10 Silevo prior to the acquisition for the purposes of
- 11 getting cash to SolarCity sufficient to make it
- 12 through the acquisition?
- 13 A That was one of the things under
- 14 consideration.
- 15 Q Okay. You -- you actually came up with that
- 16 idea yourself?
- 17 A This was one idea.
- 18 Q And Lyndon actually believed that that wasn't
- 19 not just an idea, though, that you would actually
- 20 decided to do so, correct?
- 21 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.
- 22 THE WITNESS: I don't think so. I think
- 23 if -- if there's an idea, we look at it. We
- 24 consider it, as a team, relative to other ideas.
- 25 And then if it's the -- the best path, we take it.
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 1 In the case of Silevo, this did not turn out to be
- 2 the best path, so we took another path.
- 3 BY MR. BARON:
- 4 Q So tell me about the team that purportedly
- 5 decided not to do Silevo. Who was that team?
- 6 A That was essentially the Tesla board and
- 7 senior management team. We were simply trying to
- 8 find what -- what actually is the -- what is the --
- 9 what is the -- what is the most right way to solve
- 10 this problem, what is the most defensible, what is
- 11 the most appropriate way to solve this problem.
- 12 Q And by the problem, you mean what?
- 13 A That we had entered into discussions to
- 14 acquire SolarCity, thus making it difficult for them
- 15 to raise equity capital as they had planned.
- 16 Q Well, you knew they couldn't -- they were
- 17 trying to raise equity capital even before the
- 18 announcement of the acquisition and they couldn't do
- 19 so, correct?
- 20 A Wrong. They -- it was fully capable of
- 21 raising equity capital if we had not made an -- an
- 22 acquisition offer.
- 23 Q And --
- 24 A They absolutely would have -- they had done
- 25 so before.

- 1 May I please finish?
- 2 Q Sure.
- 3 A Okay. The SolarCity had raised equity
- 4 capital on many occasions. They would have done so
- 5 again, but they were prevented from doing so because
- 6 of the acquisition discussions.
- 7 Q So if they were told by somebody that they
- 8 didn't have the ability to raise equity capital, you
- 9 just weren't told about it? Is that what you're
- 10 telling me?
- 11 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.
- 12 THE WITNESS: I --
- 13 BY MR. BARON:
 - 4 Q If there -- if there are investment bankers
- 15 who are saying it's not a good time, there's not a
- 16 way to raise equity capital prior to the
- 17 announcement of the Tesla deal, you just don't know
- 18 about it?
- 19 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.
- 20 THE WITNESS: I am very confident that they
- 21 would have succeeded in raising equity capital if --
- 22 if Tesla had not made an acquisition offer. There's
- 23 simply a debate as to what the price would be, but
- 24 they're a publicly traded company.
- 25 A publicly traded company can always raise

- 1 capital in the equity markets. It's just a question
- 2 of what the discount is relative to the -- the
- 3 market cap.
- 4 BY MR. BARON:
- 5 Q Again, is this just your view because you
- 6 know finance, or is this something you actually got
- 7 by talking to an investment banker?
- 8 A This is -- this is finance 101.
- Q That's not -- so it is. It's just your view.
- 10 You don't -- you didn't talk to any investment
- 11 bankers who said sure, we'd be more than happy to do
- 12 it, and it wouldn't come at a price that was
- 13 prohibitive to doing a public equity offering,
- 14 right?
- MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.
- 16 THE WITNESS: I mean, this is -- this is
- 17 just -- I mean, it sounds like perhaps you don't
- 18 have the best understanding of basic finance.
- 19 BY MR. BARON:
- 20 Q It's always possible, but that's not my
- 21 question.
- 22 A Yeah.
- 23 Q My question is simple, Mr. Musk.
- 24 My question is, rather than it just be your
- 25 simple view of finance 101, which I understand you

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- 1 believe you know better than anyone else --
- 2 A Uh-huh.
- 3 Q -- did you have any conversations with any
- 4 investment banker who said yes, it would be easy for
- 5 us to find -- to do an equity offering and it would
- 6 not be at a price that was prohibitive?
- 7 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of the 8 question.
- 9 MR. BARON: I don't think that's --
- 10 THE WITNESS: A -- a fundamental term of
- 11 public -- of the public markets is the public
- 12 markets set the price for a publicly traded equity.
- 13 So stock is being bought and sold regularly, and
- 14 this is what sets the price in a public market.
- 15 Finance 101.
- 16 BY MR. BARON:
- 17 O I'll ask you the question, again.
- 18 The question is, did you speak to any
- 19 investment banker to say, can we do a public equity
- 20 offering at SolarCity at a price that would not be
- 21 prohibitive?
- 22 A Can you talk in a civil tone --
- 23 O Well, I --
- 24 A -- and not yell at me?
- 25 Q -- have asked you this question three times,

