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1 JON KENDRICK,
2 having been produced and first duly sworn as a witness,
3 testified as follows:

4 THE WITNESS: I do.

5 EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

7 Q Will you please state your name and address
8 for the record?

9 A Jonathan A. Kendrick. I go by Jon. 2716
10 Admiral Walk Drive, Orange Park, Florida, 32073.

11 Q And, Mr. Kendrick, you understand that you
12 are -- you're currently on --

13 (Brief interruption.)

14 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

15 Q You understand that you are currently on
16 administrative leave from JEA?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And that you've been given notice of your
19 termination without cause?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And that this interview is being conducted by
22 the OGC to determine whether or not cause exists to
23 support a termination for cause?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Okay. In connection with that, you were

1 deposition, it's not one.

2 You have two attorneys here representing you;
3 one in person and one on the phone, but they don't
4 really have the opportunity to object to my questions
5 even though they might really want to. If either of
6 your attorneys is concerned about the clarity of the
7 question that I'm asking, if there's some confusion,
8 then I would ask them, just for the clarity of the
9 record, to alert me to that and I'll try my best to
10 rephrase my questions.

11 Okay?

12 A Okay.

13 Q Okay. Also, because this is not a deposition,
14 I just want to make sure that you understand what JEA's
15 expectations are in connection with your answers. So,
16 typically, in a deposition, a witness would be
17 instructed to answer only the questions being asked and
18 not to elaborate any further. This isn't a deposition
19 so those rules don't apply.

20 So I wanted to just go ahead and set
21 expectations early on and just let you know that JEA
22 expects you to provide complete and truthful answers to
23 all of my questions. And what I mean by that is that if
24 my questions are inartful but you understand the
25 information that I'm looking for, I want you to provide

1 provided a Garrity warning and statement of rights;
2 correct?

3 A Correct.

4 Q And you've had the opportunity to review that
5 with your attorney?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And Mr. McElroy signed this Garrity rights
8 statement on June 28th, and right before we began here,
9 you and I both executed the form; correct?

10 A Correct.

11 Q Okay. And you don't have any questions about
12 any issues surrounding the Garrity issues?

13 A No.

14 Q Okay. All right. Could you please -- well,
15 hang on. Before I start, I wanted to just walk through
16 a few of the ground rules for today.

17 If you could please listen and make sure that
18 you understand my questions, and if you don't either
19 hear me or understand what I'm trying to ask you, please
20 either ask me to repeat them or restate them. I'll be
21 happy to do that.

22 This interview today is being conducted in
23 connection with an investigation, as we mentioned
24 earlier. We are not operating under the Rules of Civil
25 Procedure. So although it looks a lot like a

1 that information, despite the deficiencies in my
2 questions.

3 A Understood.

4 Q Okay. And to the extent that there is any
5 information that's relevant to any of the topics that we
6 talk about today, I would ask that you provide it to us.

7 A (Nods head.)

8 Q Okay?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Another one of the ground rules is, please
11 make sure that you answer orally, yes or no. The court
12 reporter has a hard time taking down head nods and
13 nonverbal communication. So if you could help us with
14 that.

15 The only other thing I would ask is that you
16 be careful, and I'll do the same, not to talk over one
17 another. So if you would let me finish my question
18 before you begin your answer. I will let you complete
19 your answer before I ask my next question. And that
20 will make our court reporter's job a little bit easier.

21 It's going to be hard because I talk kind of
22 fast. So I will try to slow down a little bit, and that
23 way we have a clean record of everything that's said
24 today.

25 Okay?

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1 A I understand.

2 Q All right.

3 (Discussion off the record.)

4 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

5 Q All right. Before I start asking questions, I

6 want to give you the opportunity to offer anything that

7 you -- that you want to say. So if you have anything

8 that you'd like to offer, I just wanted to give you a

9 chance to do that now, before I start asking my

10 questions.

11 A Oh, I hadn't anticipated that.

12 No, I'll just respond as the questions come

13 up, and if there's anything I need to say -- I would

14 like to meet everyone at the table. I certainly know

15 some of the attorneys.

16 Q So my name is Lee Wedekind. I'm a partner at

17 Nelson Mullins. This is my law partner, Dan Nunn.

18 Sean Granat and Adina Teodorescu from Office

19 of General Counsel. And this is Kevin Blodgett. He

20 works for Smith Hulsey, and they are counsel for the

21 City Council's special investigation committee.

22 A Okay. Thank you.

23 Q And then we also have your attorney, Alan

24 Rosner, on the telephone. We also have Ariel Cook from

25 the Office of General Counsel who's also appearing.

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1 Is there anybody else on the phone that I

2 missed?

3 MR. ROSNER: Lee?

4 MR. WEDEKIND: Yes.

5 MR. ROSNER: I dropped you for a second, but

6 one thing I wanted to be sure that we all

7 understand is that Mr. Kendrick -- he's giving his

8 statements under duress in an attempt that, if he

9 fails to cooperate with the investigation, fails to

10 answer the questions, his employment -- he would be

11 fired with cause and, therefore, he faces a severe

12 sanction as a result of him not cooperating or not

13 answering the questions.

14 So just to be clear and to highlight what I

15 understand of the Garrity warning, is that

16 Mr. Kendrick is being required to answer these

17 questions, and he's doing so under duress and under

18 the threat of termination with cause.

19 MR. WEDEKIND: I would agree with everything

20 except that I don't think he's under duress right

21 now. I think that he is here, and if he failed to

22 cooperate, then he would be terminated for cause,

23 and so there is that sanction that would be -- that

24 he would be subject to for failure to cooperate.

25 But this -- we're just sitting around a table right

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1 now. So other than your comment about duress, I

2 get it.

3 MR. ROSNER: I understand he's not being

4 threatened --

5 (Call dropped.)

6 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

7 Q All right. Before you came today, did you

8 have the opportunity to re-read your -- the transcript

9 of your interview from your last investigation

10 interview?

11 A I did.

12 Q Okay. Did you see anything in that transcript

13 that you would like to change or that you now realize

14 was either a mistake or misleading or something else

15 like that?

16 A No.

17 Q Okay. So you stand by all the testimony from

18 your prior interview?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay. Could you please give me the numbers of

21 all of the cell phones that you've used over the last

22 two years?

23 A I have two cell phones; one I devoted to JEA

24 business and I can't remember it, 904 -- hang on a

25 second. 904 -- I forget where I look that up.

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1 (Discussion off the record.)

2 THE WITNESS: Oh, there it is. Okay. I'm

3 sorry. (904) 466-8517. And then my personal cell

4 is (904) 524-4054.

5 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

6 Q Okay. Did you ever use your personal cell for

7 any JEA-related business?

8 A No.

9 Q Even by accident or mistake, receive a text to

10 the wrong number?

11 A I did receive texts because when -- I was

12 employed by JEA before, and Ted Hobson had that number

13 and he texted me a couple times on that number.

14 Q Other than that, though?

15 A No, no.

16 Q Can you please speak up just a little bit?

17 A Yeah, I'm sorry. I will.

18 Q Okay. Same question for email addresses over

19 the last two years.

20 A My JEA email was K-E-N-D-J-A @JEA.com. I have

21 two personal email addresses: Jon -- J-O-N --

22 .kendrick@yahoo.com, and pastorjonkendrick -- all one

23 word -- @gmail.com.

24 Q Did you ever use your personal email addresses

25 for JEA-related work?

1 A No.
 2 Q Even by accident?
 3 A No.
 4 Q Okay.
 5 A Well, let me -- I probably emailed some things
 6 to my personal email that were personal in nature, like
 7 something maybe around my pension contributions or
 8 something like that.

9 Q Okay. All right. You mentioned that you had
 10 the opportunity to re-read your interview transcript.
 11 What else did you do to prepare for today's interview?

12 A I discussed with my attorney just some of the
 13 questions that might come up.

14 MR. MCLAUCHLIN: Okay. It's attorney-client
 15 privilege what we discussed, but --

16 THE WITNESS: Right. Yeah, but in
 17 preparation. I looked at -- tried to rebuild a
 18 timeline in my mind of when things happened, but
 19 that was the extent of it. I didn't read any other
 20 testimony. I didn't want to cloud my memory by
 21 reading other testimony, so ...

22 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

23 Q Did you go back and look at any -- any
 24 documents other than the interview transcript?

25 A No.

1 Q Did you speak with anybody else other than
 2 your attorneys?

3 A No.

4 Q So you didn't reach out to any of the other
 5 members of the SLT?

6 A No.

7 Q And you know what I mean when I refer to the
 8 SLT --

9 A I do.

10 Q Okay. All right. Anything else other than
 11 reviewing your interview and kind of developing the
 12 timeline in your mind and conferring with your
 13 attorneys?

14 A No.

15 Q How much time did you spend preparing for
 16 today's interview, approximately?

17 A Not counting meetings with my attorney,
 18 probably -- I read through the transcript a couple of
 19 times. So maybe a couple of hours, total, in going
 20 through that, kind of thinking through the timeline and
 21 anticipating questions.

22 Q When did you first start work at JEA, this
 23 most recent time?

24 A Yeah, April 29th, 2019.

25 Q All right. And just so the record's clear,

1 you had previously worked for JEA?

2 A I had.

3 Q But this time as the CHRO; correct?

4 A Correct.

5 Q Okay. And, before, you were not the CHRO?

6 A I was not.

7 Q Okay. All right. Could you please walk us
 8 through your recruitment to that position as the CHRO;
 9 what happened, who you talked with?

10 A Sure.

11 I believe it was initially a text from
 12 Angie Hiers, who was my predecessor, who said Melissa
 13 Dykes wanted to talk to me; that Angie was retiring.
 14 Then I received a text from Melissa -- or a LinkedIn
 15 message and gave her my number and we talked, and she
 16 asked me if I would be interested in coming onboard as
 17 the interim. Angie was retiring. They wanted to get
 18 someone in fairly quickly.

19 So we arranged a time to meet. I went in;
 20 probably spent an hour or so with Melissa. I had not
 21 really dealt with Melissa in my time at JEA before. I
 22 had met her but I hadn't worked directly with her. So
 23 we had an interview. A day or so passed. She called
 24 and offered me to come onboard as interim CHRO.

25 Q So other than that one meeting with Melissa,

1 did you meet with or talk with anybody else at JEA?

2 A I did talk with Angie. After I spoke with
 3 Melissa, I went in and spent some time with Angie, just
 4 more informally. It wasn't an interview.

5 Q But you met with Ms. Hiers in person?

6 A Yes. Yes.

7 Q Anybody else other than Ms. Dykes and
 8 Ms. Hiers?

9 A No.

10 Q All right. What did you and Ms. Dykes talk
 11 about during your meeting?

12 A I don't remember specifics. Just my
 13 experience in HR. I think the fact that they wanted
 14 someone in fairly quickly and the fact that I had
 15 familiarity with JEA, having been there before, would
 16 help.

17 Certainly I knew the HR team. All but one had
 18 been there, but the direct reports had been there when I
 19 was there before. So I think she felt that would
 20 certainly help bridge the gap as I came onboard. But it
 21 was a typical interview. Other than that, no specifics
 22 I recall.

23 Q Was there ever any discussion about a plan to
 24 sell JEA as --

25 A No.

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1 Q -- part of your onboarding process?
2 A I'm sorry. No.
3 Q How about a plan to develop a long-term
4 incentive plan?
5 A No.
6 Q That was never discussed as part of your
7 onboarding?
8 A No.
9 Q Okay. When did you first learn about JEA's
10 plans to consider privatization?
11 A There was -- I'll elaborate a little bit.
12 There was a presentation done about the state of
13 utilities in general and the fact that JEA probably had
14 to make some changes, and that was already developed and
15 being presented to various business groups, trying to
16 get it out to all employees.
17 It didn't mention privatization or
18 recapitalization. It just talked about the fact that
19 utilities were going to encounter some challenges and we
20 may need to meet those challenges. So it was
21 probably -- probably in July when the various scenarios
22 were broached, including what you referred to as
23 privatization, selling JEA; various scenarios about what
24 the future of the enterprise would look like.
25 I think those were first mentioned, it could

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1 have been late June but probably more likely in early
2 July.
3 Q So the first presentation that you talked
4 about, is that what's commonly known as the frog
5 presentation?
6 A Yes. Yes, it is.
7 Q Okay. So the first time that you ever heard
8 about any concerns about the future of strategic
9 planning or potential privatization was as part of the
10 frog presentation?
11 A Yes. Angie had told me there had been some
12 work done. She called it status quo, about where the
13 utility was and where it could be and, you know,
14 different things they were considering. And I guess
15 some of that work was done with McKinsey, the
16 consultants. So I knew that had been done at that
17 point, but it was just legwork to get us to that point.
18 Q Okay. So you start on April 29th.
19 Can you please describe what your specific job
20 duties and responsibilities were as the CHRO of JEA?
21 A Certainly. Eight direct reports; three of
22 those were individual contributors, human resource
23 business partners, that faced off to the various
24 business lines to deal with their HR needs. The five
25 that had departments were employee services, and that

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1 was Pat Maillis. That includes compensation benefits,
2 recruiting.
3 Robb Mack, his department is called
4 organizational excellence. It's an HRIS department.
5 It's the IT part of HR, as well as payroll, and they ran
6 our systems including Performance Management.
7 Blake Osner was head of learning and
8 development a/k/a the JEA Academy. It was all of our
9 training, including technical training, soft skills
10 training, things like that. New hire orientation.
11 Who's next? Maryanne Evans, director of labor
12 relations, dealing with our five bargaining units. And
13 safety. And we did not have a safety -- safety and
14 health. Did not have a safety director when I came.
15 The recruiting had been done, and I ended up handling
16 the offer process when Mark Patterson came onboard
17 there, but director of -- or safety and health.
18 So my duties encompassed overseeing those
19 departments; everything related to human resources,
20 labor, safety and health, getting people paid, getting
21 them hired, getting them retired effectively. I
22 obviously worked with the City of Jacksonville Pension
23 Board and whatnot for those things. So the whole gamut
24 of human resources services.
25 Q How much of your time was spent dealing with

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1 what I would consider to be HR-related tasks versus
2 labor-related tasks? Do you understand the distinction
3 that I'm trying to make?
4 A No, actually, I don't.
5 Q Okay. So --
6 A No.
7 Q -- in dealing with the unions instead of --
8 A Okay.
9 Q -- more typical HR-type stuff.
10 A It varied. It was very heavily tilted towards
11 the unions fairly early on because we had contract
12 negotiations in August. The recapitalization, the
13 various scenarios played a huge role in that because we
14 had to negotiate a lot of that because of the fact of
15 employee compensation and pension benefits.
16 So in August, September, heavily tilted. I
17 don't know the percentage. Maybe 60, 70 percent,
18 somewhere in that range towards labor. On a routine
19 basis, probably 15 percent as employee investigations
20 went on, grievances were filed. Various things came up
21 that we might take to bargaining. So it varies
22 depending on what's going on at the time.
23 Q And so you had eight direct reports, and you
24 reported up to Ms. Dykes?
25 A Correct.

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1 Q Okay. And then she reported to Mr. Zahn?
2 A Correct.
3 Q Did you have any dotted lines to anybody?
4 A No.
5 Q All right. What was your role with respect to
6 the long-term strategic planning that JEA undertook in
7 2019?
8 A I worked -- McKinsey met with us a few times;
9 met with me and some of my direct reports to talk
10 through HR in general. So we contributed to those
11 conversations.
12 It's a broad question. So I guess as part of
13 the status quo -- and Angie had already done some of
14 this work. If we -- there are kind of, I guess, two
15 levers you can push; you know, the rates you charge or
16 the cost you incur.
17 And so for HR cost is employees, so we looked
18 at possibilities of layoffs should we continue with the
19 status quo. So that was some of the work that really
20 had been done before I got there and continued on.
21 As we worked through the five options and
22 those were presented to the board and we were told to go
23 forth and explore, there became a lot of just groundwork
24 and then due diligence to provide. And I'm really
25 probably getting ahead as it gets into the ITN, but

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1 providing a lot of background documentation and -- so
2 that probably wasn't strategic.
3 Strategic planning was more working with
4 McKinsey about where we were, where we could be, what
5 initiatives could we undertake that might cut costs,
6 simplify operations, things like that.
7 Q When you talked about the layoffs, or I guess
8 the RIFs, right, that you were focused on as part of the
9 status quo planning, was that part of the status quo
10 too?
11 A I believe so, yes.
12 Q All right. And then what role did you play
13 with respect to the long-term incentive plan, or PUP?
14 A Another broad question. When I came onboard,
15 Pat Maillis -- I met with all of my direct reports that
16 first week, and she mentioned there was a compensation
17 project underway; that she had been working with
18 Aaron -- Angie had been working with Aaron on it.
19 And the main thrust of it was, I guess back in
20 January of 2019, the board had updated the compensation
21 statement or policy in their documents. And JEA had
22 commissioned Willis Towers Watson, a compensation
23 consulting company -- broader than just compensation but
24 specializing in that -- to look at where we were in
25 terms of our salaries, and I guess also to look at

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1 incentive plans, both short term and long term, and make
2 recommendations.
3 The recommendation, and what the board
4 adopted, was to be at about 50th percent of the market
5 in Jacksonville for our salaries. So that -- I came in
6 midstream. A lot of that had already been talked about.
7 A long-term incentive had been talked about in general
8 terms and was part of their presentation.
9 So Pat and I met with Aaron, with Willis
10 Towers Watson's presentation, sometime in May. He was
11 not happy with it. He felt that we didn't get exactly
12 what we were asking for. And I guess the board
13 philosophy -- and I can't remember -- it's a chicken or
14 egg thing. I don't remember if Willis Towers
15 recommended 50 percent or we defined that. I think they
16 recommended it. That was before my time. So the board
17 said, let's be at 50 percent of market.
18 So their recommendation was to do that
19 incrementally, and I think Aaron's approach was more rip
20 the Band-Aid off; if we're supposed to be at 50 percent,
21 let's be at 50 percent. And that was for -- it
22 basically affected appointed employees below the senior
23 executive level, below the SLT, because I don't think he
24 was going to make any alterations there.
25 And our union contracts very clearly define

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1 what we pay them. So you couldn't make immediate
2 alterations there. You probably could at the next round
3 of bargaining, which was coming up.
4 So he felt they were moving too incrementally
5 in their approach, and so we went back to Willis Towers
6 and they came back with a revised presentation. And so
7 we -- and we being me, Aaron, Ryan Wannemacher, Herschel
8 Vinyard, met with the board's compensation committee in
9 June, probably mid-June -- excuse me for a minute -- and
10 presented the Willis Towers Watson plan. I think the
11 board had -- perhaps back in the January meeting had
12 said, come back to us with a plan. So this was the
13 fulfillment of that.
14 So came back with a presentation. I presented
15 the part that said, we want to be at market, here's what
16 50th percentile looks like, here's some things we might
17 do to get there, and then turned it over to Ryan -- no,
18 I'm sorry. I don't think Ryan spoke. I think Aaron
19 spoke to a long-term incentive.
20 Scott Strackbine was there as well, who's a
21 compensation analyst for JEA. Pat was not there. I
22 believe she was out of town or she would've been there.
23 So Scott came in her place.
24 And then Aaron spoke to a long-term incentive
25 very broadly, as I recall, just saying Willis Towers

1 Watson says they don't see a lot of that in public
2 utilities, obviously, but here's how they would put it
3 together. And that was part of the presentation. It
4 talked about a performance unit and also a time-based
5 plan.

6 The time plan was more about projects and
7 rewarding people who worked on the projects. So we
8 weren't really looking at that. We were looking at the
9 performance unit. And they didn't necessarily design
10 the plan. They just said, here's what it might look
11 like.

12 And, to me, that kind of mirrored equity plans
13 you might see in private industry where you provide an
14 opportunity to buy into the company. These obviously
15 weren't stocks. It's a government entity, but a
16 performance unit is, as I understand it, kind of a
17 similar approach.