- 1 public equity offering.
- 2 A Correct. I absolutely -- I absolutely think
- 3 SolarCity could have raised equity capital at -- at
- 4 a price very close to what their publicly traded
- 5 price was before there were any -- any acquisition
- 6 discussions.
- 7 Q But you never saw anything in writing from
- 8 any banker or finance person who said that that was
- 9 an accurate assessment, correct? I'm just asking
- 10 about whether you have anything to back you up,
- 11 Mr. Musk.
- 12 A It would, in my view, be a silly question.
- 13 Q Okay. So the answer to that is no, you did
- 14 not see anything to back up your views?
- MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.
- 16 THE WITNESS: If people are buying stock at
- 17 a -- at a given publicly traded price, you can
- 18 obviously raise money at close to that price.
- 19 BY MR. BARON:
- 0 Q And that is still, again, you have nothing to
- 21 back up those views other than Mr. Musk says so?
- 22 A Yeah, except like 200 years of public -- how
- 23 public markets work. Apart from that, no. By the
- 24 way, also gravity goes down. I don't know if you
- 25 are aware of that. You never know. Should you ask

- 1 and each time I asked you the question you want to 2 tell me about finance 10I.
- 3 A Yes. You're --
- 4 MR. CHESLER: Randy -- Randy, don't yell.
- 5 THE WITNESS: What's the deal, dude?
- 6 MR. CHESLER: Just ask --
- 7 THE WITNESS: Just chill.
- 8 BY MR. BARON:
- 9 Q Have you spoken to an investment banker who
- 10 told you, yes, we can do a financing at SolarCity --
- 11 we could do a financing at SolarCity at a price that
- 12 was not prohibitive?
- 13 A No, but there would be no need to have such a
- 14 discussion because, obviously, it could be done.
- 15 Q And you have never seen a document -- a
- 16 document that says yes, we could have done a public
- 17 equity offering at SolarCity that was not
- 18 prohibitive, correct?
- 19 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of the
- 20 question.
- 21 THE WITNESS: What do you mean by
- 22 prohibitive?
- 23 BY MR. BARON:
- 24 Q Meaning that the price would not be so low as
- 25 it would make it a ridiculous effort to try to do a

- 1 an expert? Maybe you should ask an expert.
- 2 Q So it's also you also knew that in
- 3 addition, the company was actually looking at PIPEs,
- 4 private equity offerings, right?
- 5 A Sure.
- 6 Q Did you know that or not? Did you know that
- 7 SolarCity, prior to the acquisition, was looking
- 8 into doing a PIPE?
- 9 A I -- I know that was one of the things under
- 10 discussion
- 11 Q Okay. And did you know that no one would
- 12 agree to do a PIPE for the -- for SolarCity?
- 13 A A PIPE is a much harder thing to do than
- 14 a -- than -- than raising money in the public
- 15 markets.
- 16 Q Okay. And is this, again, your -- your
- 17 professional experience, or did you actually speak
- 18 to someone who does these to know this?
- 19 A This is a -- a basic element of money
- 20 finance.
- 21 O So once again, this is finance -- on this --
- 22 Mr. Musk on fmance and no one else, correct?
- 23 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I wouldn't give you a very good
- 25 grade on finance 101, I have to say.

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| | 1 | Do you need to take a break so you can look |

- 2 at your phone?3 A No. I was just waiting for the exhibit.
- 4 MR. CHESLER: I can just look over the
- 5 witness's shoulder --
- 6 MR. BARON: Sure.
- 7 MR. CHESLER: -- unless you have another 8 copy?
- 9 MR. BARON: I'm sorry, I didn't bring other 10 copies.
- 11 Q This indicates that there was a call -- that
- 12 there was supposed to be a call with you on the 21st
- 13 to find out your recommendations on a revised
- 14 exchange ratio.
- Do you recall being on a call with Evercore discussing the revised exchange ratio in connection
- 17 with the acquisition of SolarCity?
- 18 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the
- 19 characterization. That's not what the document 20 says.
- 21 THE WITNESS: According to this e-mail, it 22 just says (as read):
- 23 "On tonight's call with Elon, we
 - need to make a recommendation.
- 25 Also, the revised exchange ratio