18 So that's all the initial involvement. The
19 compensation committee approved moving forward. So at
20 the July board meeting, which was a very intense board
21 meeting -- a lot of stuff covered there, and it almost
22 seemed like the compensation was an afterthought. It
23 was toward the end of three or four hours we spent. But
24 I presented the Willis Towers Watson data; mentioned the
25 long-term incentive and turned it over to Ryan.

1 Ryan talked about how that would be
2 quantified, I guess, looking at the metrics he had
3 developed or his team had developed. And I'm sure there
4 were questions. I don't remember. I know there were
5 questions in the committee meeting that we answered, and
6 they approved moving forward with developing a plan.

7 And do you want me to continue past that?

8 Q No, because I could spend three hours
9 unpacking everything you just said, which we're about to
10 do.

11 A Okay. I figured.

12 Q Okay. So I want to make sure that I'm clear
13 about a couple of things. I was trying to take notes.
14 That was a very in-depth answer, which I appreciate, but
15 I just want to make sure that I understand.

16 So Willis Towers Watson had said a couple of
17 things; that they don't see a lot of these performance
18 unit plans within the municipal utility sector; correct?

19 A Correct.

20 Q And so was it Willis Towers -- did Willis
21 Towers Watson ever recommend that JEA pursue a long-term
22 incentive plan or did they say not to? They didn't
23 recommend to pursue --

24 A I don't know that they said one way or the
25 other. I think they laid out what it could look like.

1 I don't know that they made a recommendation. I don't
2 recall.

3 Q I thought I heard you say at some point that
4 the long-term incentive was only supposed to affect
5 appointed employees?

6 A No. No, no. I'm sorry.

7 Q Okay.

8 A Getting to 50th percent of market in base
9 salaries, the impact -- the greatest impact would have
10 been for appointed because our union employees, which is
11 70-something percent of JEA employees, are covered by
12 the collective bargaining agreements and those are in
13 place. I mean, you can't do a lot of changing of those
14 in the interim. You'd have to go back to the table. So
15 we could address them at contract time every three
16 years, which was coming up. It was last summer, summer
17 of 2019.

18 And as I understood it, Aaron wasn't going to
19 change any SLT salaries either. That wasn't part of
20 this. So the primary impact of trying to get to the
21 50th percent of market in base salaries was for the
22 appointed, not the long-term incentive plan.

23 Q Okay. So the concept behind the long-term
24 incentive plan was, as a component, to get the total
25 compensation of a certain number of employees to this

1 recommended 50 percent median number; correct?

2 A No. I don't think that's correct.

3 Q Okay.

4 A I think the aim of the long-term incentive
5 plan was to keep employees focused on performance so
6 that there was kind of like a carrot out there -- you
7 know, the long-term plan was designed as a three-year
8 thing that would, you know, go every three years. It's
9 usually a retention tool. That's not necessarily as
10 important at JEA because people come in, they get vested
11 in the pension and want to stay and retire.

12 So the retention probably wasn't as critical,
13 but that's part of why you have a plan like that, and to
14 keep people focused on performance. So if they get the
15 company's numbers up, the value of their performance
16 units go up as well.

17 Q And the concept that was presented by Willis
18 Towers Watson was that the value of these PUPs would
19 depend on the performance of JEA as an enterprise and
20 not the individuals' work performance; correct?

21 A Correct. That was addressed in the short-term
22 incentive plan. That's based -- that's based on two
23 things; company performance for the year, not a
24 long-term thing, as well as individual performance.

25 Q Okay. Was it right that Willis Towers Watson

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1 referred to these types of plans within the public
2 utility space as rare?
3 A Yes.
4 Q That was the word that they used?
5 A I believe that that was the first word, I
6 think.
7 Q What were the other words that they used?
8 A Selectively used.
9 Q Okay. That was Willis Towers Watson's term?
10 A I'm pretty sure it was. I think they made
11 that change.
12 Q We'll get into that.
13 You had mentioned that you made part of the
14 presentation to the comp committee in June 2019?
15 A Correct.
16 Q And you said that there was a number of
17 questions that were asked. Those committee meetings are
18 not publicly available by video like regular board
19 meetings are. So I'd like to understand what questions
20 were asked and what the answers to those questions were,
21 as best you recall.
22 A Yeah. Oh, golly.
23 I remember Alan Howard asked something; a very
24 general question about long term, how do you devise
25 those plans. And I -- I said, we work with finance.

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1 You know, obviously we establish metrics and then we
2 would implement in human resources. And then Aaron kind
3 of took over and answered other questions, and I'm
4 trying to remember what they were.
5 I'm sure the minutes are available. I know
6 it's not on video, but it's a publicly noticed meeting.
7 I just don't remember the questions.
8 Didn't seem to be many about the 50th
9 percentile. I think the board understood that's what we
10 were aiming for. And I don't think there were any about
11 short-term incentive, because that had been well
12 established at JEA, although we were looking at perhaps
13 increasing the ranges there.
14 I'm sorry, I just don't remember -- I remember
15 Alan Howard asking something very general.
16 Q What is your -- did you know of Willis Towers
17 Watson before you got to know them through the JEA
18 process?
19 A I knew of them, yes.
20 Q So what's your opinion of Willis Towers Watson
21 in the compensation consultant space?
22 A Very highly respected.
23 Q Never heard any criticisms of them as
24 compensation consultants?
25 A From their competitors, maybe, but no, not

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1 that I recall.
2 Q And Mr. Zahn, too, apparently, had some
3 criticisms?
4 A Well, yeah.
5 Q Could you walk me through what Mr. Zahn's
6 criticisms were of Willis Towers Watson's opinions?
7 A Again, I apologize because I was fairly new
8 and drinking from a fire hose at the time, is the
9 phrase, I guess. But he felt we had asked for some very
10 specific recommendations about getting to the 50th
11 percentile and providing some data, I believe. And he
12 felt they weren't being as forthcoming in providing
13 some -- I think as well as providing those
14 recommendations.
15 It wasn't necessarily about the long-term plan
16 or the short-term incentive. It was more about getting
17 to the 50th percentile in the market and their
18 recommendations around that.
19 Q And that 50 percent number is total
20 compensation?
21 A No. It was base salary.
22 Q Base salary?
23 A Base salary.
24 Q So the long-term and short-term incentives are
25 outside of the 50 percent?

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1 A As I recall.
2 Q Different issues?
3 A Correct.
4 Q Okay. All right. A pretty basic question.
5 Can you explain to me the difference between what has
6 been referred to as the long-term incentive plan and the
7 PUP?
8 A Very basic answer. They're the same. I think
9 before we defined it as the PUP, it was just referred to
10 as an LTIP. It's a common acronym in HR, the long-term
11 incentive plan. So the idea originally was, what will
12 that look like, and what it looked like was the PUP. So
13 a long-term incentive plan became the PUP, the
14 performance unit plan.
15 Q So really the only difference is a matter of
16 time?
17 A Correct.
18 Q And maybe that the LTIP is a more general
19 term, and the PUP addresses a very specific plan that
20 JEA ultimately was in the process of developing and
21 implementing?
22 A Yes, I'd agree with that.
23 Q All right. Could you describe the PUP in your
24 own words?
25 A It was a plan designed to allow employees to

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1 participate in JEA's success. It wasn't considered
 2 compensation because they had to buy a share, like an
 3 equity program in a private industry. But if the
 4 company performed, it would allow them to benefit from
 5 that.

6 Their share would be worth more,
 7 theoretically, at the end of the three-year term if the
 8 company -- or the organization met its goals as defined
 9 by finance, defined by what those metrics were. Kind of
 10 very rudimentary but that's the idea of the plan.

11 Q So the finance department would set the goals
 12 that the PUP would have to achieve in order for the unit
 13 holders to receive a payout?

14 A Right. They would set the metrics that we
 15 would measure at the end of that three-year period.

16 Q Whose idea was the PUP?

17 A I honestly don't know. I think probably Aaron
 18 directed it. I don't know if he asked Willis Towers
 19 Watson to look at it, or they just considered it as part
 20 of their recommendation, because that happened before --
 21 well, I'm going back to the long-term incentive.

22 The PUP itself was based on Willis Towers
 23 Watson's notes in their presentation of what a
 24 performance unit plan would look like, and then I guess
 25 further developed by Aaron and Ryan Wannemacher.

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1 Q Was it a deferred compensation plan or an
 2 incentive bonus plan?

3 A I'd call it neither because it wasn't
 4 compensation. It was -- and those were some of Pat's
 5 concerns, are we treating this like deferred
 6 compensation, and she was definitely the comp expert at
 7 JEA, so she had some questions about it.

8 But, to me, it was more outside of both of
 9 those -- and I am not an expert. I'm more of a
 10 generalist in HR -- but more outside of those, allowing
 11 employees to participate in kind of an extra -- and I
 12 don't even know what the word is -- outside of
 13 compensation plan to allow them to, you know,
 14 participate in the long-term success.

15 Q What were Pat Maillis's questions and concerns
 16 about the PUP?

17 A Making sure it complied with IRS rules; was
 18 it, in a sense, deferred compensation, getting clarity
 19 on that; and just some of the density of the language in
 20 the documents that were provided to us by Pillsbury.
 21 And no offense to the attorneys in the room, but they
 22 were very legalese, and supposedly that's what we're
 23 going to send to our employees. So we had some concerns
 24 about that as well, simplifying the information we would
 25 provide to them about it.

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1 Q So the documents that you received from
 2 Pillsbury were so complicated that the employees
 3 wouldn't understand it?

4 A It would be difficult to understand. They
 5 were difficult for me to understand.

6 Q Okay. What was Ms. Maillis's questions or
 7 concerns about the IRS rules? Do you remember that?

8 A I don't, no.

9 Q How about -- was the question ever answered of
 10 what to do about the IRS?

11 A I don't recall seeing an answer. I do believe
 12 the attorneys -- and by that, Lynne Rhode and
 13 Pillsbury -- were looking into that. I know Pillsbury
 14 had experts, supposedly, in compensation and benefits
 15 and -- as well as governing what the IRS regulations
 16 said. So they were vetting them and working through it,
 17 as I understood.

18 Q Would it surprise you to learn that on
 19 December 23rd, 2019, Herschel Vinyard was still asking
 20 Kevin Hyde what the IRS letter ruling might possibly
 21 look like?

22 A December 23rd?

23 Q Correct.

24 A That would surprise me.

25 Q Why?

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1 A The PUP was over. I think that's -- the board
 2 met somewhere in that time frame. It canceled -- we
 3 suspended it in November, but the board canceled it at
 4 the December board meeting.

5 Q At least as of December 23rd, 2019, nobody at
 6 JEA knew whether or not the IRS was going to approve the
 7 PUP plan?

8 A Okay.

9 Q Okay. Can you describe the difference between
 10 a generic deferred comp plan and a generic bonus plan?
 11 (Discussion off the record.)

12 THE WITNESS: I don't know that I can,
 13 because, again, I don't have a compensation
 14 background. Every HR person who's a generalist who
 15 rises up dabbles in it, participates in surveys,
 16 and recommends salaries and things like that, but
 17 not to the extent of those specialized plans. And
 18 I'm sorry, I just --

19 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

20 Q Would you rely on Pat Maillis for that type of
 21 information in your job as the CHRO?

22 A I would.

23 Q Okay. So she would be the compensation guru
 24 at JEA?

25 A Yes.

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1 Q Okay. And she would be the one that would be
 2 expected to shepherd the PUP through the whole process?
 3 A Once we understood what Pillsbury was giving
 4 us, and we had to implement it, she would be the primary
 5 one, along with our payroll department, to do the nuts
 6 and bolts of it.
 7 Q Is it possible for a deferred compensation
 8 plan to include a situation where the deferred
 9 compensation decreases in value?
 10 A If it's based on equity or metrics like that
 11 that go down, yes, it could. That's always a risk.
 12 Q Do you know whether deferred comp plans and
 13 bonus plans are treated differently for tax purposes?
 14 A I believe they are, but I don't know. I
 15 couldn't --
 16 Q You believe they are, but you don't know much
 17 beyond that?
 18 A That's right.
 19 Q Okay. Do you know whether there are different
 20 sections in the Florida statutes that govern each of
 21 those different types of plans?
 22 A I don't know.
 23 Q I will tell you that Florida Statute Section
 24 215.425 governs bonuses and that Chapter 112 governs
 25 deferred comp plans.

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1 A Okay.
 2 Q I saw in your hard copy files that you had
 3 printed out 215.425. Yes?
 4 A Apparently so, yes.
 5 Q Okay. Did you ever review that statute in
 6 connection with your work?
 7 A I must have.
 8 Q Do you remember anything specific about it?
 9 A I don't.
 10 Q All right.
 11 A Which one did you say that governs? I'm
 12 sorry.
 13 Q Bonus plans.
 14 A Bonus plans.
 15 Q And I'll show it to you in a second.
 16 A Okay.
 17 Q In any of your presentations to the board, do
 18 you ever remember describing the PUP as a deferred comp
 19 plan?
 20 A I don't remember saying that.
 21 Q Because I think you said earlier that, in your
 22 opinion, it really was neither a deferred comp plan nor
 23 a bonus plan or something --
 24 A More of a benefit.
 25 Q More of a benefit?

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1 A Right.
 2 MR. WEDEKIND: Okay. All right. Let's take a
 3 quick break.
 4 (Recess taken from 9:46 a.m. to 9:52 a.m.)
 5 (Exhibit Numbers 1, 2, and 3 were marked for
 6 identification.)
 7 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
 8 Q Mr. Kendrick, I am going to hand you three
 9 exhibits. Exhibit Number 1 is Resolution 2019-10. I'll
 10 tell you that's the PUP resolution approved by the JEA
 11 board. Exhibit Number 2 is an excerpt from the Florida
 12 statutes. The statute section's 112.215. And then 3 is
 13 the compensation statute that we talked about earlier.
 14 It's 215.425.
 15 As we're looking at Exhibit 1, if you go
 16 down -- on the first page, the first paragraph, it says,
 17 "Be it resolved, by the Board that: The chief executive
 18 officer and managing director, the CEO, or his designee
 19 shall have the authority to implement a long-term
 20 performance unit plan, the long-term performance unit
 21 plans, on the terms and conditions set forth on the
 22 long-term performance plan summary."
 23 Do you see that?
 24 A Uh-huh.
 25 Q Do you agree that that is the PUP?

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1 A Yes.
 2 Q If you go to the second page, Paragraph Number
 3 4 simply says, "This resolution shall be effective
 4 immediately upon its adoption."
 5 Do you see that?
 6 A I do.
 7 Q Okay. And so is it your understanding that
 8 the PUP became effective on July 23rd, 2019?
 9 A Permission to create -- or not create, but
 10 develop the PUP. I don't think it was fully developed
 11 at that point, but this gave us the authority to
 12 proceed.
 13 Q Okay. So this resolution gives the CEO the
 14 authority to proceed on the terms and conditions set
 15 forth in the summary; correct?
 16 A Correct.
 17 Q Okay. If you go to -- the pages aren't
 18 numbered in the summary, but if you flip to the third
 19 page of Exhibit 1, at the very bottom it says,
 20 "Conditions to Receipt."
 21 Do you see that box?
 22 A I do.
 23 Q Okay. And that box says, "An eligible
 24 employee will receive the cash payment in respect of his
 25 performance units if" -- and there's certain conditions.

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1 I want to jump down to Number V. And V, "The conditions
2 in Section 215.425, Sub 3, Florida Statutes are
3 satisfied."
4 Do you see that?
5 A I do.
6 Q Okay. So is it your understanding that this
7 resolution gave the CEO the authority to implement a
8 long-term performance unit plan provided that it
9 complied with the conditions in Section 215.425, Sub 3?
10 A Yes.
11 Q Is there anywhere in the plan summary that's
12 attached as Exhibit I that mentions Chapter 112 of the
13 Florida statutes?
14 A I don't see a reference to that.
15 Q If you go to the last box in the summary, it's
16 stated as Miscellaneous. Do you see that?
17 A I do.
18 Q The very last paragraph in that box on the
19 right says, "If any payments under the plan or an
20 agreement to an eligible employee are subject to an
21 excise -- any excise tax, interest, or penalties under
22 the Code, the penalties, JEA will pay to such employee
23 an amount equal to the full amount of the penalties."
24 Do you see that?
25 A I do.

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1 Q Okay. What did you understand that provision
2 to mean?
3 A I -- I didn't, honestly. And I know this will
4 sound odd, but I wasn't as engaged in this at this
5 point. I'd honestly forgotten it was this detailed
6 because I haven't viewed it since way back.
7 My focus at this point was really on what
8 would happen to employees with the recapitalization and
9 pension reform and all the upcoming negotiations. So I
10 honestly didn't pay as much attention to this. So I
11 don't know what that means, and I didn't know at the
12 time. I didn't.
13 Q So if JEA is agreeing to pay an employee's tax
14 liability for everybody in the PUP, and the PUP turned
15 out to include payouts in the hundreds of millions of
16 dollars, then that would mean, potentially, that JEA
17 could incur tax liabilities of a substantial amount?
18 A Right.
19 Q Do you know whether or not that potential
20 future liability was ever discussed in any of the board
21 meetings relating to the PUP?
22 A Not that I recall, no.
23 Q Who would you think should have been the
24 member of the SLT to point out that potential tax
25 liability to the board?

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1 A My guess would be the CFO, Ryan Wannemacher;
2 potentially Lynne Rhode, the chief legal officer, just
3 based on input from Pillsbury perhaps.
4 Q Would you consider that to be a material fact
5 that the board should have been aware of in its
6 deliberations regarding the PUP?
7 A Yes.
8 (Discussion off the record.)
9 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
10 Q All right. Let's turn to Exhibit 2, which is
11 Florida Statute Section 112.215. If you go to the
12 second page of the exhibit, this talks about deferred
13 compensation plans.
14 And I would ask you to look at, first, Section
15 6(b), which states that "No deferred compensation plan
16 of a county, municipality, other political subdivision
17 or constitutional county officer shall become effective
18 until the appropriate official or body designated under
19 Subsection 5 is satisfied by opinion from such federal
20 agency or agencies as may be deemed necessary that the
21 compensation deferred thereunder and/or the investment
22 products purchased pursuant to the plan will not be
23 included in the employee's taxable income under federal
24 or state law until it is actually received by such
25 employee under the terms of the plan, and that such

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1 compensation will nonetheless be deemed compensation at
2 the time of deferral for the purposes of Social Security
3 coverage, for the purposes of the retirement system of
4 the appropriate county, municipality, political
5 subdivision, or constitutional county officer, and for
6 any other retirement, pension, or benefit program
7 established by law."
8 Do you see that?
9 A I do.
10 Q Okay. And then if you go back to Subsection
11 5, about three quarters of the way down it says, "The
12 ordinance shall also designate a public official or body
13 to make the determinations provided for in Paragraph" --
14 A I'm sorry, where are you?
15 Q I'm sorry. If you go back to Sub 5.
16 A Right. About three quarters of the way in
17 that paragraph?
18 Q Correct.
19 A Okay.
20 Q There's a sentence that says, "The ordinance
21 shall also designate a public official or body to make
22 the determinations provided for in Paragraph 6(b)."
23 A Understood.
24 Q Okay. So the way that I read this is -- and
25 as close to layman's terms as I can put it because this

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1 is somewhat dense -- that no deferred compensation plan
 2 shall become effective until a designated public
 3 official has determined that the investment products
 4 purchased by it will not be included in the employee's
 5 taxable income under federal or state law.
 6 A Understood.
 7 Q Did that ever happen in connection with the
 8 PUP?
 9 A I don't know.
 10 Q Would you agree that if the PUP were a
 11 deferred compensation plan -- and I understand you said
 12 that you didn't think it was --
 13 A Right.
 14 Q -- but some people have thought that it was.
 15 A Understood.
 16 Q So if you think it's a deferred compensation
 17 plan, it still wouldn't be effective until all the
 18 conditions of this section had been met?
 19 A I would agree.
 20 Q Okay. If you go down to Section 9, which is
 21 on the following page, it says, "The purchase of any
 22 insurance contract or annuity or the investment in
 23 another investment option under any plan of deferred
 24 compensation provided for in the United States Internal
 25 Revenue Code and not prohibited under the laws of this

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1 state for an employee shall impose no liability or
 2 responsibility whatsoever on the state, county,
 3 municipality, other political subdivision, or
 4 constitutional county officer, except to show that the
 5 payments had been remitted for the purposes for which
 6 the compensation has been deferred."
 7 Do you see that?
 8 A I do.
 9 Q Do you agree that that subsection would
 10 prohibit the PUP's indemnification of its employees' tax
 11 liability?
 12 A Yes. I would interpret it as a deferred
 13 compensation.
 14 Q Okay. So even if it were a deferred
 15 compensation plan, even if they had gotten the approvals
 16 that they didn't get, then the indemnification component
 17 of the PUP would still be illegal under Florida law?
 18 A It sounds like it, yeah.
 19 Q So I'm going to invite your attention now to
 20 Exhibit Number 3 which is going back to Florida Statute
 21 Section 215.425. This, I'll tell you, was taken from
 22 your hard copy files. And so -- and I think we talked
 23 earlier you don't remember printing this out.
 24 A I don't.
 25 Q Okay. Subsection 3, which was referenced in

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1 the PUP summary, talks about the requirements of a
 2 particular bonus. If a public subdivision is going to
 3 implement a bonus scheme, it has to meet a handful of
 4 requirements, and that's what the PUP identifies, which
 5 we've already talked about.
 6 A Right.
 7 Q Do you see that?
 8 A Uh-huh.
 9 Q Okay. Yes?
 10 A Yes. I'm sorry.
 11 Q All right. Do you know whether or not the PUP
 12 satisfied each of the four requirements under 215.425,
 13 Sub 3?
 14 A Sub A under Sub 3, based on work performance,
 15 it was based on the overall organizational performance.
 16 So not an individual performance. So if that's the
 17 interpretation, no.
 18 And I think I printed this because of the --
 19 in -- what is it -- 4(1), a requirement for severance
 20 pay. I printed it to see what the severance was.
 21 Do you know what date I printed it by any
 22 chance?
 23 Q I do. I was just about to tell you. If you
 24 look at the bottom right-hand corner, it says
 25 January 14th, 2020.

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1 A Right. That's why I printed it. At the time,
 2 the SLT employment contracts were under question, and I
 3 wanted to see what it said in the state ordinance about
 4 severance.
 5 Q And what was your conclusion?
 6 A They could not exceed 20 weeks.
 7 Q Do the employment agreements that were signed
 8 by the SLT members include severance that exceeded 20
 9 weeks?
 10 A No. It did guarantee 20 weeks, but it did not
 11 exceed 20 weeks.
 12 Q All right. You understood that the PUP
 13 valuation was tied to net book value; correct?
 14 A Yes.
 15 Q JEA's net book value?
 16 A Correct.
 17 Q Who selected that particular metric?
 18 A It is a guess, but between Ryan Wannemacher
 19 and Aaron Zahn.
 20 Q Why do you guess that?
 21 A Because Ryan presented the figures. Aaron was
 22 involved with him.
 23 Q Do you know how net book value is calculated?
 24 A I don't.
 25 Q So you don't know how that metric might

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1 potentially be manipulated?

2 A I do not.

3 (Discussion off the record.)

4 (Exhibit Number 4 was marked for

5 identification.)

6 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

7 Q All right, Mr. Kendrick. I'm handing you

8 what's been marked Exhibit 4.

9 Have you seen this document before?

10 A I have.

11 Q Okay. What is this?

12 A As I recall, it's something Ryan Wannemacher

13 produced as a possibility to explain to Pat Maillis what

14 the PUP might look like.

15 Q Okay. And so if you -- just starting at the

16 top left-hand table, it says -- it's got a table. It

17 says Group, and then Percentage of Salary, and then LTI

18 Percentage; correct?

19 A Correct.

20 Q Then under that, it has various management

21 groups.

22 The executive group says 40 percent of salary.

23 What does that mean?

24 A I would assume it means the target for the LTI

25 would be 40 percent of the base salary for a member of

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1 the SLT.

2 Q Okay. What does that mean in layman's terms?

3 That an executive would be entitled to purchase PUPs up

4 to 40 percent of their base salary?

5 A This was never explained to me, so I don't

6 know if that is the purchase or that's the target of the

7 payout. I don't know.

8 Q Okay. If you look at the bottom group, it

9 says Bargaining Units --

10 A Okay, it says -- I'm sorry. Where are we?

11 Q Still in the upper --

12 A Oh, Bargaining Units, yeah.

13 Q Bargaining Units is 1 percent --

14 A That's all the union employees.

15 Q Those are all the union employees. So the

16 union employees would be expected to get about 40 times

17 less of these LTIs than the executives?

18 A As a percentage of salary.

19 Q Do you agree with that?

20 A I do.

21 Q If you look over to the table to the right of

22 the table we were just talking about, what's the

23 difference between these two tables?

24 A The table on the right breaks out the

25 appointed pay grades, the E through K.

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1 Q Okay. So PG is pay grade?

2 A Right.

3 Q Those are levels of employees?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Okay. Are those all -- are the pay grade

6 employees K through E appointed employees?

7 A Yes.

8 Q All of them?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Okay. And then the CBUs are the union --

11 A Bargaining unit employees, union employees.

12 Q Okay. And then the executives make up a total

13 of 15 employees?

14 A Correct.

15 Q Okay. So out of a total number of 1,980

16 employees, the executives were 15 and the CBUs were, in

17 head count numbers, 1,562?

18 A Correct.

19 Q And if you go down -- if you look at Slide

20 Number 4, it -- it looks like it's roughly the same

21 table as the one on the upper right-hand column, except

22 it -- so it's broken out by the same groups, but then it

23 also has row -- or, excuse me, columns for Average

24 Salary, then the Number of Units, and then the Grant

25 Value.

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1 Do you see that?

2 A I do.

3 Q Okay. So under this table -- and this is just

4 a sample, but it seems to be this is what

5 Mr. Wannemacher is kind of thinking in his head about

6 how these PUPs are going to be allocated; that the 15

7 executives would get 1,079 units and the 1,562 CBUs

8 would get 8 units. Is that right?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Is it misleading, then, to say that all

11 employees would be eligible to participate in the PUP,

12 given the gross disparity between the number of units

13 allocated to the executives versus those allocated to

14 the CBUs?

15 A I don't think it is to say they would

16 participate. Obviously, there's a great disparity

17 there. As I understood, this was throwing something

18 against the wall, because I asked what the allocations

19 would be and was never given an answer.

20 So I think -- and, again, I honestly don't

21 remember when I first saw this. I was asked about it in

22 the discovery process with the special investigatory

23 committee, and I asked Shawn Eads to go back and look at

24 my emails because I couldn't remember when I got it or

25 how it came about.

1 And I think Ryan provided it to Pat as a way
2 of explaining. And I know I'm rambling a bit. But, no,
3 I think it's fair to say they could participate, but
4 obviously there's a disparity in the percentage that's
5 targeted here.
6 Q So how much they could participate --
7 A Correct.
8 Q -- was much more limited relative to the
9 higher-ups?
10 A Correct.
11 Q Under Slide 4, which is kind of the heading of
12 that table, the last line says, "Day 1 of plan, unit,
13 equals \$100."
14 Do you see that?
15 A I do.
16 Q So was that an early amount that was
17 designated for a PUP unit?
18 A I guess so.
19 Q Ultimately, it was \$10 a unit --
20 A \$10 was going to be the purchase price.
21 Q Do you know where those two different numbers
22 came from?
23 A I don't. I think there was probably a feeling
24 they wanted to make it more affordable, but I don't know
25 why it went from 100 to 10 definitively.

1 Q Just to be clear, you didn't participate in
2 the preparation of this document?
3 A I did not, no.
4 Q And then if you go to the second page, Slide
5 7, it talks about what the hypothetical payouts would
6 be. Correct?
7 A Correct.
8 Q And then the rows have changed, and instead of
9 being broken down by management group, they're broken
10 down by salary.
11 A Salary.
12 Q And it provides prospective calculations
13 regarding what these PUPs might potentially be worth;
14 correct?
15 A Correct.
16 Q Do you know whether or not any of these
17 figures includes any proceeds from a potential
18 recapitalization of JEA?
19 A I don't. I don't think it does, but I don't
20 know that for sure.
21 Q Why don't you think it does?
22 A The EBITDA changes look like, you know, fairly
23 normal; a 2.5 percent increase over three years. I
24 would think a recapitalization would -- that would be
25 significantly higher, but I'm not -- certainly not an

1 expert, so I'm not sure.
2 Q So if you included the proceeds from a
3 recapitalization event, you would expect that the
4 numbers would be significantly higher as presented in
5 this table?
6 A I would think so, yeah.
7 Q Do you know how many performance units were
8 expected to be issued as part of the PUP?
9 A I don't.
10 Q By that I mean the total number.
11 A No, I understand. No.
12 Q Okay. Do you know whether or not there are
13 SEC reporting requirements that relate to or that would
14 be implicated by these PUP units, potentially?
15 A I don't. I know that was being investigated,
16 I think, but I don't know what the upshot was.
17 Q Who was investigating that?
18 A Pillsbury.
19 Q All right. And I understand from your last
20 interview that you repeatedly asked Ms. Dykes for an
21 allocation of these PUP units.
22 A I asked a couple of times, yeah.
23 Q And she never gave you an answer?
24 A She didn't have an answer, no.
25 (Discussion off the record.)

1 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
2 Q Do you know why Ms. Dykes never gave you an
3 answer to your question?
4 A She said she didn't know. In fact, at one
5 point she said, it's in Aaron's head.
6 Q It's in Aaron's head?
7 A (Nods head.)
8 Q (Indicates.)
9 A Yes.
10 Q What does that mean?
11 A It means Aaron was still working on what he
12 thought the distributions should be.
13 Q And why was it up to Mr. Zahn?
14 A Good question.
15 It was kind of his project. He was driving
16 it.
17 Q Did you ever -- other than your conversations
18 with Ms. Dykes, did you ever ask anybody else about PUP
19 allocations?
20 A No.
21 Q Did you ever hear anybody talking about PUP
22 allocations within the SLT?
23 A Yes.
24 Q Who?
25 A Well, Shawn Eads and I had a discussion.

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1 Q What did you two talk about?

2 A The discussion was, is this going to break the

3 bank? What is expected for us to purchase if we have to

4 participate? You know, like to be a team player, in

5 other words.

6 And I understood those -- I listened to Steve

7 McInall's testimony before the -- so I -- I didn't

8 review it preparing for this, but back when he testified

9 in January or whenever it was, he said he had some of

10 the same discussions with other members of the SLT.

11 There was a concern that, what's the expectation of us,

12 so ...

13 Q Meaning that you would feel pressured to

14 purchase units --

15 A Wondering if we would, you know.

16 Q Did you ever have any conversations about what

17 the expectations would be?

18 A No.

19 Q Just water cooler talk --

20 A Yes.

21 Q -- among the SLT?

22 A Good way to put it, yeah.

23 Q Was there ever any water cooler talk about how

24 much money the PUPs might eventually be worth?

25 A No. Well, I didn't participate.

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1 Q Did you ever hear any member of the SLT ever

2 talking about how rich they were all going to get as a

3 result of a recapitalization?

4 A No.

5 Q Or that they wouldn't need to work for a

6 while?

7 A No. Well, not related to the PUPs, but part

8 of a recapitalization was comparable salary benefits for

9 three years as well as a one-year retention agreement.

10 So if your position were eliminated, you'd essentially

11 have four years of compensation.

12 Q Under the retention agreements?

13 A Retention and part of the ITN, had JEA been

14 sold, at a minimum requirement, it was comparable salary

15 for three -- which is really a guarantee of employment

16 for the majority of folks because that was still needed

17 under the utility.

18 But, for instance, if someone came in -- I

19 don't think they would keep me, so I would have the

20 three-year guaranteed salary.

21 Q Plus an extra year?

22 A Plus the extra year paid in three

23 installments.

24 Q All right. So going back to Mr. Wannemacher's

25 chart here to really close the loop on that. The people

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1 that were empowered to make decisions for JEA were also

2 the ones under Mr. Wannemacher's allocation who would

3 receive the greatest number of PUP units?

4 A True. And I will add that's not unusual in

5 private industry. In fact, it's unusual that everyone

6 would participate in private industry. Typically, it is

7 for more senior level, but your point is true.

8 Q JEA is not a --

9 A No.

10 Q -- private --

11 A JEA is not private, that's right.

12 Q There are different considerations to be made

13 for public companies versus private; correct?

14 A Correct.

15 Q Did you ever have any concerns about the PUP

16 as it was being developed and implemented?

17 A I did.

18 Q Okay. What were those concerns?

19 A That we had gotten into September and, at

20 least in my view, hadn't fully vetted it yet. I knew

21 they were still -- "they" being the attorneys, were

22 still going to the State Attorney General, the State

23 Board of Ethics. I thought I'd heard we hadn't had any

24 ruling from the IRS yet.

25 So I was getting concerned we were moving very

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1 quickly, because our goal, ideally, was to get it in our

2 open enrollment materials for the coming year for

3 benefits, which means it would have had to have been

4 ready early to mid-October to at least get the materials

5 out to our employees.

6 So I felt, you know, is this going to be

7 reality, are we going to have it vetted, is it actually

8 legal. Because we seemed to be having some -- keep

9 taking these extra steps to get it vetted.

10 Q All right. So at least in your mind, as of

11 September 2019, it was not clear that the PUP was legal?

12 A I don't know if I'd make that bold a

13 statement. I just -- the vetting process wasn't over

14 and I thought it should have been at that point.

15 Q Why was it important to get the PUP completed

16 in order -- in time for the open enrollment?

17 A Well, it was felt that it would be easier to

18 share with employees as part of all their benefits

19 material. It just made sense to be able to get it to

20 them, with everything else, as they made their

21 considerations for the following year.

22 Q If the PUP had not been rolled out during the

23 open enrollment period and JEA had been sold in fiscal

24 year 2020, the PUP plan would not have included the

25 proceeds from the recapitalization; correct?

1 A I'm sorry. I didn't follow that.

2 Q So if the PUP plan isn't completed by the open

3 enrollment period and all of the employees --

4 A But you would assume it is completed at some

5 point.

6 Q Right. But if it hadn't been completed and

7 employees hadn't made their elections by the end of

8 2019, and then in 2020 JEA is sold, then the PUP unit

9 value would not be based on the proceeds from the

10 recapitalization; correct?

11 A I don't think there would be a PUP if

12 employees didn't make selections on a plan.

13 (Discussion off the record.)

14 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

15 Q So if there were no PUP and JEA were sold,

16 then there would not be any opportunity for the

17 executives, who were supposed to have the lion's share

18 of allocation according to Mr. Wannemacher, to receive

19 the benefit of those units?

20 A Correct, because there would be no plan.

21 (Recess taken from 10:26 a.m. to 10:47 a.m.)

22 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

23 Q So right before we broke, I think that where

24 we left it was that, in the absence of a PUP, there

25 wouldn't be a payoff of the PUP units; correct?

1 A Correct.

2 Q Okay. So if you understood that the PUP units

3 would be worth millions of dollars, then the prospect of

4 a potential payout would be an extremely powerful

5 motivator to drive an executive to make decisions that

6 would accomplish a sale; correct?

7 A That statement's correct, yeah.

8 Q At some point, you had mentioned that either

9 Pillsbury or Foley or maybe Lynne Rhode was researching

10 the legality of the PUP --

11 A Uh-huh.

12 Q -- correct?

13 A Correct. I'm sorry. Yeah.

14 Q What do you know about that process?

15 A Not a great amount of detail. I trusted the

16 attorneys to do their job. I know Lynne was working

17 with Pillsbury, as evidenced by the documents they

18 produced in September. I know just from hearing,

19 Foley & Lardner was checking with the State, the

20 Attorney General, State Ethics officer. It was just

21 more understanding that they were doing that process to

22 investigate it, to vet it, to make sure everything was

23 copasetic, so to speak.

24 Q As part of that process, were you aware that

25 JEA had engaged the law firm of Nixon Peabody to look

1 into the legality of the PUP?

2 A No.

3 Q I'm assuming that more recently you have

4 probably read about Nixon Peabody?

5 A I have.

6 Q But in the moment, had you ever heard from

7 anybody that Nixon Peabody was engaged in looking at the

8 issues around the PUP?

9 A I could have heard the firm's name. I don't

10 remember in connection with the PUP, no. Just

11 Pillsbury.

12 Q Did you and Lynne Rhode ever have

13 conversations about the legality of the PUP?

14 A No, I don't believe specifically. It was more

15 status of, here's what we're doing now, we're working

16 with Pillsbury, we're working with the State.

17 Q And she never told you that JEA had been

18 working with Nixon Peabody?

19 A No.

20 Q Did she ever tell you -- or did anybody at JEA

21 ever tell you that Nixon Peabody had drafted a

22 memorandum discussing the legality of the PUP?

23 A No.

24 Q And then I assume that nobody at JEA ever

25 provided you a copy of the memorandum?

1 A No.

2 Q Did you ever look at the research that was

3 being performed on the legality of the PUP?

4 A No.

5 Q You trusted the attorneys to do their job?

6 A That's correct.

7 Q What did Herschel Vinyard ever tell you about

8 the research on the legality of the PUP, if anything?

9 A Nothing that I recall.

10 Q You never spoke with Mr. Vinyard about it?

11 A Not about the PUP.

12 Q Not about the PUP?

13 A (Shakes head.)

14 Q (Indicates.)

15 A I'm sorry. No.

16 Q It's my understanding that the PUP was created

17 at a meeting at Club Continental on July 10th and 11th

18 of 2019. Is that your understanding?

19 A No. I think based on the -- I think the idea

20 was there before that, a discussion before that, based

21 on the Willis Towers Watson presentation and the

22 presentation to the comp committee. Pillsbury attorneys

23 were present at that meeting and they may have discussed

24 it. I wasn't involved in those discussions.

25 Q Okay. But you were at Club --

1 A I was at Club Continental, yes.
 2 Q For both days?
 3 A Yes.
 4 Q And also the post-meeting meeting at the
 5 Dalton Agency?
 6 A Yes.
 7 Q You also -- because you presented -- attended
 8 the July 23rd JEA board meeting?
 9 A Correct.
 10 Q And you heard Mr. Wannemacher's explanation of
 11 the impact of a recapitalization event on the valuation
 12 of the PUP units?
 13 A If he presented it, I did, yeah.
 14 Q Do you remember what he said?
 15 A I don't.
 16 Q Do you remember thinking that anything that
 17 was said at the July 23rd meeting was either incomplete
 18 or misleading or confusing in any way?
 19 A No, not at the time.
 20 Q How about now?
 21 A Well, for instance, the tax liability issue
 22 you pointed out, that should have been explained. Yeah.
 23 Q What about the impact of a recapitalization
 24 event on the value of the PUP, should that have been
 25 fully explained to the board?

1 A In hindsight, yes.
 2 Q When all of this was happening, did you
 3 understand what the impact of a recap would be on the
 4 PUP values?
 5 A No.
 6 (Exhibit Number 5 was marked for
 7 identification.)
 8 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
 9 Q I am handing you Exhibit 5, which is -- looks
 10 like a dec -- it's labeled Total Market Compensation
 11 Strategy, Performance Unit Plan, July 2019. I will tell
 12 you that this was taken from your hard copy files.
 13 Do you know who drafted this document?
 14 A It was based on Willis Towers Watson's work as
 15 well as, for instance, the work together to elevate the
 16 entire team, what the -- the board had approved as a
 17 compensation strategy in January.
 18 Q Who drafted it?
 19 A I'm sorry. I believe I put it together based
 20 on some of the other information of Willis Towers
 21 Watson, the previous board materials, but I won't swear
 22 to that. I think I did. I'm sorry.
 23 Q It's dated July 2019. When in July 2019 would
 24 this have been prepared?
 25 A Shortly before the board meeting.