1 BY MR. BARON: 2 Q Okay. So again, the answer is, you didn't 3 speak to anybody who told you that -- someone that 4 told you that it's easier to get a PIPE than it is 5 to get a public equity offering -- or harder? I'm 6 sorry. 7 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form. THE WITNESS: A PIPE is always harder to do 9 than raising money in the public markets. 10 BY MR. BARON: 11 Q Okay. At least in your view? 12 A In -- this is accepted common knowledge. O All right. Can you tell me who said that? 14 Can you give me some expert, some professional who's 15 ever told you that? 16 A This -- this is typically like asking, does 17 gravity go down? Of course, this is something that 18 is common knowledge in the finance industry. You 19 could ask anyone. 20 Q See, I could actually answer who told me that 21 gravity went down. But can you answer -- tell --22 can you tell me somebody who told me that a PIPE --23 A I bet you don't actually know.

1 public equity financing than it is a PIPE?

25 tell you that it's easier to -- it's easier to get

2 A A PIPE is inherently more restrictive than

24 Q Can you tell me, have you ever heard somebody

- 3 a -- than a general -- general public equity raise.
- 4 Q All right. So --
- 5 A It is --
- 6 Q So the answer is no --
- 7 A Obviously --
- 8 Q -- you can't identify somebody who told you
- 9 that?
- 10 A Any -- basically, anyone who understands
- 11 public markets would tell you this. It would be
- 12 like literally asking, does gravity go down? They
- 13 would be like, what a silly question.
- 14 Q In July of 20 -- on July 21st, 2016, you were
- 15 specifically involved in discussions about the
- 16 revised exchange ratio for the acquisition of
- 17 SolarCity, correct?
- 18 A Are you referring to an exhibit or something?
- 19 Q Sure. I can show it to you.
- 20 A That would be helpful.
- 21 MR. OUTWATER: This was previously marked
- MR. BARON: Yeah. Actually, it was already
- 23 marked. That's fine.
- 24 Q This has already been marked as Musk
- 25 Exhibit 46. We looked at it last time.

- which we will recommend to the full
- 2 board tomorrow" --
- 3 MR. BARON: Yep.
- 4 THE WITNESS: (As read):
- 5 -- "at the moment I am not quite
- 6 sure what that should be."
- 7 MR. BARON: Yep.
 - THE WITNESS: Yeah, that's just what the
- 9 e-mail says.

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- 10 BY MR. BARON:
- 11 Q And were you on -- and that -- that night,
- 12 you did have a call with Evercore, correct?
- 13 A I -- I think so.
- 14 Q And on that call, you discussed a revised
- 15 exchange ratio, correct?
- 16 A I don't recall the exact contents of that 17 call.
- 18 Q And prior to that call, you had actually
- 19 gotten a draft of the presentation that was going to
- 20 be given to the board of directors on the 22nd,
- 21 correct?
- 22 A I am not sure if I did.
- 23 MR. BARON: Okay. Can I have the cover
- 24 e-mail for July 21st. And also, I'll take the
- 25 pertinet documents in the presentation too.

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- O Let me make sure I understand. You're not
- 2 saying that you were not on a call to discuss the
- 3 exchange ratio with Evercore before a recommendation
- 4 was made to the board. You just don't recall
- 5 whether you were or not; is that fair?
- A I mean, this is -- this is three years ago.
- 7 I don't recall exactly what happened on that. My
- 8 memory is not that good.
- MR. BARON: Is this 58? 9
- 10 MR. CHESLER: This is 59.
- MR. BARON: Can you mark it. This is 59. 11
- (Exhibit 59 was marked for identification 12
- by the court reporter and is attached hereto.) 13
- MR. BARON: And can you mark this as 60, 14
- 15 please.
- (Exhibit 60 was marked for identification 16
- by the court reporter and is attached hereto.) 17
- 18 BY MR. BARON:
- Q Sir, would you look at Exhibit 62 next to
- 20 you.
- 21 A I'm sorry, Exhibit 62? 60.
- 22 Q 60. So this is a cover e-mail that goes to
- 23 the board of director. It includes your e-mail on
- 24 it, and then there is a presentation to the board of
- 25 directors on -- dated July 22nd which, in my

- MR. CHESLER: 61. 1
 - (Exhibit 61 was marked for identification 2
 - 3 by the court reporter and is attached hereto.)
 - 4 BY MR. BARON:
 - Q I'm showing you an e-mail that you're not on,