1 Q Okay. So this is a pre-July 23rd board
 2 meeting document?
 3 A Yes.
 4 Q If you turn to Page 5 of the document, it has
 5 some handwritten notes at the bottom. Are those -- is
 6 that your handwriting?
 7 A It is.
 8 Q Those are your notes?
 9 A Yes.
 10 Q Okay. Where did -- so I'll just read them.
 11 It says, "Benefit program, not comp; after research, in
 12 lieu of; Number 1, collective bargaining; Number 2,
 13 rules, got around, FL 215, clarity."
 14 Where did those notes come from?
 15 A I am making an assumption. We did a board
 16 run-through, typically, the day before each board
 17 meeting and received input from people as we did that.
 18 So I'm assuming I made those notes at the board
 19 run-through.
 20 Q Whose input would have resulted in these
 21 notes?
 22 A Most likely Aaron's. Lynne could have
 23 mentioned something, I don't know, about the statute,
 24 but probably Aaron. And I'm guessing, honestly.
 25 Q It says, "after research." Did you ever --

1 you never saw that research?
 2 A No.
 3 Q All right. What does it mean, "benefit
 4 program, not comp?"
 5 A That you're not paying employees'
 6 compensation; that you're electing to participate in it
 7 and purchase the units so it's more of a benefit
 8 program.
 9 Q What would happen if the target for the PUP
 10 was set too low?
 11 A I don't follow. I'm sorry.
 12 Q So my understanding is that an employee is
 13 eligible to purchase units, and if JEA attains certain
 14 goals, then the units would obtain certain value.
 15 A Right.
 16 Q And do you know who set the goals for the
 17 organization to attain?
 18 A I believe a combination of Ryan and Aaron.
 19 Q What would happen to the value of those units
 20 if the goal were set too low?
 21 A I believe employees would lose their
 22 investment. They wouldn't get paid.
 23 Q Well, if the goal was --
 24 A Oh, I'm sorry. If the goal were too low. I'm
 25 sorry.

1 Q Correct.

2 A Well, again, I'm not sure I follow. If the
3 goal were too low, what would happen to the value of the
4 shares?

5 Q Yeah. If there's a guaranteed payout of the
6 shares, wouldn't it be compensation if there's no real
7 risk associated with the units?

8 A Oh, oh. I don't know. I guess that's more of
9 a legal question than I can answer.

10 Q What changed structurally with the PUP from a
11 comp program to a benefit program as described in your
12 notes?

13 A I don't think anything changed structurally.
14 I think, based on this research, I didn't see -- it was
15 felt it was better to approach it as a benefit program.

16 Q So this is a change in messaging and not
17 structure?

18 A I believe so.

19 Q What does it mean, "in lieu of collective
20 bargaining?"

21 A I don't think those two relate. I think the
22 "in lieu" -- well, maybe they do. Compensation has to
23 be collectively bargained; anything that's related to
24 pay. The short-term incentive plan is included in
25 collective bargaining. If it's not compensation, it

1 falls outside those parameters.

2 Q So then if it were -- if JEA decided that the
3 PUP was really a benefit program and not compensation,
4 then it wouldn't have to be collectively bargained?

5 A That's correct.

6 Q And if JEA decided that it was a benefit
7 program and not comp, then what does this mean about
8 "rules, got around FL 215" mean?

9 A Given my writing, that's probably get around.

10 Q Sorry. Get around?

11 A Yeah. I don't remember.

12 Rules, get around.

13 I'm speculating that some of those things we
14 read in the statute might not apply if it's not a
15 compensation program.

16 Q So if JEA calls it a bonus scheme under
17 215.425.(3), and the resolution requires it to comply
18 with 215.425.(3), and then JEA decides that, despite not
19 changing it structurally, that it's now a benefit
20 program and not comp, does that somehow obviate the need
21 to comply with the statute?

22 A I don't know. I'm not a lawyer, and I don't
23 mean that flippantly. I don't know.

24 Q What is the -- it's hard to understand how the
25 notes at the bottom relate to one another, if they do,

1 because there are kind of gaps in the words.

2 A Right.

3 Q I'm assuming that "get around FL 215" is all
4 part of the same thought. I'm wondering about the word
5 "clarity" and what that means.

6 A I don't remember.

7 So presenting this to the board -- I'm sorry.
8 I don't remember why I wrote that.

9 Q To summarize, these are notes that were taken
10 by you in connection with a pre board meeting in which
11 Aaron Zahn or Lynne Rhode is explaining that the PUP is
12 a benefit program, it's not compensation, they've done
13 research, and they've gotten around FL 215?

14 A That's what it would seem to be.

15 Q And that all happened the day before the
16 July 23rd, 2019 JEA board meeting?

17 A That's very likely when I took these notes
18 because I would have had this presentation in front of
19 me.

20 Q That is a staggering admission.

21 Do you know whether or not either the
22 Pillsbury or Foley & Lardner law firms were specifically
23 tasked with getting around FL 215?

24 A No, I don't.

25 Q At the July 23rd board meeting, was the board

1 ever advised that leadership's strategy was to get
2 around FL 215 with the PUP plan?

3 A Not that I recall.

4 Q You sat through that whole meeting?

5 A I did.

6 Q And we read earlier that the resolution that
7 came from that meeting requires the PUP to comply with
8 215.425, Sub 3?

9 A Do you have the transcript of what I said
10 then? That might help clarify my notes.

11 Q I do not.

12 A Okay.

13 Q Just to be clear, the resolution that we
14 looked at said --

15 A No, I understand that.

16 Q -- the CEO is authorized to implement the PUP
17 provided that it complies with 215.425.(3).

18 A Yes.

19 Q And your notes indicate that Mr. Zahn or
20 Lynne Rhode have decided before the July 23rd board
21 meeting that we're going -- we figured out a way to get
22 around 215?

23 A I don't know specifically what that means, but
24 that's what it looks like.

25 Q That's what it looks like to me too.

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1 (Exhibit Number 6 was marked for
 2 identification.)
 3 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
 4 Q I am handing you Exhibit 6 which is -- looks
 5 like another PowerPoint. It's identified as Total
 6 Market Compensation Strategy, Compensation Committee,
 7 June 2018. These are -- this was also taken from your
 8 hard copy files, and so it seems to have some
 9 handwritten notes -- off the record.
 10 (Discussion off the record.)
 11 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
 12 Q Okay. So what you just said while we were off
 13 record was --
 14 A I'm sorry.
 15 Q That's okay. It looks like the date on the
 16 front page is wrong. It should say June 2019?
 17 A I believe so.
 18 Q Okay. So this was done in connection with the
 19 June 2019 comp committee meeting?
 20 A Correct.
 21 Q Okay. And these are your handwritten notes on
 22 these materials?
 23 A Correct.
 24 Q Okay.
 25 MR. MCLAUCHLIN: Is this an exhibit?

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1 MR. WEDEKIND: Yes, it's 6.
 2 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
 3 Q If I could ask you to turn to Page 6. It
 4 looks like the same slide as we just looked at.
 5 Different notes. These notes above the Financial Value
 6 component of the long-term incentive, it has the word
 7 "acquires" and then it's struck through.
 8 Do you know why you would have written the
 9 word "acquires" and then struck through it?
 10 A No.
 11 Q Okay. And then it says, next to it,
 12 "additional focus/" -- I think what it says is --
 13 A "Unique for public utilities."
 14 Q That's what I thought it said. Okay.
 15 So what were you attempting to report in these
 16 notes?
 17 A The additional focus I don't know. Just
 18 pointing out the fact that Willis Towers Watson did say
 19 this is a unique program. It's something that they see
 20 rarely for public utilities.
 21 Q All right. So that's feedback directly from
 22 Willis Towers Watson that this thing was rare for -- in
 23 this sector?
 24 A Right. Correct.
 25 Q Did you tell that to the comp committee in

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1 connection with this meeting?
 2 A I probably did, since I made the note, because
 3 that would have been kind of a talking point.
 4 Q These are notes, I'm assuming, that you write
 5 to yourself in preparation for the meeting?
 6 A That's correct.
 7 Q Okay. So that you can remind yourself of
 8 things that you really want to highlight to the
 9 committee or the board?
 10 A Correct.
 11 Q If you go to Page -- well, it looks like this
 12 is excerpted because there are some pages that don't
 13 look like they're numbered. If you go about seven pages
 14 in, you'll see the page, it's Long-Term Incentive Plan
 15 Design.
 16 A Yes.
 17 Q At the very bottom, it says, "Value of units
 18 tie to JEA Net Book Value."
 19 You underline that and write the word "CFO"?
 20 A Correct.
 21 Q Just to remind yourself that that's who's
 22 coming up with the net book value at the end of the day?
 23 A That's right.
 24 Q Did you understand, too, that the CFO,
 25 Mr. Wannemacher, would be entitled himself to receive

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1 PUP units?
 2 A Certainly. I mean, I didn't make that
 3 connection -- yes, I did understand he would be, sure.
 4 I didn't consciously think about it, I guess, is what
 5 I'm trying to say.
 6 Q Understood.
 7 Did that present any kind of conflict of
 8 interest concerns to you?
 9 A Yes and no. I mean, someone has to establish
 10 the value, and typically the finance department does it,
 11 but there should be checks and balances on that as well,
 12 I guess.
 13 Q Do you know whether or not there were checks
 14 and balances that were implemented in connection with
 15 the PUP?
 16 A I do not.
 17 (Exhibit Number 7 was marked for
 18 identification.)
 19 (Discussion off the record.)
 20 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
 21 Q I'm handing you Exhibit 7 which is an email
 22 from Jessica Lutrin to Lynne Rhode, dated August 16,
 23 2019. And I'll tell you, you were not a recipient of
 24 this email so you probably have no reason to have ever
 25 seen it before. But you'll notice that it transmits a

1 document and comments about the PUP plan, but the word
2 PUP is deleted and an asterisk is used in place of the
3 word PUP.

4 Do you know why anybody would do that?

5 A No idea.

6 Q Would it be to avoid potentially a public
7 records request?

8 A I honestly don't know.

9 Q So there was never any discussion about the
10 way that people documented sensitive topics at JEA to
11 avoid public records requests?

12 A Not to my knowledge, no.

13 Q If you'll go to the -- Page 2 of the exhibit.

14 It shows in Subsection 5 that "the allocation for the
15 Chief Executive Officer shall be blank percentage of the
16 total 100,000 PU," which I assume are performance units.

17 Do you see that?

18 A I do.

19 Q Do you agree with my interpretation?

20 A I do.

21 Q Okay. The comment underneath it in highlight
22 is, "It would be typical for the number of PUs to be
23 awarded to the CEO to be determined in the compensation
24 committee resolutions. Also, if the allocation for
25 non-CEO employees is determined based on the annual JEA

1 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

2 Q In November of 2019, an op-ed under your name
3 was published by the Florida Times Union. Exhibit 8 is
4 a copy of that op-ed.

5 First question is, did you write that op-ed?

6 A I did not write the initial draft. I edited
7 the draft.

8 Q Who wrote the initial draft of that document?

9 A Someone in our communications team.

10 Q Under Kerri Stewart?

11 A Under Kerri Stewart.

12 Q And how much of it was edited by you before
13 being published?

14 A I would say 40, 50 percent; some of it just
15 to, perhaps, make it a little more conversational.

16 Q Did you make any substantive changes?

17 A Let me read it.

18 I think that the only substantive change would
19 have been kind of in the middle of the second page to
20 point out that retention agreements were collectively
21 bargained and included in recent contracts.

22 Q This op-ed was written to rebut some news
23 about the executive team or the SLT making a substantial
24 amount of money in the event of a recap as a result of
25 their retention agreements; correct?

1 performance ranking program, should the same apply to
2 the CEO."

3 So the question really is, Number 1, it
4 appears, at least as of August 16, 2019, that there are
5 going to be issued a total number of 100,000 performance
6 units; right?

7 A Seemed so, yes.

8 Q And that the allocation would be performed by
9 Mr. Zahn himself?

10 A Right.

11 Q Except for his own performance units which
12 would be handled by the compensation committee chair?

13 A Correct.

14 Q I think you testified earlier that all of
15 these numbers were already in Mr. Zahn's head at this
16 time?

17 A If they -- if he had determined that, they
18 were in his head. That's what Melissa said.

19 Q That's what Ms. Dykes --

20 A I said, do we have the allocation? She said,
21 they're in Aaron's head.

22 Q When was that?

23 A Probably in September.

24 (Exhibit Number 8 was marked for
25 identification.)

1 A That was part of it, and just to explain what
2 the retention agreements were, too, I think.

3 Q Okay. The fourth paragraph says,
4 "Perpetuating a narrative that implies JEA's senior
5 leadership team has a significant financial interest in
6 a recapitalization event via retention agreements is
7 inaccurate and implies that the senior leadership team
8 doesn't have employees' best interests at heart."

9 Do you see that?

10 A I do.

11 Q Okay. Would the same be true with respect to
12 the PUP units?

13 A That's speculating I think. I didn't know
14 what the allocations were going to be like at this time.
15 I was simply responding to what the retention agreements
16 were and that they were not -- that they were available
17 for everyone based on their salary.

18 And I don't mean to avoid the question. I
19 just -- at the time, I would have said no.

20 Q Would you agree that if JEA's SLT had a
21 significant financial interest in the recapitalization
22 event, that would have been a significant problem?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Why?

25 A For the very reasons that have come out in the

1 press; that if they stand to make millions from a
2 recapitalization, that they would obviously,
3 theoretically, have a greater interest in selling. But,
4 again, none of us really were focused on that or what
5 the PUP would mean. We just weren't sure what it would
6 mean for us.

7 Q Everybody or just you?

8 A Well, I can't speak for everybody. So I will
9 speak for me, yeah.

10 Q In your op-ed you say, "As a JEA senior leader
11 whose job it is to first serve others and look out for
12 the interests of our employees, I'm in a good position
13 to set the record straight."

14 Do you agree that the SLT's job was to first
15 serve others and look after the interests of JEA's
16 employees?

17 A I do.

18 Q Do you think that the PUP allocations that we
19 looked at earlier first served others and looked after
20 the interests of JEA's employees?

21 A As I understood that document, it was kind of
22 throwing something up against the wall. So I don't know
23 that it would have been a final allocation, but, again,
24 it's not unusual to see it skewed that way toward more
25 senior leadership.

1 Q Well, if the allocations did come out that
2 way, would you agree that they served JEA's employees
3 first or the SLT?

4 A The SLT would benefit in a greater capacity.

5 Q A far greater capacity; correct?

6 A Well, yes, if you look at the difference
7 between 1 and 40.

8 Q At some point you discussed the PUP with Kevin
9 Hyde as I remember from your prior interview?

10 A I did.

11 Q Okay. What did you and he talk about
12 regarding the PUP?

13 A It was a fairly brief conversation because --
14 and this was in September at some point -- because
15 things were not jelling. We didn't seem to have final
16 approval or it hadn't been thoroughly vetted. Because
17 we were facing tight deadlines that we wanted to
18 implement, I just wondered if we were moving too fast.

19 I wanted to make sure that everything was
20 above the board, honestly. And I wanted an opinion from
21 someone outside of JEA, even though Kevin's firm was
22 being paid. And I had known Kevin before, developed a
23 rapport with him and trusted him, and wanted to at least
24 have that conversation with him. So it was a very basic
25 conversation.

1 I said, I'm just calling you. I'm not
2 impugning anyone. I'm not, you know, accusing anyone of
3 anything. I just want to know your thoughts on the PUP;
4 is it legal, is it ethical, are we comfortable moving
5 forward.

6 And he said, absolutely. And I think at that
7 point he had maybe even visited the -- I don't know if
8 it was the Attorney General or someone on his staff or
9 the State Ethics Board, but he had visited someone in
10 Tallahassee.

11 He said, yeah, it is -- it's fine to move
12 forward. You can be comfortable with it. You will get
13 blowback -- which is obvious, but that was really the
14 essence of the conversation. He assured me that it was
15 fine to move forward.

16 Q What did he mean when he told you you would
17 get blowback?

18 A You'd have to ask him. I'm guessing because
19 it was kind of a unique program for a public utility,
20 and it would -- I don't know that he was referring to
21 amounts because I don't think he knew amounts. I don't
22 think any of us at that point knew the allocations.

23 I think he was just talking about the -- and,
24 again, this is me speculating, but I think he was
25 talking about the uniqueness of the program.

1 Q Setting aside the allocations, did anybody
2 have an idea about, at this point, how the PUPs would be
3 calculated, regardless of how they would be allocated
4 amongst JEA's employees? Was there any concern about
5 how the PUP values would ultimately be calculated?

6 A I didn't have a concern, but I don't know that
7 I knew at that point or had paid attention. Perhaps I'd
8 heard the calculations, but I really hadn't paid
9 attention to them.

10 Q Who would you have heard the calculations
11 from?

12 A Well, Ryan would have presented it.
13 Whatever -- he did present to the board about the
14 metrics. I don't know that it was discussed after that,
15 with me anyway. I'm sure it was discussed.

16 Q In September of 2019, you were concerned
17 enough about the PUP to address it with Kevin Hyde.

18 Did you take it any further beyond that
19 conversation?

20 A I did not.

21 Q Why not?

22 A I had the assurance from someone I trusted
23 that it was -- it was good to go.

24 Q So you didn't contact JEA's ethics officer?

25 A No.

1 Q Do you know if anybody did in connection with
2 the PUP?
3 A I don't know.
4 Q As somebody who is very knowledgeable about
5 the HR realm, you would have understood that JEA would
6 be prohibited from retaliating against you for bringing
7 to its attention concerns about the legality of the PUP?
8 A Yes.
9 Q Or any other JEA employee --
10 A Correct.
11 Q -- at any level?
12 A Right.
13 Q So if there were a JEA employee, from Mr. Zahn
14 all the way down to the most recent hire by JEA, and
15 they raised a red flag to JEA about their concerns with
16 the PUP, JEA would be legally prohibited from doing --
17 taking any adverse action against that employee as a
18 result of bringing it to their attention?
19 A That's right.
20 Q So there could not possibly be any concern by
21 any employee that bringing their concerns about the PUP
22 would result in an adverse employment action?
23 A That's the policy. I mean, an individual
24 employee may fear retaliation just as a natural --
25 certainly.

1 Q But you knew that the law would protect such
2 an employee?
3 A Yes.
4 (Exhibit Number 9 was marked for
5 identification.)
6 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
7 Q I'm handing you what's been marked as Exhibit
8 9. This is an email from you to Ms. Dykes a little bit
9 before the time period that we were just talking about,
10 so August 21st, 2019. It attaches a spreadsheet called
11 PUP Table. I'm going to hand this to you in a second.
12 A Sure.
13 Q In your email to Ms. Dykes it says, "Here's an
14 idea for forced ranking."
15 I'm just going to ask you, what is this table?
16 What are you trying to describe with it to Ms. Dykes?
17 A It was probably mislabeled PUP Table. I
18 probably confused the two, as I recall.
19 What we were looking at was a new pay for
20 performance plan as well, revising that based on some of
21 the Willis Towers recommendations and broadening the
22 ranges. And JEA has a three-stage ranking; exceeds
23 expectations, meets expectations, and needs improvement.
24 And she was asking about ideas on how to
25 broaden those ranges, maybe to five or whatever number.

1 And so I pulled my team, and I had experience before,
2 and JEA has actually done this before, apparently.
3 They've had scales of five, down to three, back to five.
4 So I was just giving her what it might look
5 like and what the distribution might look like, kind of
6 a bell curve, if we went to a five-level ranking.
7 Q Okay. So this doesn't have anything to do
8 with the PUP?
9 A I don't think so, because the PUPs you
10 purchased. So this was more, I believe, about the pay
11 for performance plan, the short-term incentive.
12 Q While it's true that you purchase the PUPs,
13 you were still allocated a certain number of options?
14 A I'm sorry. That's true. That's true.
15 Q So is it possible that you were recommending
16 this table as a way to objectively allocate PUP units?
17 A It could have been. I mean, it wasn't a
18 recommendation. It was an idea that JEA had had
19 before -- had used before and just what those
20 percentages might look like on a bell curve. So it was
21 an example, I guess.
22 Q Do you know whatever happened with this?
23 A Nothing, to my knowledge.
24 Q So Ms. Dykes never responded to this email?
25 A She may have said thank you. I don't think we

1 ever discussed it.
2 Q That's what I was really looking for.
3 A Yeah.
4 Q So, substantially, no real response or
5 discussion following this email?
6 A Not that I recall.
7 (Exhibit Number 10 was marked for
8 identification.)
9 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
10 Q Going back to Kevin Hyde for a second.
11 A Sure.
12 Q This is an email exchange between you and he
13 later on, December 13th, 2019. You have forwarded him,
14 it looks like, a copy of Mayor Curry's letter to the JEA
15 board. Remember, this is now December of 2019.
16 A Okay.
17 Q Mayor Curry sends this letter. You forward it
18 to Mr. Hyde and ask to talk to him. Why did you do
19 that?
20 A Give me a moment, if you would.
21 (Discussion off the record.)
22 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
23 Q So really the question is, you got
24 Mayor Curry's letter and reached out to Mr. Hyde why?
25 A I think -- and I don't believe it had anything

1 to do with the PUPs. Kevin had done all the work on the
2 pension legislation; drafting it to make people whole
3 should recapitalization take place. So Mayor Curry's
4 letter talks about the scenarios.

5 I don't know. I couldn't tell you specifics.
6 I would think it was just to be -- because he talks
7 about town halls and getting the word out and
8 accomplishing it by the end of January for a board vote;
9 that it might be to talk through some of the mechanics
10 with Kevin about the pension, the retention agreements.
11 I honestly don't remember why I sent it to him.

12 Q Do you remember having a conversation with him
13 after that?

14 A I'm sure I did.

15 Q Do you recall what it was about?

16 A I'm sorry, I don't.

17 (Exhibit Number 11 was marked for
18 identification.)

19 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

20 Q Okay. I'm handing you Exhibit Number 11, and
21 I've gone ahead and turned it to Page 17 which is the
22 page I want you to look at.

23 A Okay.

24 Q This looks like a packet of information that
25 was distributed by Melissa Dykes in connection with the

1 going to be included in the seller disclosure letter to
2 a potential bidder in connection with the ITN?

3 A Correct.

4 Q And do you understand now that that
5 representation was false because of the impact of a
6 recapitalization event on the PUP?

7 A I do, because the PUP would have accelerated
8 it, I believe, so ...

9 Q And it would have been a material compensation
10 or benefit under any employee benefit plan?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Do you know if other people than you were
13 required to review these particular sections of the
14 seller disclosure letter?

15 A The legal team, I mean, like Foley, for
16 instance. I don't know that -- I probably would have
17 sat down with Pat with this, as I recall, to go through
18 them.

19 Q Did you do that?

20 A I'm certain I did.

21 Q But you don't remember whether or not you did,
22 or you don't remember doing that?

23 A I'd be surprised if I hadn't, I guess, is the
24 best way to put it.

25 Q That's fair.

1 ITN, and it's broken out by section and given to the
2 various members of the SLT whose sections are
3 implicated. Page 17 talks about employee benefits.

4 And my understanding is that, in this process,
5 a seller disclosure letter is being drafted in
6 connection with a potential asset purchase agreement; is
7 that right?

8 A Right.

9 Q In connection with the ITN?

10 A Correct. I'm sorry.

11 Q And the first footnote, 15, at the very top
12 says, this is all subject to review by Foley, meaning
13 Foley & Lardner. Right?

14 A Correct.

15 Q Okay. And then if you go down to Subsection
16 D, it says, "Neither the execution of this agreement nor
17 the consummation of the transactions contemplated
18 hereby" -- which presumably is the capitalization recap
19 event -- "will entitle any member of the executive
20 management team of the business listed on Section
21 3.14(d) of the seller disclosure letter, to any material
22 payment or benefits or accelerate the time of payment or
23 vesting of any material compensation or benefits in
24 either case under any employee benefit plan."

25 So this was a draft representation that was

1 A Yeah.

2 (Exhibit Number 12 was marked for
3 identification.)

4 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

5 Q Exhibit 12 is a document that was taken from
6 your hard copy files, and I think it is notes that you
7 prepared for yourself or that somebody prepared for you
8 about a presentation made about the PUP.

9 A Yes. Yeah, I prepared these.

10 Q You prepared these, okay.

11 Were these prepared in advance of the
12 July 23rd board meeting?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And it's -- under the seventh bullet, it
15 says --

16 A Yeah.

17 Q -- "As we researched the feasibility of this,
18 it became apparent that there was no definitive answer
19 in Florida law regarding LTI for government entities."

20 What did you mean by that?

21 A I will back up a moment. I did prepare these,
22 but I did it in conjunction with what I was being told
23 by attorneys, probably Lynne, because I certainly didn't
24 research the Florida law. I wasn't an expert on it. So
25 what I meant by it, I guess -- as I recall being told,

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1 the statute didn't address specifics about a long-term
2 incentive plan like this.

3 Q If Lynne Rhode told you that there was no
4 definitive answer in Florida law regarding LTI for
5 government entities, and when she told you that she had
6 in her possession a memorandum of law drafted by Nixon
7 Peabody that said that the long-term incentive plan was
8 illegal under Florida law, then this statement by
9 Ms. Rhode to you would have been an outright lie; true?

10 A If she had that memo, yes.

11 Q And at the time that you made this statement,
12 you did not know that Nixon Peabody had drafted and sent
13 such a memo?

14 A I did not.

15 Q If you had known that Nixon Peabody had
16 drafted a memorandum of law that said that the PUP
17 violates Section 215.425 and is therefore illegal, would
18 you have made this statement to the board?

19 A No.

20 Q Did Ms. Rhode specifically draft this bullet
21 for inclusion in your presentation --

22 A I don't know. I certainly would have taken
23 input from her, but I don't know that she drafted that
24 specifically.

25 Q How about Kerri Stewart, did she ever assist

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1 in drafting your bullet points to present to the board?

2 A No. Well, no, I don't believe so. No.

3 Q And then -- so the following bullet point
4 says, "Rather than become mired in discussions regarding
5 whether this is compensation or if it is subject to
6 collective bargaining, we designed a program that is
7 designed as a simple employee benefit and not as
8 compensation."

9 And then there are some handwritten notes of
10 yours that change the wording a little bit.

11 Whose thought is that?

12 A It's partially mine as well as probably Lynne
13 or Pillsbury -- and when I say Lynne, it could involve
14 Pillsbury as well. I mean, Lynne certainly wasn't an
15 expert on this, although I'm sure she looked at the
16 Florida statutes.

17 Part of this is my thought because if it is
18 compensation, it's subject to collective bargaining. It
19 would be cleaner not to have it subject to collective
20 bargaining and still provide something for the
21 employees. So it's probably a combination.

22 Q And then at the conclusion of your comments,
23 you pass it to Mr. Wannemacher to provide more detail?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And, again, this shift in language was not as

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1 a result of the structural change to the PUP, but a
2 shift in messaging regarding the PUP, from benefit --
3 from compensation to benefit?

4 A Yeah, yeah, I believe so, because it was
5 always based on performance units. I don't believe the
6 structure changed, so ...

7 (Discussion off the record.)
8 (Recess taken from 11:45 a.m. to 12:21 p.m.)

9 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

10 Q Had you seen a full set of the PUP documents
11 prior to the July 23rd board meeting?

12 A No.

13 Q When was the first time you remember seeing a
14 full set of the PUP documents?

15 A Late August, early September. Probably into
16 early September when Pillsbury provided them.

17 Q Okay. So Pillsbury provided them to you?

18 A No, to Lynne --

19 Q To Lynne and then --

20 A -- who provided them to me.

21 Q Okay. All right. In the op-ed that was
22 written, that really was focused more on the retention
23 agreements and the coverage surrounding the retention
24 agreements.

25 My question is, was there a difference between

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1 the retention agreements -- the terms of the retention
2 agreements as they related to the SLT versus as they
3 related to the appointed employees, or the bargaining
4 unit employees?

5 A No.

6 Q All the same?

7 A Not initially. We put out a retention
8 agreement for appointed employees right after that board
9 meeting, but as we went through the collective
10 bargaining process, the unions raised various points.
11 So we went back and did addenda to the one we were
12 giving the appointed. So the end result was they were
13 all the same, but initially they were not.

14 Q Okay. So, initially, the bargaining unit
15 employees had a worse deal and they bargained for a
16 better deal?

17 A No. No. It was just some of the language.
18 There was a clause that made it sound like you couldn't
19 exercise your 1st Amendment rights. So we wrote that
20 out of there. You couldn't be critical of JEA or
21 something like that. So that was removed through the
22 bargaining process, and then we did an amendment to the
23 ones we'd already given the appointed and they signed
24 that.

25 Q So did the provisions like you can't be

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1 critical of JEA get redacted out of everybody's --
2 A Yes.
3 Q -- retention agreement?
4 A Yes.
5 Q As a result of the bargaining with -- the
6 collective bargaining process?
7 A That's correct.
8 And the terms were the same. It was one
9 year's salary pay, then three installments if you
10 stayed.
11 Q Okay. What was your role in working on the
12 proposed RIFs as part of the Scenario 2 plan?
13 A It had already been done when I got there.
14 Q Meaning you had nothing to do with it?
15 A I really didn't. We looked at it again as
16 part of the strategic planning, but the names -- not the
17 names. The positions or numbers had been provided. We
18 may have looked a little more in depth at the numbers
19 because I think, at some point, Aaron asked us to go
20 back and look at SQ2 because it was still a possibility
21 before the board, but really the legwork had been done
22 prior to that.
23 Q Who did the legwork?
24 A You'd have to ask Angie. I think it was a
25 team effort. I think each member of the SLT talked to

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1 their teams about where they could make cost reductions.
2 So I think everybody at that level was involved.
3 Q Was it part of your scope to present the RIFs
4 to the board as part of the SQ2?
5 A I don't -- I'm trying to think back to the
6 June board meeting. I didn't present RIFs to them, but
7 I'm trying to remember if SQ2 was presented to them in
8 June. And SQ2 included cost reductions, so I think it
9 probably -- either was implicit or stated, but I don't
10 think there were specifics stated about the RIFs.
11 Q There were form documents that were provided
12 to the board at the July board meeting.
13 A About separation?
14 Q Correct.
15 A Right.
16 Q Were you involved in preparation of those
17 documents, or had all of the documents already basically
18 been --
19 A No. They're -- the way RIFs affect our
20 collective bargaining unit employees is very different.
21 So -- and there are civil service rules that we operate
22 under the City.
23 So I went to Maryanne Evans and said, let me
24 have them, what do we do regarding these RIFs? And if I
25 recall, that's what was presented. It's a very defined

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1 process. There's bumping rights depending on the union
2 and seniority and different things that play into it.
3 So it's a very prescribed process.
4 Q In some of the handwritten notes that we
5 looked at, it was in connection with the performance
6 unit plan PowerPoint presentation in July.
7 Do you remember the handwritten notes you had?
8 A Yes.
9 Q Section 1 was about collective bargaining and
10 Section 2 was about Florida 215?
11 A Yes.
12 Q Okay.
13 MR. MCLAUHLIN: Exhibit 5?
14 THE WITNESS: Yes.
15 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
16 Q Thank you.
17 So in Exhibit 5, who -- what was the source of
18 the information that, as a benefit, it wouldn't be
19 required to be collectively bargained?
20 A I don't know that there was a source. I mean,
21 that's understood; compensation is collectively
22 bargained. Benefits aren't necessarily. Perhaps a
23 discussion with Lynne, but just generally understood, if
24 it was related to compensation, then it had to be
25 collectively bargained.

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1 Q But if it was a benefit, it didn't have to be
2 or --
3 A We addressed benefits, but if I recall -- and
4 I know I can't necessarily call on Sean or Adina as an
5 expert here, but as I recall in the bargaining, the
6 unions don't have the right to determine benefits, but
7 we do -- like healthcare and things like that -- we do
8 discuss them in the process.
9 Q Was there any -- ever any pushback that you
10 got regarding the confidentiality in the -- either the
11 retention agreements or the PUP agreements?
12 A What do you mean by confidentiality? I'm
13 sorry.
14 Q So my understanding, at least as to the PUP
15 agreements, was that there was an obligation that when
16 an employee signed their PUP documents, they were
17 committing to confidentiality about anything having to
18 do with PUPs. They could only talk to like their
19 family, their attorney, and their CPA, and that's it.
20 A Correct.
21 Q Was there ever any pushback about the
22 Draconian level of confidentiality related to the PUPs?
23 A No, because we never got to that point with
24 employees, I don't believe. I mean, I know we didn't.
25 In fact, when the PUPs were canceled, we got a lot of

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1 calls, saying, wait, what is this? Am I being affected?
2 Are you taking something away from me?
3 So it hadn't really registered what the
4 program was with employees. And we never got to that
5 point where we presented them any documents to sign,
6 so ...
7 Q At some point, JEA was undertaking a process
8 to convert at least a portion of its payroll servicing
9 to ADP; correct?
10 A Correct.
11 Q Okay. And that project was within the scope
12 of your area?
13 A Yes.
14 Q Who was responsible for overseeing it?
15 A It was a joint effort between me and Shawn
16 Eads, the chief technology officer.
17 Q And I think I remember seeing some documents
18 that indicate that Mr. Eads' department actually paid
19 ADP for the contract.
20 Do you remember that?
21 A I think so, yeah.
22 Q Why?
23 A Because it was really more of a technology
24 thing to outsource our Oracle -- or what we were using
25 Oracle for to ADP, and I think he had the bigger budget,

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1 honestly.
2 Yeah, that was definitely an unplanned
3 expense. So that probably played into it more than
4 anything.
5 Q What does that mean, it was an unplanned --
6 A It wasn't in the budget. It was ...
7 Q When did it come up?
8 A I believe late August. Mid to late August.
9 Q And in your last interview, I think that you
10 said at some point that there was possibly a business
11 case to be made for this under Angie Hiers, and then you
12 went back and looked for the business case and you
13 couldn't find one?
14 A That's correct.
15 Q And so, ultimately, I think you drafted a
16 business case?
17 A I did.
18 Q We'll look at that whenever our exhibits come
19 back.
20 So at some point, this topic had been
21 explored, at least theoretically, by JEA; correct?
22 A That's correct.
23 Q Whose idea was it to resuscitate this in 2019?
24 A Melissa Dykes.
25 Q Okay. What did Ms. Dykes tell you about the

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1 project?
2 A It was almost a hallway conversation. It
3 wasn't a formal meeting. She said, I have an idea.
4 Angie's looked at this before. Reach out to her.
5 There's probably something in the files. There wasn't,
6 but I did talk to Angie about it.
7 She said, you know, there's probably cost
8 savings. All kinds of companies do this. But she also
9 said, this may be a way to -- and this is going to sound
10 bad, and I think her intentions were good, so I'll try
11 to explain it or answer any questions you have.
12 It would be a matter of public record, but
13 typically when people make investment decisions like
14 what they do with their 401(a)s and 457s and whatnot,
15 that's not necessarily public knowledge or easy to find.
16 So I think she felt, if we outsourced payroll,
17 it would add another layer of privacy so that the PUP
18 elections wouldn't be as visible, knowing they would
19 always be open to public record if someone requested it,
20 but ...
21 Q So another way of putting that is it added
22 another layer of security to avoid producing documents
23 in response to a public records request?
24 A Well, I wouldn't put it that way, from an HR
25 perspective. To me -- and, again, my background's

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1 mostly private, so -- JEA is unusual. To me, it was
2 really more about the privacy of the personal -- you
3 know, there's things we don't release; HIPAA-protected
4 stuff about employee benefits and things like that.
5 So in my HR thinking that made sense. I
6 wasn't looking at it as a way to hide from public
7 records because ultimately it would be in the public
8 records.
9 Q Well, it would also make sense if you were
10 planning on a huge payout from the PUP program and you
11 wanted to try to conceal that from the public; correct?
12 A Perhaps.
13 (Discussion off the record.)
14 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
15 Q So I am going to be handing you a series of
16 documents that kind of run us through the ADP project.
17 A Okay.
18 Q Can you please tell me the last number --
19 A Sure.
20 Q I think it's 12.
21 A 12.
22 MR. WEDEKIND: So this is 13.
23 (Exhibit Number 13 was marked for
24 identification.)
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1 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

2 Q So this is an email from Pat Maillis to you,
3 dated April 29th, 2019, and it includes comp committee
4 presentations. A couple of questions here.

5 In the second paragraph, at the beginning of
6 the paragraph it says, "To date, Aaron does not have a
7 contract."

8 That was not true, was it?

9 A I guess he didn't have a permanent contract.
10 He had been serving as interim director. So I think
11 they had never -- he was serving under something. Yes,
12 you're right.

13 Q Did you know whether or not Mr. Zahn ever
14 signed written employment agreements with JEA?

15 A I don't remember. I thought he did, yeah.

16 Q He did.

17 A Okay, yeah.

18 Q He signed one as the interim, another in
19 January of 2019, and --

20 A And then a third, yes.

21 Q -- a third one in July?

22 A In July. I knew he signed that one.

23 Q Okay. Where did it come from that Aaron --
24 that Ms. Maillis thought that Mr. Zahn didn't have a
25 contract?

1 A I can only -- this was literally my first day
2 there. I can only assume that she meant a permanent
3 contract as -- and I'm not sure what he signed in
4 January.

5 So I know it was a point of discussion at the
6 June compensation committee to talk about his contract
7 and do some work on it. So I'm assuming she meant a
8 final, permanent contract.

9 Q Did Willis Towers Watson ever make a
10 recommendation as to the structure of the PUP?

11 A I'd have to look at the presentation again.
12 They kind of laid out what a performance unit plan
13 looked like. I don't believe they got down into the
14 nitty-gritty of the details, no.

15 Q At the very bottom, the last sentence of this
16 email, "Let's plan to talk about this so I can give you
17 the history and put our heads together to make sure
18 Aaron gets the product he is seeking."

19 Do you know what she meant by that?

20 A I kind of alluded to it earlier. He was never
21 particularly happy with what Willis Towers Watson was
22 giving us. I think he felt they weren't perhaps
23 forthcoming enough on some of their data, which they
24 were probably keeping their information private because
25 they gather survey data from companies confidentially.

1 So I think he probably wanted more data and
2 maybe a stronger recommendation about implementing the
3 50th percent at market -- 50 percent of market.

4 Q Did you notice a pattern of Mr. Zahn's
5 behavior in which he would ask a question, and if he
6 didn't like the answer, he would go find somebody else
7 to ask the same question to?

8 A No. I didn't notice that.

9 Q Did you have any involvement in JEA's decision
10 to leave the Florida Municipal Electric Association
11 trade group?

12 A No, I didn't.

13 Q Do you know anything about it?

14 A I was surprised when it happened.

15 Q Why were you surprised by it?

16 A Because JEA was a very strong member of it;
17 one of the largest members, if not the largest. And it
18 just seemed odd that we would leave them.

19 Q Why did JEA leave such a strong figure?

20 A I don't know. I wasn't privy to that.

21 Q Okay.

22 (Exhibit Number 14 was marked for
23 identification.)

24 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

25 Q Exhibit 14 is -- I think these are a

1 combination of typed and handwritten notes from your
2 file.

3 A Okay.

4 Q First of all, can you confirm that that's
5 true?

6 A That's true.

7 Q Okay. These are your handwritten notes on
8 this document?

9 A Correct.

10 Q Okay. Under the -- and at the top, it's
11 titled, "ADP Notes-9/24." So we're in September -- late
12 September of 2019?

13 A Correct.

14 Q Okay. And this is all about, obviously, the
15 transition to ADP.

16 Under the first series of notes, it has a
17 handwritten final bullet point that says "cannot
18 administer plan."

19 A Hmm.

20 Q What is that?

21 A I'm sorry. Correct.

22 For an investment plan, there's a plan
23 administrator which is -- for other JEA plans, it's Mass
24 Mutual. It's usually a financial institution. We just
25 asked ADP if they had that capacity and they did not.