- 6 but it's an e-mail between Evercore bankers. On the
- 7 bottom is "just buying Silevo" (as read):
- "Whoever's idea of just buying
 - Silevo wasn't on his or her game."
- Again, do you recall whose idea it was to 10
- 11 just buy Silevo in order to fund cash?
- A I -- I think it was probably mine.
- Q Okay. And did someone ever tell you that --
- 14 that the view of the investment bankers was that
- 15 buying Silevo could be a significant negative?
- A No. I -- I -- that was not my impression.
- Q Okay. 17

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- A My understanding was that Silevo was -- at
- 19 the time, was -- was an asset.
- 20 Q Okay. What happened to Silevo?
- 21 A Since then?
- 22 O Yeah.
- 23 A Since then, it's the -- unfortunately, the
- 24 competitiveness of the Silevo panels did not match
- 25 the competitiveness of the --

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- THE REPORTER: "Silevo" what? 1 1 understanding, is the presentation that was e-mailed 2 out in the cover e-mail.
- Do you recall that prior to your convo- --
- 4 prior to a conversation with Evercore, that you --
- A It just says "Redacted." 5
- Q had this conversation?
- 7 A I'm sorry?
- Q Do you recall that you received the
- 9 presentation that was to be given to the board of
- 10 directors on the 22nd on the evening of the 21st?
- A I -- I -- I don't recall that precisely, no. 11
- O Okay. Do you have any reason to believe that
- 13 you didn't receive that presentation that was
- 14 e-mailed to you?
- 15 A No.
- Q If it was e-mailed to you, would you have
- 17 reviewed it?
- A Not necessarily. 18
- 19 Q Why do you say that?
- A I get a lot of e-mails. 20
- It says "Redacted." 21
- 22 Okay. Is there another page that I should go
- 23 to?
- Q No. You can put it aside. I'm going to show
- 25 you -- give me this one.

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- THE WITNESS: Sorry. The -- the
- 3 competitiveness of the Silevo panels was not -- did
- 4 not match the competitiveness of the panels from
- 5 China.
- 6 BY MR. BARON:
- A So we did not continue with the Silevo
- 9 panels.
- 10 Q So you shut it down?
- A Yes. 11
- Q When did you shut it down? 12
- A I -- as I recall, about a year and a half 13
- 14 later, a year, year and a half later.
- Q After the acquisition? 15
- A Yes. Although, we are still using some of 16
- 17 their equipment and facilities. In fact, we're
- 18 using all of their facilities and a bunch of their
- equipment but for a different purpose.
- MR. BARON: Can you mark this next in order, 20
- 21 please.
- THE REPORTER: 62. 22
 - (Exhibit 62 was marked for identification
- by the court reporter and is attached hereto.) 24
- 25 BY MR. BARON:

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- 1 call. It says a lot about the Tesla calls.
- 1 Q I'm showing you what's been marked2 Exhibit 62. It's a presentation that was given to
- 3 the Tesla board of directors on July 30th.
- Were you given a copy of this presentation
- 5 before that meeting?
- 6 A I -- I am not sure.
- 7 Q Okay.
- 8 A It's quite a -- this is quite a big document.
- 9 Q You can't -- you don't -- you can't identify
- 10 whether you have or have not; is that fair?
- 11 A I'm not certain.
- 12 Q Okay.
- 13 A I mean, it is accurate to say that we are
- 14 making extensive use of the Silevo Buffalo factory.
- 15 (Exhibit 63 was marked for identification
- by the court reporter and is attached hereto.)
- 17 BY MR. BARON:
- 18 Q Showing you what's been marked Exhibit --
- 19 THE REPORTER: 63.
- 20 BY MR. BARON:
- 21 O -- 63. In there, there seems to be an
- 22 indication that -- on the SolarCity call on
- 23 August 9th that you announced the solar roof.
- Do you recall there being an issue about
- 25 being -- people being surprised that you announced a

- 2 AD DADON HILLAR T
- 2 MR. BARON: Well, the Tesla call on the 3 acquisition.
- 4 Q I want to move on quickly to -- because I
- 5 think we're going to come -- run out of time soon --

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- 6 solar bonds that you bought in order to fund the
- 7 liquidity issues that were at SolarCity prior to the
- 8 acquisition.
- 9 A Uh-huh.
- 10 O Whose idea was that?
- 11 A I'm not sure if it was -- I think it may have
- 12 been either my idea or -- or Lyndon's idea. I am
- 13 not sure. Or -- or it may have been someone else's
- 14 idea. I'm not sure who originally came up with it.
- 15 Q All right. And you under- -- from --
- 16 initial -- was it originally the plan that you were
- 17 going to buy 65 million of the SolarCity bonds,
- 18 Lyndon was going to buy 17 and a half million, and
- 19 Peter was going to buy 17 and a half million?
- 20 A As I recall, yes.
- 21 Q Okay. Is there a reason that when the
- 22 prospectus was first made public, that there was no
- 23 disclosure of the fact that the -- that 80 percent
- 24 of the bond issuances in that disclosure were going
- 25 to be bought by you, Lyndon and Peter?