1 Q Meaning to handle the PUP?
 2 A Yes, yes.
 3 Q Why would you ask ADP if they could administer
 4 the PUP?
 5 A Because we needed an administrator and we were
 6 talking to them already.
 7 Q And so, ultimately, was it decided that Mass
 8 Mutual would administer the PUP?
 9 A It was hoped that they would. We had
 10 conversations with them, and it turned out that they
 11 couldn't do it in the time frame.
 12 Q At the very bottom, there are more handwritten
 13 notes of yours. It's under the heading of PUPs. It
 14 says, "Elections to Pillsbury, appointed" is what I
 15 assume that last word is.
 16 A That's right.
 17 Q So what does that mean?
 18 A The -- what appointed employees would -- the
 19 elections they would make for their purchase would go
 20 straight to Pillsbury.
 21 Q Why?
 22 A I'm trying to remember.
 23 I honestly can't. I know it made sense at the
 24 time.
 25 Q It seems highly unusual that employees would

1 send their benefits elections directly to a law firm
 2 that was working on the privatization --
 3 A Well, I understand.
 4 Q -- of the --
 5 A Pillsbury was actually going to send out the
 6 information to the employees and act as a quasi
 7 administrator in that role. So for whatever reason, we
 8 were telling employees to fill out the form Pillsbury
 9 sent them and send it back to them, and I don't remember
 10 why. I'm sorry.
 11 Q So Pillsbury was going to serve as a quasi
 12 administrator of the PUP?
 13 A Well, for that piece of it; the enrollment or
 14 election piece of it.
 15 Q Every election cycle or just the very first
 16 election cycle?
 17 A I don't know. That's a good question.
 18 Q Do you know what the billing arrangements for
 19 serving as the quasi administrator of the PUP for
 20 Pillsbury were?
 21 A I do not.
 22 Q Who would?
 23 A I don't know. Lynne was probably handling the
 24 bills, which were eventually sent to OGC. But to
 25 actually make the arrangements, I'm not sure.

1 Q Why would Pillsbury need the election
 2 information of the PUPs?
 3 A That's the question I don't remember, and I
 4 wish I could. There was a reason. It was going to be
 5 set up that way and they were going to send the material
 6 out and receive it back, and I just don't remember why.
 7 Q So there was a connection between the PUP and
 8 the ITN process?
 9 A No, no. I don't mean to imply that. The PUPs
 10 were going to be handled -- I know Pillsbury was working
 11 on the ITN process as well. But the attorney,
 12 Jessica --
 13 Q Lutrin?
 14 A -- Lutrin, thank you, was kind of the
 15 specialist on this and who I knew of that was dealing
 16 with this. So I don't think there was a tie between the
 17 two --
 18 Q They just happened to --
 19 A -- but I don't know. I don't know.
 20 Q They just happened to be handling both at the
 21 same time?
 22 A Yes. And as I understood it -- for instance,
 23 at the Club Continental meeting, they had attorneys
 24 there that were discussing the strategic options, and
 25 they also had employment law attorneys that were dealing

1 with us on pension and retention agreements, things like
 2 that. So I'm assuming different parts of the firm, but
 3 that's an assumption.
 4 Q Why would Pillsbury need the elections of the
 5 appointed employees? And then the next -- the next tab
 6 it says, "We handle CBUs."
 7 So why would there be a distinction between
 8 the collective bargaining units and the appointed
 9 employees?
 10 A Good question. I am speculating because I
 11 honestly don't remember, but I think there were so many
 12 bargaining unit employees -- the 1,500, 1,600 number --
 13 and they were all going to be at a base percentage --
 14 for instance, in Ryan's thing, it was 1 percent -- that
 15 it would be easier to process and fairly easy to push
 16 through the system, whereas appointed, it looked like,
 17 again, they would be a different level. So maybe that
 18 was why. I'm not sure, honestly.
 19 Q And then the last bullet it says, "Deferrals
 20 happen before 3/1."
 21 Is that what that says, first of all?
 22 A That is correct, March 1st.
 23 What I understood from Pillsbury was, people
 24 had to make the choice, make the election before
 25 December 31st of 2019, and then pay for them by

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1 March 1st of 2020.
2 Q Through a withholding from their --
3 A Correct.
4 Q -- paychecks?
5 A Correct.
6 And part of the -- so I'll go off on a little
7 tangent. Part of the pressure initially -- by pressure
8 I mean timeline -- was to get it done -- try to get this
9 done by November so that people would receive their pay
10 for performance bonus and could then purchase PUPs with
11 that so it wouldn't necessarily have to be money out of
12 their pocket. And that just didn't become possible,
13 so ...
14 Q Just because of the timing?
15 A The timing, yes, sir.
16 (Exhibit Number 15 was marked for
17 identification.)
18 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
19 Q I'm handing you Exhibit 15, which I'm going
20 to -- this is an attachment to the email. I'm just
21 going to go and include them both as 15. So this is --
22 it looks like it's an unsent email from you to
23 Melissa Dykes --
24 A Correct.
25 Q -- that attaches the business case for

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1 outsourcing payroll that we talked about earlier?
2 A That's correct.
3 Q Did you ever actually send this?
4 A I did not. Sometimes things would get lost in
5 Melissa's email. No fault of hers. But I actually
6 typed it as an email, printed it, put it on her desk,
7 and told her I put it on her desk.
8 Q Okay. So this ultimately was what was
9 delivered to Ms. Dykes, it just didn't go by email, it
10 went by hard copy?
11 A That's correct. And my intent was not to hide
12 it. My intent was simply to get it in front of her
13 where I thought she would see it.
14 Q Okay. So the business case, which was
15 attached, among other things, talks about the salary and
16 benefit savings that would result if we outsourced
17 payroll to ADP --
18 A There appears to be a missing page here.
19 Q Was it a three-page document?
20 A It was a three-page document.
21 Q Okay.
22 A And that's key, I remember that, because
23 Melissa just looked at the last page and made some
24 assumptions and missed what was on the second page about
25 the cost.

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1 Q Okay. So there's an important document or
2 page that's missing from this document?
3 A Yes.
4 Q Okay. And what -- do you remember what the
5 content of that page was?
6 A It was a -- most of it was similar to this
7 spreadsheet, but it was about the costs associated with
8 ADP, both the initial cost and the annual recurrent
9 cost. And, ultimately, there was not a savings when you
10 balance it against this 310,000 figure. I did not
11 summarize that, and that's what I kicked myself for
12 afterwards, when I found out she went to the last page.
13 I just thought if she read it and I could meet with her
14 about it, we would talk about it.
15 So there's no summary to say that; that the
16 costs associated with it were significantly more than
17 the benefits. We could save by reducing our headcount
18 in our payroll department.
19 Q So as I understood it, initially there were
20 two benefits proposed by Ms. Dykes as part of this
21 project; one, you realize the cost savings and, two, you
22 would create an extra level of protection from public
23 records issues?
24 A Correct.
25 Q The first wasn't true --

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1 A That did not appear to be true, right.
2 Q -- based on your business case?
3 A That's correct.
4 Q And the second may have been true, but,
5 really, ultimately, the information would have been
6 discoverable through a public records --
7 A That's correct.
8 Q -- request?
9 Was it true that, as part of the ADP project,
10 that you would actually have to hire an in-house person
11 to assist ADP?
12 A No.
13 Q Okay. So you would decrease head count?
14 A Ultimately. We wouldn't have done it
15 initially because we were talking about just outsourcing
16 appointed payroll to start to see how they did because
17 that's the simpler payroll. Once you get into the
18 bargaining unit payroll, it becomes very, very complex,
19 and that's when we -- once they picked that up, we would
20 have reduced head count. So it would have been some
21 time in the future before we actually saw any savings.
22 Q Did you recommend pursuing the project anyway?
23 A No.
24 Q Why not?
25 A Because, one, it didn't make sense

1 financially -- well, that was the primary reason. It
 2 just -- and given the -- it's kind of what Angie ran
 3 into as well -- given the complexity of our payroll,
 4 it's just a monster to try to turn over to anyone.
 5 Payroll outsourcing is one of the most common HR
 6 outsourcings you see, and for JEA it just didn't make
 7 sense.

8 Q So if it didn't make sense from a business
 9 perspective, why did JEA pursue it?

10 A Well, this was a result of pursuing that.
 11 This was after we'd gone through discovery, for lack of
 12 a better word, where ADP had various meetings with them,
 13 our IT team, our payroll team, our finance team, as we
 14 gathered all that information after going through that
 15 process with them.

16 And Shawn Eads and I, in discussing this with
 17 ADP, had always built in a go/no-go point, roughly
 18 mid-November, and we said, you know, do the work and
 19 then we'll decide. And this is basically the point we
 20 said it doesn't make sense.

21 (Exhibit Number 16 was marked for
 22 identification.)

23 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

24 Q To that point, Exhibit 16 is a Payroll Project
 25 Talking Points document.

1 A Uh-huh.

2 Q Did you draft this?

3 A I did.

4 Q Okay. It does mention the go/no-go point the
 5 week of Thanksgiving.

6 A Right.

7 Q Yeah. It looks like the decision was made --
 8 it was driven by tax considerations?

9 A That was a factor.

10 Q What does that mean?

11 A On Ryan's team, Ryan Wannemacher's team,
 12 there's a tax department and they felt they were up
 13 against a crunch if we were going to try to do this by
 14 January 1st with W-2s, because a glitch had come up
 15 where ADP said they have to issue everyone's W-2 even if
 16 they're not processing payroll for our collective
 17 bargaining unit people, which added another layer of
 18 difficulty to it, so ...

19 (Exhibit Number 17 was marked for
 20 identification.)

21 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

22 Q I guess this is going back in time a little
 23 bit, but I'll hand you Exhibit 17 which is a pre -- an
 24 ADP Pre-analysis Questionnaire that looks like it was
 25 partially filled out.

1 The first question is regarding the
 2 handwritten notes on the very first page. It says,
 3 "Stock Administration: No," and in handwriting next to
 4 it, it says "PUP"?

5 A Yeah. That was a reminder to me to discuss it
 6 with them, because it's not stock per se, but it would
 7 be similar to that.

8 Q Right. And so that was part of the
 9 conversation to see whether or not they could administer
 10 the PUP?

11 A Right.

12 Q Okay.

13 A But they would still have to -- you know, what
 14 I'm assuming here in this questionnaire, stock
 15 administration would be the deductions they would make
 16 from payroll for that. So they would make the
 17 deductions for PUP as well if this had gone forward.

18 Q If you go to the second page of this document,
 19 it says, "Processing Group: JEA; Number of Employees:
 20 419."

21 A That's the appointed payroll.

22 Q That's the appointed payroll?

23 A Right.

24 Q So was that the number of accounts that JEA
 25 was looking to acquire as part of this deal?

1 A No. That's -- we were talking about

2 outsourcing appointed payroll to ADP. So that's the
 3 number of employees they would deal with in processing
 4 payroll.

5 Q If it were -- if it turned out that there were
 6 only 413 employees as opposed to 419, then -- there's
 7 been some discussion that there were -- there was an
 8 over acquisition of ADP accounts in connection with this
 9 conversion.

10 A I don't understand that. I'm sorry.

11 Q So if you have 413 appointed employees --

12 A Right.

13 Q -- and JEA contracts for 419 or 420 ADP
 14 accounts, what would -- if there was a difference
 15 between those two numbers, why would there be a
 16 difference?

17 A Adding new employees. Hiring, I guess, yeah.
 18 I don't remember, specifically, there being any
 19 discussion of that. And I don't know that it was -- I
 20 mean, their cost to us or to JEA would have been almost
 21 like a benefits cost per employee, per month. So it
 22 really wouldn't matter, then, how many employees there
 23 were.

24 Q To them it would not?

25 A Yeah. They would just charge us.

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1 Q Right, because JEA was being charged by the
2 account?
3 A Right.
4 (Exhibit Number 18 was marked for
5 identification.)
6 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
7 Q Okay. Exhibit 18 is an email from you to
8 Brian Motsett. Who's Brian Motsett?
9 A He's a sales guy at ADP.
10 Q Is he the guy that you were primarily working
11 with?
12 A Yes.
13 Q Okay. And he's asking a question in September
14 about somebody reaching out to Protiviti. What's
15 Protiviti?
16 A Unfortunately, I have no idea. Someone there
17 is working with Protiviti ...
18 Q What I'm really interested in is your email to
19 him at the top.
20 A Yeah.
21 Q The second paragraph says, "I know our
22 procurement folks have not reached out to Protiviti re
23 payroll, so I'm guessing it might be someone interested
24 in 'recapitalizing'" --
25 A Okay.

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1 Q Does that refresh your recollection about
2 this?
3 A It does.
4 Q Okay. What --
5 A That was speculation because we were only
6 dealing with ADP. JEA has a -- in their procurement,
7 they can piggyback on other government contracts. So I
8 confirmed with ADP that they have such a contract. We
9 had a procurement review of it. They said, yes, we can
10 piggyback on this.
11 So no one would have reached out to anyone
12 else like Protiviti or another supplier from JEA. So I
13 was speculating, since the ITN had been issued, maybe
14 someone who was interested -- one of the respondents was
15 trying to price some services, and it was just pure
16 speculation.
17 Q Got it.
18 (Exhibit Number 19 was marked for
19 identification.)
20 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
21 Q Exhibit 19 is an email from Cecilia Prater to
22 you, dated September 12th, and this goes into the
23 piggybacking concept.
24 So why was piggybacking this contract with ADP
25 necessary or important?

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1 A The time crunch. I went to -- once Melissa
2 said, look into this, and we started pursuing it, I went
3 to John McCarthy, head of procurement, chief -- chief --
4 what's his title? I don't know -- head of procurement,
5 VP, and said, how can we do this?
6 We had someone in procurement who was
7 dedicated to HR and he talked to her and he talked to
8 Jenny McCollum who worked for him as director of
9 procurement. And they said the quickest way to do it is
10 to find an existing government contract and piggyback,
11 and apparently that was a regular practice.
12 We didn't put everything out for bid, I
13 understand, if there was an opportunity like that, and
14 it was really the time crunch.
15 Q And it was a way to avoid a bidding process to
16 go --
17 A Well, that wasn't the goal so much as trying
18 to get it more done quickly. I'm sorry I talked over
19 you.
20 The goal was to try to get it done quickly
21 because we knew the time crunch we were in.
22 (Exhibit Number 20 was marked for
23 identification.)
24 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
25 Q Exhibit 20 is an email from Gwen Tarpley to

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1 Robb Mack, dated September 13th. What I think I'm most
2 interested in is, on Page 2 of the document, it looks
3 like your team is trying to come up with answers to the
4 questionnaire that we just looked at from ADP.
5 A Right.
6 Q And Gwen's email to HRIS Employee Records is
7 seeking information. So under Number 1, it says, "413
8 appointed, 6 M&C."
9 A Right.
10 Q What does that mean?
11 A That's a classification under City of
12 Jacksonville that -- JEA still has a few. It's called
13 managerial and confidential. Most of them fall within
14 HR. They actually work in payroll. They are gradually
15 retiring, being phased out. I don't know if the City is
16 still employing it, but it's kind of between the
17 bargaining units and the appointed. They're almost
18 treated as appointed employees. So they would have been
19 included in this.
20 Q Okay. And that would be --
21 A That would give you the 419 number, I guess.
22 Q That would give you the 419. Got it. Okay.
23 (Exhibit Number 21 was marked for
24 identification.)
25

1 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

2 Q 21 is an email from Jenny McCollum to you, and
3 I understand that she was working on this project from a
4 procurement perspective?

5 A That's correct.

6 Q Okay. The date is October 7th.

7 And she says to you, "I'm going to have
8 Heather and Elaine review these if that is okay. I will
9 make sure they know this is confidential."

10 Why does she think that it's important to let
11 them know this is confidential?

12 A I think we didn't necessarily want word
13 getting out because it would raise -- not to hide
14 anything, but you immediately get all kinds of questions
15 from the bargaining units, from the union reps; what you
16 are doing with payroll, why are you messing with
17 payroll, why are you doing this.

18 I think it was really just to keep it as quiet
19 as possible in that sense; again, not to hide anything,
20 but just so we wouldn't have to deal with constant
21 questioning. That's my recollection.

22 (Exhibit Number 22 was marked for
23 identification.)

24 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

25 Q 22 is an email from you to Robb Mack, dated

1 doing, you know, he says -- let me see -- how the
2 hand-offs are going to occur, I know it was eye opening
3 for them, and we had to dig in a little harder to try to
4 figure out how to make it work. And a lot of that
5 simply has to do with the JEA payroll system in Oracle.
6 It's a bear, so ...

7 (Exhibit Number 23 was marked for
8 identification.)

9 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

10 Q All right. Exhibit 23 is an email from you to
11 Robb Mack, October 11th, in response to a specific
12 question that he asks.

13 He says, "Hi, Jon, one question I forgot to
14 ask; who internally can provide the business
15 requirements to ADP regarding the new LTI/PUPs?" And
16 you said, "That will probably be me."

17 A Correct.

18 Q So what he's asking -- what are the business
19 requirements regarding the PUPs?

20 A How the deductions would look, what they would
21 have to do in their system to make a deduction for the
22 PUP, what would they call it, I guess. And I would
23 probably be willing to answer it once I had the answers.
24 I didn't at that point. But it's really how they
25 structure it in their system; what they needed to do to

1 October 10. And it seems like, based on Mr. Mack's
2 email, that he's very concerned that JEA doesn't
3 understand the scope of the work that ADP is going to
4 perform.

5 If you look at the top of Page 2, it says, "I
6 believe we need additional scoping conversations with
7 ADP to establish clear visibility as to who is going to
8 be responsible for what and how the hand-offs will
9 occur."

10 A Right.

11 Q And then it says, "At this point as each area
12 is beginning to engage more resources, the questions are
13 coming faster than we have answers or information to
14 respond."

15 What is he saying there?

16 A As we dug in and ADP saw the monster that JEA
17 payroll was and we saw what their system -- and,
18 frankly, JEA has kind of an antiquated Oracle system
19 that is not -- certainly not up to date with the recent
20 HR Human Capital Management systems. There's a lot of
21 patches in there. There's a lot of information that --
22 and I'm sure ADP is used to plugging into the newer SAS
23 systems. And they had difficulty with our Oracle
24 system. They were used to more recent HRIS systems.

25 So as they began plugging into what we were

1 make it work, to make the deductions.

2 Q Did you ever get the answers to those
3 questions?

4 A No, because it would have -- the key part of
5 that was, what's the allocation, and I never got that
6 answer, so ...

7 (Exhibit Number 24 was marked for
8 identification.)

9 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

10 Q Exhibit 24 is an email from Katura Owens to
11 Shawn Eads. It doesn't look like you were copied on
12 this email.

13 A Okay.

14 Q But it's talking about this project. And it
15 says, "Met with Robb/Gwen and Cecilia this morning. It
16 was clear that there was not alignment down from your
17 and Jon's level on what ADP is providing."

18 She's talking to Shawn Eads.

19 A Shawn, right.

20 Q "We all agreed to leveraging this time for
21 that direction to be provided."

22 So this seems like there is more issues about
23 what kind of services they're actually going to be
24 providing to JEA?

25 A Again -- what this is, again, relates back to

1 Oracle. Shawn's team is the one that owns the Oracle
2 system, and Gwen is the payroll manager. It was just --
3 it sounded like they weren't lined up on what they had
4 to give to ADP, and we needed to clarify what was
5 expected from each member of the team.

6 Q Okay.

7 (Exhibit Number 25 was marked for
8 identification.)

9 (Discussion off the record.)

10 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

11 Q All right. Exhibit 25 is an email from Kiyomi
12 Damper to Gwen Tarpley and Robb Mack, dated
13 October 28th. And it looks like they're talking about
14 what I was asking you earlier. It looks like they're
15 looking for a new payroll administrator to work on this
16 particular project.

17 A Okay. Yeah, when you said payroll
18 administrator, it threw me. I guess that is what they
19 titled it.

20 We asked for additional help because it had
21 become so involved and was getting so involved. We
22 brought a contractor in to help provide information and
23 work through the system; someone who could be
24 experienced in system administration and understand it.
25 So we weren't hiring -- and I apologize. I missed that.

1 We weren't hiring someone new to the company
2 per se. It was a special need; a contractor to come in
3 and help us with this process.

4 Q This was like a temporary --

5 A Yes.

6 Q -- stop gap?

7 A That's correct.

8 (Exhibit Number 26 was marked for
9 identification.)

10 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

11 Q Exhibit 26 is an email from Ms. Owens to Robb
12 Mack, November 20th. Her email says, "I think maybe
13 another discussion with Russell might be warranted. I
14 can put us together with Laura if you'd like, but I
15 really think there needs to be some level setting.
16 Maybe she needs to hear from Ryan the message Jon and
17 Shawn gave to us."

18 So the first question is, what message did you
19 and Shawn give to them?

20 A That was the combination of written and typed
21 notes. Those are my talking points when we canceled the
22 PUP that I gave to a combined team of payroll, IT, and
23 finance. Shawn and I were in there presenting it.

24 Q So it looks like this is in response to an
25 email from Laura Gutteridge Años. And it says, "I would

1 like to understand why we are moving forward now that
2 the PUP is being terminated."

3 A Is there a date on this? There's probably
4 not. So maybe I misspoke.

5 We did make the decision right around this
6 time to not pursue ADP based on the cost benefit
7 analysis. Perhaps there was another meeting and I just
8 don't remember that Shawn and I shared with people,
9 maybe, as we tried to level set. But Laura's email
10 seems to tie ADP to the PUP directly. That wasn't the
11 only reason, so ...

12 Q So if you go back and you look at her prior
13 email in the chain on Page 2, to Gwen Tarpley and
14 others, in the middle it says, "It was my understanding
15 the move to ADP was happening due to the PUP
16 implementation, which was also the reason for the
17 accelerated deadline."

18 A Uh-huh.

19 Q Was that true?

20 A It helped push the deadline, but we still
21 had -- according to ADP, we should have it done by end
22 of year so it would be a clean break between
23 December 31st and January 1st so they could assume
24 payroll. They said it would be much more difficult to
25 assume it later in the year. So there was time

1 pressure, but not just because of PUP implementation.

2 Q What was the connection between the project to
3 convert to ADP and the PUP?

4 A The only connection is the one I mentioned
5 where Melissa said it might add a layer of privacy. I
6 don't know what Laura was thinking or assuming in this
7 email.

8 Q Was it part of the office dialogue that the
9 ADP conversion and the PUP were somehow connected?

10 A I discussed it with Robb Mack, I know. I
11 don't believe we ever discussed it in other meetings.
12 We could have.

13 I know payroll -- Gwen is an outstanding
14 payroll manager, and she had a lot of concerns about
15 this process, and she's worked with ADP before and
16 understood how the -- what kind of service they could
17 provide. So she just pushed back on, you know, why are
18 we doing this, why so fast. And it could have come up
19 in those discussions, I just don't remember.

20 Q What was the answer to those questions?

21 A What I just said to you, we have to accomplish
22 it by the end of the year. The PUPs are part of that.
23 If they're implemented, people have to make their
24 choices early in the next calendar year. So it did play
25 a role in it, in the timing of it.

1 (Exhibit Number 27 was marked for
2 identification.)
3 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
4 Q Exhibit 28 [sic] is an email from Carol Higley
5 to Ryan Wannemacher, dated December the 2nd. And it's
6 titled Meeting with Laura Gutteridge Años. It looks
7 like a fairly substantial one-and-a-half-page narrative
8 about the issues that Ms. Gutteridge Años was raising.
9 MR. MCLAUCHLIN: You called it Exhibit 28. I
10 believe you're on Exhibit 27.
11 MR. WEDEKIND: You're right. I'm sorry.
12 Thank you. Exhibit 27.
13 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
14 Q Do you see that?
15 A I do. I'm sorry. Yeah.
16 Q What was this all about, if you recall?
17 A As I recall, Ryan Wannemacher, who is -- was
18 ultimately Laura's boss, was upset with the way she
19 approached it by sending a blast email to everyone; why
20 not come to him, why not come to Russell with the
21 concern as opposed to sending an email to everyone.
22 And apparently, if it rose to this level, I'm
23 guessing it had been an issue before, perhaps. So they
24 wanted to have a coaching conversation with her.
25 Q Okay. So --

1 A I think it was more about her approach than it
2 was the issue itself, although it says "we're here to
3 discuss, you know, your issues and your concerns."
4 Q Right. So she raises a concern about ADP and
5 the PUP, and she gets called into a meeting and has to
6 explain herself to the CFO because he's disappointed in
7 how she raised her concerns?
8 A Well, as I said, I think it was an ongoing
9 concern with her. They had some other conversations. I
10 won't swear to that. Carol could probably -- Carol is
11 the HR business partner that supports finance, so she
12 would have been assisting Ryan with this.
13 If you're -- and I'm going to make an
14 assumption. If you're getting to some idea of
15 retaliation here, I don't think it was that. I think it
16 was purely a coaching conversation about how it was
17 handled.
18 Q Okay.
19 (Exhibit Number 28 was marked for
20 identification.)
21 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
22 Q Exhibit 28 is an email from you, announcing
23 the termination of the letter of engagement with ADP,
24 dated November 22nd, 2019?
25 A Yes.

1 Q So this was a few days after JEA decided to
2 postpone the PUP?
3 A Yes.
4 Q Were those two decisions connected in any way?
5 A Oh, I'm sorry. I was reading.
6 Q Go ahead.
7 A You asked if the decision to terminate the PUP
8 was related to the decision to terminate ADP?
9 Q Vice versa, but yes.
10 A Okay. No. I don't remember the date we met
11 with Melissa, and it was Shawn, Ryan Wannemacher, and I
12 that met with her with that three-page document.
13 She was willing to go ahead and look at ADP if
14 there was a cost savings, regardless of the PUP. And we
15 just determined it would not be cost effective. So
16 there was not a direct correlation between canceling one
17 and canceling the other, although they happened within
18 days of each other.
19 Q So the timing is a coincidence?
20 A Honestly, I think it is, because I had
21 actually given that to Melissa, that document, maybe a
22 week before; reminded her of it. She said, yeah, I'll
23 get to it.
24 So it was at least a week after that that we
25 finally sat down and talked. But Shawn and I basically

1 had it in our heads that we weren't going forward with
2 ADP at that point.
3 Q Before the decision regarding the PUP was
4 made?
5 A That's right.
6 Q Do you remember having a meeting with Robb
7 Mack and Gwen Tarpley in mid-October about the ADP
8 project --
9 A I'm sure I did.
10 Q -- in which Ms. Tarpley expressed some of her
11 concerns about the ADP project?
12 A Yeah. I think I referenced it earlier. I
13 wasn't sure when.
14 Q She says that she told you that outsourcing
15 payroll for the appointed employees to ADP didn't make
16 sense, and that you told her, I can't tell you all of
17 the details.
18 Do you remember saying that to her?
19 A I don't. If she said it, I believe her.
20 Q Do you know why you would say that to her?
21 A I didn't have anything to hide. We'd already
22 discussed the fact that they would be doing the PUP
23 deductions, so no. Honestly, I don't know why I would
24 have said that.
25 Q She also said that you told her during this

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1 meeting -- and I'm paraphrasing. These are not quotes.
2 But basically that there was a program coming out called
3 the PUP where the distribution of units would not be
4 equitable.
5 Do you remember having that conversation with
6 her?
7 A I don't remember, but that makes sense.
8 Q Why does that make sense?
9 A Well, because I knew there would be different
10 levels. I didn't know what those were, but I did know
11 there would be different levels of allocation, depending
12 on your role in the organization.
13 Q And the allocations that you looked at were
14 not equitable?
15 A I didn't look at any. I just knew the plan
16 was that they would be at various levels, yeah.
17 Q Ultimately, how much did ADP charge JEA for
18 the work in connection with this project?
19 A I honestly don't know that they did. I
20 remember it -- it may have been when we were doing some
21 discovery work, I'm not sure, but I asked accounts
22 payable how much -- I don't remember how it came up, but
23 I said, what did we pay ADP; I want to make sure they
24 got paid for -- because we had that go/no-go point.
25 And they said, we haven't paid them anything.

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1 So I asked Robb to follow up on it, and I don't know
2 that I ever got an answer. So I don't know if they
3 charged us. They may have, given the publicity, just
4 stepped away from it, I don't know. And it would have
5 come out of Shawn's budget, too, Shawn Eads' budget, the
6 IT budget.
7 (Exhibit Numbers 29 and 30 were marked for
8 identification.)
9 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
10 Q I am handing you Exhibits 29 and 30.
11 Exhibit 29, the first document, is a repeat of
12 a prior exhibit. It's an email from Pat Maillis to you,
13 attaching some Willis Towers Watson materials for the
14 comp committee meeting in April -- the email's in April,
15 the comp committee meeting is later.
16 A Right.
17 Q This is the email where she said Aaron doesn't
18 have a contract?
19 A Correct.
20 Q Okay. So these are draft PowerPoints that are
21 being prepared, it looks like, by Willis Towers Watson.
22 A Correct.
23 Q Okay. If you look at Page 13. It's dated
24 April 22nd, entitled, Discussion Draft. This is a
25 Willis Towers Watson work product. It talks about the

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1 Compensation Benchmarking Summary, and it shows the
2 Market 50th Percentile Variances by Job Level.
3 Where did this data come from?
4 A It was internal to Willis Towers Watson, based
5 on all the survey work they do and their market data.
6 And they would have had our base salaries to plug into
7 that.
8 Q I see. So when they talk about being market
9 50th percentile, what do they define as the market?
10 A Typically, it's kind of two markets. One is
11 the geographic market; Jacksonville, North Florida. The
12 other is the industry market. The utilities are the
13 industry -- in the energy industry, or even broader,
14 maybe with industry manufacturing, something like that.
15 So they look at the market from different
16 perspectives, geography and industry, and derive their
17 ranges based on that.
18 Q Do you know what specifically the market they
19 had defined for these figures is?
20 A No, no.
21 Q Do you know whether they were limited to a
22 public sector or a private sector?
23 A Oh, no. I think -- it may be also in here. I
24 think they shared -- in something they shared
25 investor-owned utilities as well. That may have been

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1 the CEO's compensation, because they did a presentation
2 on that, which is probably in here somewhere.
3 But I think they -- when you look at market,
4 you look at -- when you look at the industry market, you
5 have to look at the whole market which would include
6 investor-owned utilities --
7 Q Would --
8 A -- knowing they probably wouldn't pay as high.
9 I'm sorry.
10 Q Would it also include other private companies
11 outside of the utility industry?
12 A I doubt it, but I don't know. I think they
13 probably restricted it to the utility industry.
14 Q If they didn't restrict it to the utility
15 industry, would it result in higher figures?
16 A It depends on what industry they would
17 include. I think everything I saw was based on the
18 utility industry.
19 Q If you turn to Page 24, this is the Willis
20 Towers Watson Long-Term Incentive Plan Design, Market
21 Practices Summary. And it says, Design Aspect:
22 Prevalence, and it breaks down the prevalence of these
23 types of plans among different sectors. The first is
24 public power, the second is IOUs, or private companies,
25 and then the third is the broader utility industry,

1 generally speaking.

2 And if you look in Prevalence under Public
3 Power Utilities, it says, "LTI plans are uncommon, but
4 used selectively."

5 A Yes.

6 Q Whose words are those?

7 A Willis Towers Watson.

8 Q I think I remember you telling me before that
9 the word that they used was rare.

10 A It may have been uncommon. But it may have
11 been -- I know there's -- you know, maybe in this other
12 presentation, and I'm sure we'll get to it, but I
13 believe that word changed between two of the
14 presentations.

15 Q And how did that word change?

16 A I honestly don't remember, and I know that's
17 been a point of contention.

18 Aaron did ask for the PowerPoint and had some
19 suggested edits that were sent back to Willis Tower
20 Watson, and I believe they accepted most, if not all of
21 them. So I don't know if he changed it. I don't know
22 if they changed it.

23 Q Okay. So it's possible that Mr. Zahn received
24 a draft of this report and made his own edits to the
25 language of Willis Towers Watson's report?

1 A Correct, but it did go back to Willis Towers
2 Watson.

3 Q And they -- maybe they implemented the
4 changes --

5 A Right.

6 Q -- that were made by Mr. Zahn?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Okay. If you look at Pages 31 and 32, it lays
9 out the Proposed Compensation Adjustments by group.

10 Could you walk me through what these tables
11 are showing us?

12 A Well, the first table -- well, obviously, it
13 lists the employee classifications on the left, the
14 level. The first table of Target Bonus shows what JEA's
15 short-term incentive plan is. Then they say what the
16 market figure is and their proposal, their
17 recommendation for what it should be or what -- I'm
18 sorry, what they are recommending.

19 The second column -- or, actually, the third
20 is the Long-Term Incentive Opportunity, and they show
21 that typically it's only offered to executives and
22 directors, at those levels, and they proposed their own
23 levels down to the bargaining units.

24 And then the third -- or fourth column,
25 actually, has the Total At Risk Compensation which is

1 anything other than base salary, whether the short-term
2 and the long-term programs.

3 Q And so why did Willis Towers Watson recommend
4 providing managers, individual contributors, and
5 bargaining units with an LTI opportunity if none of
6 their other peer groups did it?

7 A I think that was given to them as a condition.
8 Again, this was before my time, but I think it was
9 always intended -- and I understood that was because of
10 the Florida statute, that everyone would be eligible for
11 the program.

12 Q And by the Florida statute, you mean 215. --

13 A 215 --

14 Q -- 425?

15 A Yes.

16 Q So that's what Willis Towers Watson was basing
17 all of their recommendations on?

18 A I don't know if they were basing it on that or
19 were just told, we want to -- JEA wants to include
20 everyone. I don't know what was told to them.

21 Q And then below that it says, "Estimated Cost
22 Impact: LTI cost, \$4,000,000 based off current
23 incumbent base salaries for performance unit award."

24 So that's what Willis Towers Watson believes
25 the total cost of these LTIs would be?

1 A Seems so, yes.

2 Q How would they calculate that figure?

3 A They have our salary information. We shared
4 that with them as part of the consulting agreement. And
5 based on their percentages, I imagine, they took those
6 percentages of salaries and number of employees in each
7 and came up with that number.

8 Q So what's the Target Bonus Cost?

9 A Where are you? I'm sorry.

10 Q Right above that.

11 A That's the short-term incentive -- oh, these
12 are the incremental costs if you read, "The estimated
13 incremental cost impact of the proposed target bonus and
14 LTI adjustments" -- well, for LTI. It wouldn't be
15 incremental because it hadn't existed before.

16 Q Right.

17 A So apparently the changes they're recommending
18 to what JEA calls pay for performance would be a \$4,000
19 incremental increase if we adopted the rest of their
20 recommendations.

21 Q But in order to calculate the LTI cost, you'd
22 have to know what the target was; correct?

23 A I think they were just -- based on their
24 knowledge, were just taking percentages of salary as a
25 target and not necessarily knowing what JEA would fold

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1 into the plan that the targets would have to reach.

2 Q But in order for it to be a cost, there would

3 have to be a payment made for the performance units?

4 A Well, that's -- I don't know if cost means the

5 payout or cost means the purchase here. I would think

6 it means the payout.

7 Q Right.

8 A Yeah.

9 Q And the only way for there to be a payout is

10 if there's a target goal and that target goal is either

11 met or exceeded?

12 A Right. But what I'm saying is, I think all

13 they did was take their recommendations as a percentage

14 of salary and say that's the target, without necessarily

15 knowing what finance would have made the targets.

16 Q Okay. And then underneath at the bottom

17 there, it says, "Market data provided by JEA."

18 Do you see that?

19 A I do.

20 Q Do you know whether or not Willis Towers

21 Watson did any of their own independent analysis or just

22 accepted JEA's numbers?

23 A I don't know.

24 Q Okay.

25 A I would have thought they would have done

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1 their own.

2 Q So this -- the data included in these charts

3 is JEA's data --

4 A Well, I don't know what they mean by market

5 data, either. Pat Maillis would be better able to

6 answer this than I. But we participate -- JEA

7 participates in surveys on an annual basis and makes

8 sure we are -- or at least try to define where we are in

9 terms of our pay ranges. And she does a very good job

10 of that.

11 So they might have looked at it and said, yes,

12 this is acceptable. It wasn't anything arbitrary we

13 were given. It would have been based on the surveys and

14 the agreements we had with the various other -- some of

15 their competitors, some industry organizations that

16 share information.

17 Q Going back above the chart, it says, "The

18 proposed incentive adjustments are intended to partially

19 close the gap to market with the intent of moving to

20 market within two to three years, depending on market

21 movement."

22 A Uh-huh, I see that.

23 Q So the concept is, your total -- your total

24 compensation would be closer to 50 percent if we --

25 A If we took these incremental steps to adjust

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1 the incentives.

2 Q Right. And by also including LTI to begin

3 with, whereas before there was not?

4 A Yes.

5 Q So, clearly, Willis Towers Watson is

6 considering the long-term incentive as a part of

7 compensation?

8 A It would seem so.

9 Q In fact, at the very top of this page it says

10 Proposed Compensation Adjustment?

11 A It does.

12 Q That would be a good indicator; right?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Okay. Okay. So then you've got the Total at

15 Risk Compensation. It says for the executive level,

16 currently at 10 percent, the market's 83, and then

17 Willis Towers Watson is proposing to move us to

18 50 percent?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay. So then if you go to the next page,

21 Page 32, it talks about market positioning weighted by

22 jobs. And, again, you see the note at the bottom,

23 "Market data provided by JEA"?

24 A Yes.

25 Q So what is this chart telling us that's

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1 different from the chart on the prior page?

2 A This, as I understand it, shows, based on

3 their proposed adjustments, their recommendations, where

4 JEA would be versus the competition versus the market if

5 JEA adopted what they recommended. So the average

6 target bonus, you see the proposal. The total, for

7 instance, 6 percent, whereas the market's at 12. So it

8 just shows you where JEA would be relative to the rest

9 of the industry.

10 Q Okay. And this is the incremental levels --

11 or the incremental approach that Mr. Zahn was extremely

12 frustrated by?

13 A Yes.

14 Q He wanted to get there much faster?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. So let's turn to Exhibit 30. And we

17 can keep 29 out because we're going to do a little bit

18 of comparing.

19 So Exhibit 30, it looks like it's the same

20 document. It's sent by -- well, excuse me. It's sent

21 from David Wathen, who's at Willis Towers Watson --

22 A Yes.

23 Q -- to Pat Maillis, you, and other folks.

24 This is now May 9th. So we're a bit further

25 along in the process; two weeks or so. Right?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And as you can see, you've got a discussion
3 draft. The date's changed on the front. But if we go
4 back to the charts that we were previously looking at
5 from the April --

6 A 31.

7 Q -- 22 version -- well, let's not go quite that
8 far yet --

9 A Okay.

10 Q -- because I think there's an important change
11 in the way that the long-term incentive plan is
12 described.

13 So if you go to Page 24, whereas on
14 April 22nd, Long-Term Incentive Plans for public power
15 utilities were described as uncommon but used
16 selectively, now it just says they're used selectively.

17 A Yes, I see that.

18 Q What accounts for the change in language
19 between the two reports?

20 A I am making an assumption that it is the
21 feedback Aaron gave us, but I don't know.

22 Q So Mr. Zahn apparently wants to de-emphasize
23 how uncommon these long-term incentive plans are within
24 the public power utility space?

25 A Apparently.

1 Q Why would he do that?

2 A I don't know.

3 Q Would you agree that the description appears
4 to have changed to make it seem more common in the later
5 version of these documents?