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2 you to do so?

1 solar roof on a conference call when nobody expected

- 3 A I mean, I -- we -- that's, aspirationally, we
- 4 like to make our product announcements without 5 people knowing that -- that they're going to happen.
- 6 Q Okay. You didn't let the Evercore bankers
- 7 know you were doing it, correct?
- 8 A I don't know. I guess, maybe.
- 9 O Those are the bankers who were actually there
- 10 to advise you on the trans- -- advise Tesla on the
- 11 transaction, right?
- 12 A Sure, yeah. I mean, I don't know if -- if
- 13 they -- they knew or did not know. I...
- 14 Q Well, again, the Evercore bankers note in the
- 15 second e-mail from the bottom that they thought you
- 16 were going to await the announcement of the solar
- 17 roof, and the response was (as read):
- 18 "It's Elon's world. We just live in
- 19 it."
- 20 Again --
- 21 A That is not true, and it's Wayne's world.
- 22 Q Party on, Garth.
- 23 A Yes, exactly.
- 24 MR. CHESLER: It's pretty funny. It says
- 25 this call is far more interesting than the Tesla

- 1 A I am not certain.
- 2 Q Okay. Now, you understood that you had the
- 3 ability, if you made this solar purchase, to have
- 4 Tesla pay you back for that investment almost
- 5 immediately, correct?
- 6 A No --
- 7 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.
- THE WITNESS: -- I don't think so.
- 9 BY MR. BARON:
- 10 Q Well, that's what happened, right? When
- 11 the -- by the -- in the first quarter after the
- 12 acquisition, despite the bonds being -- you know,
- 13 not lasting for 18 months, you were actually paid
- 14 back your investment in the bonds in the first
- 15 quarter, correct?
- 16 A If -- that sounds correct. I'm not sure if
- 17 that's the exact timing, but if you say it is, I
- 18 suspect your correct.
- 19 Q And Lyndon was paid back, and Peter was paid
- 20 back too, correct?
- 21 A That -- it -- it sounds like you have -- it
- 22 sounds like you're correct. I do not know if those
- 23 are the exact dates, but I assume if you've
- 24 researched it, they are correct.
 - 5 Q Well, if in the QI Form 10-Q it says that

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- 1 they were paid back, that would be an accurate
- 2 representation that they were paid back, correct?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q All right. And whose decision was it to pay
- 5 you back?
- 6 A I think there was a -- I think there was a
- 7 board discussion to this effect, but I'm not sure.
- 8 I think the -- the intent of the -- of those solar
- 9 bonds was essentially a bridge financing for the
- 10 acquisition. They were trying to -- actually trying
- 11 to figure out the most morally defensible way to do
- 12 it.
- 13 That's -- the final conclusion was like,
- 14 well, we'll just do it ourselves and take the risk
- 15 ourselves. There was no certainty of payment, you
- 16 know.
- 17 Q But there wasn't any risk because you -- you
- 18 controlled solar -- you controlled Tesla afterwards,
- 19 and they could just pay you back, so wasn't that
- 20 just a -- just a facade?
- 21 A I did not control Tesla.
- 22 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form of the
- 23 question.
- 24 THE WITNESS: It is incorrect to say that I
- 25 controlled Tesla. That's false.

- THE WITNESS: Yeah, I -- I guess so. I -- I
- 2 think it was -- it was generally thought that it's
- 3 better to reduce the cross-holdings or like have --
- 4 it's -- it's not -- it was not ideal to have
- 5 personal and corporate things mixed up, so better to
- 6 minimize that.
- 7 BY MR. BARON:
- 8 Q Well, nobody thought that was a problem when
- 9 you actually gave the -- bought the solar bond in
- 10 the first place, correct?
- 11 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.
- 12 THE WITNESS: There was -- there were no --
- 13 obviously, there was no ideal way to do it, but
- 14 this -- the Tesla board concluded that this was
- 15 probably the -- the -- of the various paths, this
- 16 was the best one to provide bridge financing. But
- 17 the goal was simply to provide bridge financing
- 18 through the acquisition.
- 19 BY MR. BARON:
- Q Are you saying you got board approval to buy
- 21 the solar bonds?
- 22 A It was -- as I recall, it was board
- 23 discussion. Certainly, it wasn't without the board
- 24 awareness.
- 25 Q That's not my question.

- 1 BY MR. BARON:
- 2 Q Well, did somebody do an analysis and say,
- 3 well, it would really help Tesla to pay back that
- 4 200 million in the first quarter rather than to wait
- 5 until they mature in 18 months?
- 6 A Was it 200 or 100?
- 7 Q Hundred -- I- -- 100 million.
- 8 A I'm not -- I'm not certain. I mean, it -- it
- 9 was simply intended as a bridge financing, as a
- 10 temporary financing, but I -- I can't say there
- 11 was -- I'm not sure exactly what the reasoning was
- 12 for paying it back at that time.
- 13 Q Help me with my fmance 101.
- 14 A Sure.
- 15 Q Why is it better to pay off those bonds in
- 16 the first quarter rather than to let them mature for
- 17 18 months?
- 18 A Actually, I'm not sure. I think -- I do not
- 19 recall the reason at this time.
- 20 Q Okay. And you also prepaid the Space X
- 21 bond -- solar bond purchase too, correct --
- 22 MR. CHESLER: Objection --
- 23 BY MR. BARON:
- 24 O -- before those were mature?
- 25 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.

- Was the decision to -- did the board have any
- 2 authority in approving or not approving your
- 3 purchase of solar bonds?
- 4 A My recollection is that this was discussed,
- 5 and the board thought that this was the best way to
- 6 go. That's my recollection.
- 7 Q Do you know why KPMG was hired in connection
- 8 with the merger?
- 9 A I don't.
- 10 Q Do you know whether or not KPMG had an
- 11 obligation to conduct due diligence for Tesla?
- 12 A Probably, yeah. They probably did.
- 13 Q Do you recall whether KPMG was concerned that
- 14 they had -- that they did not have sufficient due
- 15 diligence prior to the time that the merger was
- 16 consummated or the merger agreement was signed?
- 17 A I was -- I am not, no.
- 18 O Let me -- let's talk about the solar roof for
- 19 a moment.
- 20 You were aware that -- well, let me ask you
- 21 whether or not you agree with the testimony from
- 22 other people about the solar roof.
- 23 Do you believe -- do you agree that at the
- 24 time of the acquisition, that the solar roof was
- 25 still in development, at its very early stages of

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1 MR. BARON: Jeez, not even close.

- 1 development?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Do you agree that the solar roof was a
- 4 nascent, n-a-s-c-e-n-t, nascent product and there
- 5 hadn't been a ton of financial modeling done on the
- 6 solar roof as of the time of the acquisition?
- 7 A Well, I'm not sure that the unit of --
- 8 that -- that everyone doesn't measure diligence in
- 9 tonnage.
- 10 THE REPORTER: That what --
- 11 BY MR. BARON:
- 12 Q No. I said "nascent." Was a nascent product
- 13 that there hadn't been -- I agree. Okay. I
- 14 understand that.
- 15 A I mean, it's hard to weigh -- it's hard to
- 16 weigh diligence. You know, it's not -- it's not
- 17 going to weigh, you know, somewhere between 2,000
- 18 and 2,200 pounds. There would be a lot of
- 19 diligence.
- 20 Q Okay.
- 21 A But it was early, yes.
- 22 Q You agree that SolarCity finance had zero
- 23 visibility on how much it was going to cost to make
- 24 the solar roof, to install the solar roof, the R&D
- 25 on the solar roof and where it would be manufactured

- 2 MR. CHESLER: You weren't even close. You
- 3 weren't within a rounding error that time.
- 4 MR. BARON: Not even within the first decile.
- 5 MR. CHESLER: It was less than a ton, though.
- 6 MR. BARON: Less than a ton, yeah.
- 7 (Exhibit 64 was marked for identification
- 8 by the court reporter and is attached hereto.)
- 9 BY MR. BARON:
- 10 O This is an --
- 11 A Two tons.
- 12 Q This is an e-mail --
- 13 A (Unintelligible) every morning.
- 14 Q This is an e-mail chain from Marianne
- 15 Borenstein to Jason Wheeler and a response from
- 16 Jason Wheeler below or -- sorry, a -- an exchange
- 17 between Jason Wheeler and Marianne Borenstein.
- And on the first page, you can see on the
- 19 one, two, three, fourth bullet point down, it says
- 20 (as read):21 "The SolarCity Finance has zero
- visibility on how much it's going to
- 23 cost the solar roof."
- 24 Do you see that? Is that an inaccurate
- 25 statement in your view?

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1 and the buildup costs of materials, correct?

1 A Who's Max

- 2 MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.
- 3 BY MR. BARON:
- 4 Q There's a lot of questions there. Do you
- 5 want me to break it down?
- 6 A 1 think you probably need to parse the 7 questions.
- 8 Q Sure.
- 9 A Yeah.
- 10 Q Do you agree that at the time of the
- 11 acquisition, SolarCity finance had zero visibility
- 12 on how much it would cost to make this solar roof,
- 13 correct?
- 14 A No.
- 15 Q You don't agree with that?
- 16 A No. Zero is a small number. I think there
- 17 was limited visibility but not zero.
- MR. BARON: All right. Can you show -- can I
- 19 have 1117.
- 20 THE WITNESS: 1 mean, necessarily, if it's
- 21 early in the product, you have -- there's a lot of
- 22 uncertainty, but zero is far too low.
- 23 MR, BARON: Okay. Showing you what's being 23
- 24 marked as 68.
- MR. CHESLER: 64.

- 1 A Who's Marianne Borenstein?
- 2 Q She worked for you.
- 3 A 1 don't know her. I'm not sure I would
- 4 put -- it's difficult for me to calibrate her
- 5 opinion since I do not know her.
- 6 Q She was the director of new programs at
- 7 Tesla.
- 8 A I did not have -- I had close to zero
- 9 interaction with Marianne Borenstein.
- 10 Q Okay. Now, if Mr. Wheeler agreed that it was
- 11 accurate, would you think it was wrong?
- 12 MR. CHESLER: Wait a minute. There's no --
- 13 you said there's a response --
- 14 THE WITNESS: So what are you referring to?
- 15 MR. CHESLER: -- from Wheeler here, but it's
- 16 not here.
- 17 MR. BARON: No. He was deposed on it, and he
- 18 said that they were accurate. That was an accurate
- 19 statement.
- 20 Q If Mr. Wheeler says that it's an accurate
- 21 statement that SolarCity had zero visibility on
- 22 finance, do you think he was wrong?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 MR. CHESLER: Objection to form.
- 25 BY MR. BARON:

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- O Okay. When he said that they had zero
- 2 visibility on how much it was going to cost to
- 3 install the solar roof, do you think he was wrong?
- A Yes, definitely.
- 5 MR. CHESLER: Objection to form.
- 6 BY MR. BARON:
- Q Do you think when he agreed that they had
- 8 zero visibility as to the R&D necessary for the
- 9 solar roof that he was wrong?
- 10 MR. CHESLER: Same objection.
- THE WITNESS: Yes. He -- necessarily, at the 11
- 12 beginning of a product, you have low visibility.
- 13 But to say it's zero is absolutely wrong.
- 14 BY MR. BARON:
- Q Do you think when he said -- when he agreed
- 16 that it was zero visibility as to where the solar
- 17 roof would be manufactured, is he right or wrong on
- 18 that?
- 19 A I'd say completely wrong on that one. We
- 20 knew that it would be at the -- the Buffalo
- 21 facility, which -- and that's where it is.
- 22 Q When he said SolarCity had zero visibility on
- 23 the buildup costs of getting raw materials, was he
- 24 right or wrong on that?
- A It's definitely wrong to say zero. Limited

- 1 you were getting some significant major shareholder
- 2 pushback, correct?
- A From some shareholders, yes.
- Q And your view was that the way to counter
- 5 that was for three things to happen. One is get
- 6 money for SolarCity in the short term solving its
- 7 immediate liquidity crisis, correct?
- A I think you're connecting the -- the
- 9 shareholder support and what -- and things that are
- 10 important to get done. They're not quite the same
- 11 thing. Obviously, we needed to have bridge
- 12 financing for SolarCity. I don't think this was a
- 13 factor with investors. I don't recall this being a
- 14 significant part of any investor discussion.
- Q All right. I will -- what I'm saying is that
- 16 in order to get investor -- investors on board, you
- 17 believed three things had to happen, which was
- 18 SolarCity solving its liquidity crisis, letter of
- 19 intent with Panasonic and a joint product demo for
- 20 the solar roof, correct?
- A I think the second two, yes. The first one I
- 22 think was not related to investors. It was simply
- 23 either we need to provide bridge financing or we
- 24 need to call off the acquisition discussions. Those
- 25 were the two options.

- 1 would be accurate but not zero.
- Q When Mr. Wheeler was asked fundamentally, do
- 3 you agree with the concept that there was really no
- 4 real product yet to model and he said yes, that's
- 5 correct, do you agree with that --
- MR. CHESLER: Objection to form.
- 7 BY MR, BARON:
- Q -- that there was no real product to model?
- A Well, I think precisely I know what you're
- 10 saying, like the uncertainty of the model would
- 11 be -- would be significant because it is early in
- 12 the product planning cycle.
- 13 Q But nonetheless, despite -- and you knew
- 14 all -- so you were aware of all of that information
- 15 prior to the acquisition of SolarCity, correct?
- 16 A When you say "all of that information," what 17 do you mean?
- Q You were aware of the status of the solar
- 19 roof prior to the acquisition, correct?
- 20 A I was aware that it -- that we were early in
- 21 the product, that this was, as you said, a nascent
- 22 product. And so necessarily the uncertainties were
- 23 significant.
- O Okay. Now, you were also aware after the
- 25 merger -- after a possible merger was announced that

- Q Okay. And in order to -- in order to, again,
- 2 get investors' sentiment on your side, you decided
- 3 to push up the demonstration of the solar roof,
- 4 correct?
- MR. CHESLER: Objection to the form.
- THE WITNESS: I -- I thought it was important
- 7 to explain to investors the -- the product rationale
- 8 for the combination.
- 9 BY MR. BARON:
- Q But you made a decision to push -- you
- 11 unilaterally made a decision to push up the solar
- 12 roof presentation, correct?
- A I -- I think this -- unilateral is incorrect.
- 14 The -- and there were many discussions about this.
- 15 But it stands to reason that if you are trying to
- 16 explain to investors why the combination makes
- 17 sense, then you have to explain the products and the
- 18 synergies that will result from the -- from the
- 19 combination. Otherwise, they will not understand
- 20 why it should be done.
- 21 (Exhibit 65 was marked for identification
- by the court reporter and is attached hereto.) 22
- 23 BY MR. BARON:
- Q I'm showing you what's been marked
- 25 Exhibit 65. And in there, there's an e-mail from

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| | Peter Rive that says (as read): | | I, the undersigned, a Certified Shorthand Reporter of the State of California, do hereby |
| 2 | "Elon, just heard from Lyndon that | | 3 certify: |
| 3 | you'd like to move up the launch | 4 | |
| 4 | event to early November." | | 5 before me at the time and place herein set forth; |
| 5 | Do you see that? | | 6 that any witnesses in the foregoing proceedings, |
| 6 | A Yes. | | 7 prior to testifying, were administered an oath; that |
| 7 | Q Okay. Is that an accurate statement, that | | 8 a record of the proceedings was made by me using |
| | you told Lyndon that you wanted to move up the | | 9 machine shorthand which was thereafter transcribed |
| | launch event? | 10 | 0 under my direction; that the foregoing transcript is |
| 10 | A Yes. | | 11 a true record of the testimony given. |
| 11 | Q And that the moving up the launch event was | 12 | · · |
| | specifically in response to feedback from major | 13 | 3 original transcript of a deposition in a Federal |
| | investors that were very negative on SolarCity, | | 14 Case, before completion of the proceedings, review |
| 14 | correct? | | 5 of the transcript [] was [] was not requested. |
| 15 | A Yes. | 16 | |
| 16 | Q And you believed you needed to do this to | 17 | 7 interested in the action nor a relative or employee |
| 17 | show them what the integrated product looks like, | | 8 of any attorney or any party to this action. |
| 18 | correct? | 19 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| 19 | A Yes. | 20 | 20 my name. |
| 20 | MR. BARON: Let me take a minute and make | 21 | 21 |
| 21 | sure I'm done, and then we can be done. | 22 | 22 Dated: August 25, 2019 |
| 22 | THE WITNESS: Sounds good, Cool. Great. | 23 | 23 |
| 23 | MR. CHESLER: Why don't we just stay here | 24 | 24 Nadia Newhart |
| 24 | unless you need something. | | NADIA NEWHART |
| 25 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record. The time | 25 | 25 CSR NO. 8714 |
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