6 A Well, certainly removing the word "uncommon"
7 doesn't speak to how rare it is. It just says -- this
8 implies that some choose to use it and some don't,
9 so ...

10 Q All right. Okay. If we could go to Page 31
11 of both documents and we can compare these for a second.

12 It looks like there's some significant changes
13 that are made, not just to the chart but also to the
14 narrative. And it says, "Whereas the description of the
15 proposed incentive adjustments are intended to partially
16 close the gap," it is changed now and it says, "When
17 material gaps to market exist, typical market practice
18 is to make incremental adjustments -- to close the gap
19 to market. Company performance, cost considerations,
20 and stakeholder optics will influence the level of pay
21 adjustment and the timeframe over which pay is brought
22 to market."

23 Do you know who made those changes?

24 A I believe it was Towers Watson that did.

25 Q And then if you go and look at the numbers in

1 their chart, instead of talking about incremental
2 adjustments, we have huge changes. So if you look at --
3 just under the Target Bonus Percentage, on April 22nd,
4 for an executive, the current bonus percentage target
5 was 10 percent, the market was 43, and Willis Towers
6 Watson's proposal was 20 percent. That is then updated
7 to 45 percent.

8 A Yes.

9 Q That's a material change, don't you agree?

10 A I do.

11 Q Who made that change?

12 A Willis Towers, but, again, I believe it was
13 based on Aaron's input that he didn't want to move
14 incrementally.

15 Q So Mr. Zahn is telling Willis Towers Watson
16 what Willis Towers Watson needs to be recommending to
17 JEA?

18 A It would seem so. And I apologize. I was
19 still fairly new here and honestly hadn't come up to
20 speed on where we were and what was being proposed. So
21 I think a little further along in my tenure, I would
22 have had a better handle on this.

23 Q Mr. Zahn was not copying you on his
24 correspondence with Willis Towers Watson?

25 A I don't remember any that I was copied on, if

1 he had direct correspondence. I thought he generally
2 worked through Pat, but I don't know.

3 Q If you look over at the next table, it says
4 LTI Opportunity, and the proposal in April is to get the
5 executives to 30 percent. That's changed to 40 percent?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And then, strangely, the percentages of all of
8 the levels below that -- well, at least a couple seem to
9 change too. The director level originally was
10 15 percent. That is decreased to 5 percent.

11 A I see.

12 Q Why -- if Mr. Zahn is wanting to -- is wanting
13 to jump ahead and boost all of the employees' total
14 compensation, why is he taking a recommendation that the
15 director levels be given a 15 percent LTI opportunity
16 and decreasing it to 5 percent?

17 A I don't know.

18 Q That seems like that would be they're in a
19 worse position?

20 A It does.

21 Q Would the fact that the PUP numbers were
22 limited mean that, if the directors received a fewer
23 percentage of PUPs, that would free up the greater
24 number of PUPs for the executive level to acquire?

25 A It could mean that, yes, yes.

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1 Q So what could be happening here is, despite
2 Mr. Zahn's statement that he is working for the benefit
3 of all employees, it appears that he is attempting to
4 increase the amount of PUPs that would be available to
5 the executive level at the expense of the director
6 level?
7 A Speculation, but, yeah, I see the appearance.
8 Q If you look over to the next table under --
9 what's entitled Total at Risk Compensation, the proposed
10 percentage at the executive level changes from 50 to
11 85 percent. That actually puts it over the market which
12 is at 83 percent?
13 A Yes.
14 Q And then the director level is 25 percent,
15 which remains unchanged, and --
16 A And just as a point. It does -- even though
17 the director's number was decreased in the LTI and the
18 short-term incentive, the recommendation was to double
19 it which is more cash in your pocket more immediately,
20 just as a point.
21 Q Right. So what --
22 A So, overall, it comes to 25 percent.
23 Q Right. So what we're looking at here is
24 Mr. Zahn doing a tradeoff. He's wanting to increase
25 your -- well, the director level's opportunity to get a

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1 short-term bonus in exchange for a decreased opportunity
2 to participate in the PUP. That's the tradeoff; right?
3 A It looks like it.
4 Q And so Mr. Zahn, knowing what he knows about
5 recapitalization and the effect that that will have on
6 the PUPs, is throwing the bone to the directors so they
7 won't complain while he makes millions of dollars?
8 A And I want to say -- I know you're saying
9 Mr. Zahn. I'm not sure how these came about
10 definitively. I think he recommended changes, and they
11 made them, but --
12 Q If he had an email that has a PowerPoint
13 attached to it and the meta data indicates that it's
14 revised by Mr. Zahn, that would be a pretty
15 clear indication that --
16 A It would. I'm just saying I don't know that
17 definitively.
18 Q I understand.
19 A Yeah.
20 Q And then at the bottom, the LTI cost also
21 changes. It changes from 4 million to 3.4 million.
22 Why does the LTI cost actually decrease?
23 A I would guess it's attributed to that drop of
24 the director level from 15 percent to 5 percent. I'm
25 guessing that makes up that dollar difference there.

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1 Because even though the SLT went up to 10 percent, it's
2 a smaller population.
3 Q That makes sense.
4 (Sean Granat leaves the deposition.)
5 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
6 Q So then if you look on Page 32 of both
7 documents, again, you see the narrative has changed in
8 that, "All levels approximate or exceed the market
9 median for target TDC."
10 What's TDC?
11 A Total -- let's see. Total compensation.
12 What's the D stand for?
13 Q Direct?
14 A Maybe. I'm drawing a blank. I'm sorry.
15 Q Anyway, that figure means total compensation?
16 A Yeah, that's what I would say.
17 Q So the Willis Towers Watson report that is
18 being presented to the board is talking about
19 compensation because the philosophy is the total
20 compensation philosophy that this is attempting to
21 address?
22 A Correct.
23 Q And then the Average Target Bonus Percentages
24 are all changed as a result of the changes on the prior
25 page; right?

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1 A Yes.
2 Q And then you'll see how, with the new
3 proposals, it appears that -- if you go over to the very
4 far right-hand column, the Proposed Target TDC Variance,
5 Median, it indicates that at every level, there -- JEA's
6 either above or within 2 percentage points of the
7 median?
8 A Correct.
9 Q The biggest change is at the executive level
10 which went from minus 20 percent to minus 2 percent?
11 A Yes.
12 (Discussion off the record.)
13 (Recess taken from 1:46 p.m. to 2:01 p.m.)
14 (Exhibit Number 31 was marked for
15 identification.)
16 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
17 Q I want to go back to the ADP issue that we
18 were talking about earlier. I'm handing you -- okay.
19 I'm handing you Exhibit Number 31. The exhibit is a
20 little strange because it seems to have two first pages
21 that are identical. So I just point that out to you,
22 which is kind of what I was struggling with.
23 A Okay.
24 Q But this appears to be an email from Brian
25 Motsett, who is your contact at ADP, to you,

1 October 17th, and it's asking for a call to talk about
2 some things. But it's in response to an email that he
3 received from Shawn Eads --
4 A Shawn, uh-huh.
5 Q -- right?
6 And Shawn's email is talking about, you know,
7 what a busy time it is and, apparently, you know, both
8 of you are trying to figure out what to do with this
9 process. And Shawn is being very direct with ADP, as he
10 says that he is, because -- and this is the point.
11 "Jon and I" -- meaning you and he -- "are on
12 the hook with our president and CEO. They have asked us
13 daily about this and our confidence in success. I look
14 forward to discussion."
15 What do you mean by that?
16 A It's a little bit of hyperbole. We actually
17 discussed taking a good cop/bad cop approach because we
18 weren't getting what we wanted from ADP. So Shawn was
19 kind of the heavy -- Melissa was asking, hey, how's it
20 going? That's it about.
21 I don't recall Aaron ever asking about it, but
22 I think Shawn was being very direct and blunt because he
23 was used to negotiating these type of things in the IT
24 world. So he was sending a message that we need to get
25 moving, basically.

1 Q But you don't remember Mr. Zahn ever following
2 up with either you or Mr. Eads about this, or at least
3 not you?
4 A Not me. I don't remember, no.
5 Melissa did ask, how's it going, you know, and
6 I'd just say, we're having the discussions, we're
7 answering questions, we've hit some glitches, things
8 like that.
9 Q Did you know whether or not Mr. Zahn was ever
10 putting pressure on Mr. Eads outside of your sphere?
11 A I didn't gather that he was, but I don't know.
12 (Exhibit Number 32 was marked for
13 identification.)
14 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
15 Q All right. Exhibit 32 is, I think, some
16 handwritten notes from your hard copy file.
17 First of all, I just want to confirm whether
18 or not that's true.
19 A That's my writing.
20 Q Okay. At the very top, dated June 24th, what
21 is that mark next to 6/24?
22 A The word?
23 Q Yes.
24 A It might be "not". It might be an
25 abbreviation.

1 Q What about 3-4?
2 A I think we were going to talk from 3:00 to
3 4:00 maybe.
4 Q Who is that?
5 A Jim Linn.
6 Q And what is Jim Linn's role?
7 A I'll probably get them mixed up, but Jim is an
8 actuary, I believe, that worked on the St. Johns River
9 Power Park pension plan, although I could be confusing
10 him with another actuary who works with the City. And
11 it was to talk about the pension reform.
12 Q So nothing to do with the PUP?
13 A No. No.
14 Q Did Jim Linn ever have any involvement with
15 the PUP?
16 A No, not that I'm aware of.
17 Q If you go down -- is this just a running list
18 of your day-to-day notes?
19 A I think it -- yeah. It just came out of my --
20 a notebook I no longer have, but I pulled out things
21 where I felt I needed to save something to talk about --
22 Q Okay.
23 A -- or to refresh my memory.
24 Q If you go down to the 6/27 section, it says,
25 "Met with Kevin Hyde."

1 A Uh-huh.
2 Q "Call with Rizzo, how city will respond."
3 What does that mean?
4 A Rizzo is another actuary of one of the pension
5 funds. City of Jacksonville pension office, we wanted
6 to make sure they were good with everything we were
7 doing, talking about pension reform. We were working
8 hand to glove with them because it was such a big deal.
9 Q It says underneath that, "Concerned with OGC
10 and contract attorney."
11 Who is concerned with OGC and contract
12 attorney?
13 A I don't know. None of this references the
14 PUPs. It was all about pension adjustment. So I don't
15 remember why I wrote that.
16 Q Okay. So none of these notes --
17 A Exactly --
18 Q I'm sorry?
19 A I just said that was almost exactly a year
20 ago.
21 Q But none of these notes have to do with the
22 PUP?
23 A No. At this point, it's unfunded liability.
24 We're talking about the pension in all of this.
25 Oh, here we go. Jim Linn -- Jim Rizzo was

1 with GRS, so two different companies they worked for.

2 But, yeah, I'm sorry; all pension, which is
3 why I guess I kept these.

4 That is what consumed my attention in August
5 after the July board meeting, the last week of July and
6 August.

7 Q You moved on to pension reform?

8 A Yeah. It was huge, and it was all anyone was
9 talking about in a series of meetings with the pension
10 board, the pension advisory committee, city councilmen,
11 city council committees. And we were doing union
12 negotiations at the time, too.

13 (Exhibit Number 33 was marked for
14 identification.)

15 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

16 Q I'm handing you Exhibit 33. Are these also
17 your notes?

18 A These were typed up, based on conversations,
19 yes.

20 Q And these predated your employment at JEA?

21 A That's correct.

22 Q Okay. So they were typed up as part of your
23 interviewing and onboarding?

24 A You can see my writing leaves a lot to be
25 desired, so I -- while it's fresh, I type these up.

1 Q And it looks like -- if you go down to
2 Melissa, I'm assuming that's your conversation with
3 Ms. Dykes that you talked about earlier?

4 A Correct.

5 Q Her priorities are strategic planning,
6 collective bargaining, and compensation strategy?

7 A Yes.

8 Q So Melissa's priorities before you even began
9 were the strategic planning process and the long-term
10 incentive plan?

11 A No. I mean, she knew the compensation
12 strategy was being discussed. I guess it was one of her
13 priorities. I'm sorry, so the answer is yes, it was a
14 priority, but I wouldn't say the long-term incentive
15 plan per se. I think it was the total compensation plan
16 that we were looking at, including the base salaries and
17 the short term.

18 Q In fact, it says, "She's not optimistic on the
19 ability to offer long-term incentives."

20 A Right.

21 Q Do you remember what that conversation was
22 about?

23 A Not specifically, and I don't know that she
24 referred to anything specifically, so I can only assume
25 maybe state law before it had really been looked into

1 being a public utility, I don't know.

2 Q But at the very least, it seems like she told
3 you she's not optimistic on JEA's ability to even offer
4 this?

5 A Right.

6 Q Do you know when she changed her mind about
7 it?

8 A No.

9 Q Between then and the July 23rd board meeting?

10 A Well, I don't know if she became optimistic or
11 not, you know, but I ...

12 Q She was at the July 23rd board meeting?

13 A She was, yeah.

14 Q If you go up, you have -- under -- it looks
15 like there's a specific date you met with Ms. Dykes; on
16 April 18th, 2019?

17 A Uh-huh.

18 Q And you have a list of your questions; right?
19 And among them is a bullet point list: Restructuring,
20 compensation, sale or co-op, or question mark.

21 What are those from?

22 A I had already talked to Angie prior to this,
23 so she just listed some of the things, either concerns
24 or things that were ongoing or could be coming up. So I
25 wanted to ask about them.

1 Q Under Climate/Culture, you say, "I can do the
2 job but..."

3 What do you mean by that?

4 A I don't know now. I know they had done a
5 climate survey through a third party -- through McKinsey
6 and it had come back with horrific results. So I think
7 I was probably referencing the fact that I've been in
8 places where we've helped turn the culture around, but
9 this looks pretty bad.

10 Q Under Sub 3, it says, "Aaron Zahn - report to
11 you."

12 What does that mean?

13 A I probably asked, do I report to Aaron or do I
14 report to you. I understood I reported to her, but I
15 wanted to clarify.

16 Q Okay. What were you told about the sale or
17 co-op of JEA?

18 A Nothing definite at the time. I mean, I
19 honestly don't remember that piece of the conversation
20 or much of it, but she told me that they were looking at
21 this -- what I came to know as the status quo, and
22 anything they could do to make changes, charter changes,
23 perhaps a different structure. So just a general
24 discussion that there might be changes in the future.

25 Q It said that -- on Number 6 on Page 2, it

1 says, "AH" -- which I assume is Angie Hiers --
2 "recommends that CHRO reports to CAO."

3 What was that conversation?

4 A Just Angie felt too -- as I recall, it was --
5 Melissa had a lot of direct reports, and in a lot of
6 organizations, the head of HR reported -- if there is a
7 CEO -- CAO, HR reports to that. So Angie had said
8 that's a possibility, but it didn't happen.

9 Q And that was Mr. Vinyard?

10 A Yes, who had just started, I believe, maybe a
11 month before I did.

12 Q April 2nd, I think, was his first day.

13 A Okay.

14 Q If you look under Sub 8, it says, "Long-term
15 incentive plan. Towers Watson tried to discourage them
16 as most public utilities don't have them. Florida
17 statutes" -- which I assume means statutes --

18 A Statutes, yeah.

19 Q -- "require everyone to be included. Herschel
20 says JEA really shouldn't offer a short-term incentive.
21 Ryan Wannemacher has numbers."

22 So where did all this information come from?

23 A This was my conversation with Melissa, some of
24 which we covered. Towers Watson said -- I didn't
25 remember the discourage comment, but obviously they're

1 rare, they're uncommon, those words. And she mentioned
2 that the statute, obviously, included everyone. It
3 wouldn't be just executives.

4 I don't know why Herschel felt we shouldn't be
5 offering a short-term incentive. I know she just
6 mentioned that. And Ryan was looking at the potential
7 numbers, which I think is where that spreadsheet came
8 from.

9 Q And that's the PUP allocations and values?

10 A Yes. I'm assuming that's what that meant.

11 Q Okay. It would be -- "it will be rough
12 sledding-it's 24/7."

13 A Expect a lot of work. You know, you'll get
14 calls at all hours, and that's true. I had safety under
15 me, and if there was an injury, a burn, anything like
16 that, I would get calls. Melissa was famous for
17 ignoring the clock and calling and asking questions,
18 so ...

19 Q Was that true because of the job and what JEA
20 is, or was it true because of all of the different
21 things that were going on at this time?

22 A I think it's JEA and Melissa's personality.

23 (Exhibit Number 34 was marked for
24 identification.)
25

1 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

2 Q Exhibit 34 is "Discussion Plan - Julio," which
3 I presume relates to Julio Romero?

4 A Correct.

5 Q What can you tell me about Mr. Romero's time
6 at JEA?

7 A He had probably been there six months when
8 this happened.

9 Q What happened?

10 A He was let go. He was terminated. Aaron
11 called me in and said -- and someone else was in the
12 office. It might have been Ryan, which seemed odd at
13 the time, but -- because I think I even said, you want
14 to talk about this now? And he said, sure.

15 So he said, Julio is not doing his job. He's
16 failed to meet what I've laid out for him.

17 And I, being the HR guy, said, what have you
18 laid out for him?

19 And he showed me, and he had five or six
20 things he said he expected him to do and he had given
21 that to Julio early on. And Julio had not been doing
22 them. And Aaron had kind of documented that he hadn't,
23 but some of it I knew to be true, too.

24 He was in charge of the whole relationship
25 with McKinsey, which was SQ and SQ2, and apparently had

1 pushed a lot of that work off on other people or didn't
2 do what he was expected to do.

3 And Aaron felt, I just want to cut my losses,
4 let's -- he's not performing. Shawn was there to do
5 technology. We don't really need an innovation officer
6 at this point. So I want to let him go.

7 Q That was a job that was created just for him;
8 right?

9 A I know it was created by Aaron. I don't know
10 if it was created with Julio in mind, but yes.

11 Q My understanding is that Caren Anders and
12 Julio Romero both applied for Caren's position as the VP
13 of energy. They selected Caren, but they liked Julio so
14 much they created a new position for him.

15 A I learned something.

16 Q That's what I understood.

17 A Yes.

18 Q What did Julio tell you as part of the
19 termination process?

20 A He said he was ready to quit.

21 Q Why?

22 A I think he was -- a lot was more personal. He
23 was separated from his family. They were still back in
24 Houston. Didn't look like the prospects for moving were
25 going to come through any time soon.

1 (Discussion off the record.)
 2 THE WITNESS: I'm losing my voice. Excuse me.
 3 And I don't think he was happy in the work.
 4 He didn't necessarily admit to not doing it, but I
 5 think he realized this was coming as well. His
 6 attitude seemed to indicate that.
 7 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
 8 Q What did he say to you about Aaron Zahn?
 9 A Nothing that I recall.
 10 Q No complaints about the way that he was
 11 managed by Mr. Zahn?
 12 A No.
 13 (Exhibit Number 35 was marked for
 14 identification.)
 15 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
 16 Q I'm handing you Exhibit 35 which I think are
 17 handwritten notes from your file. First of all, is that
 18 correct?
 19 A Yes.
 20 Q Okay. What are these notes in relation to?
 21 A It looks like the SLT employment agreements.
 22 Q At the top it says "cause, good reason." And
 23 it looks like it's kind of outlining what the issues
 24 are with --
 25 A Right.

1 Q And then if you go to Page 2, it says, Remove
 2 footnotes?"
 3 What does that mean?
 4 A These were written when Aaron was terminated
 5 because it refers to 12 months not likely. I don't know
 6 if these were discussions with OGC that I had. And Sean
 7 might be able to -- Sean Granat might be able to answer
 8 that. But I was taking notes on what was in his
 9 contract.
 10 "Remove footnotes," I don't know what that
 11 means.
 12 Q What about "all items TCS?"
 13 A Total compensation statement. The rider --
 14 not the rider. The addendum that specified the
 15 consulting agreement to each contract was based on total
 16 compensation. So you took the employees' most recent
 17 total compensation statement and added three months
 18 based on that. So it wasn't base salary. So you had to
 19 do an all in on that.
 20 Q And this figure was what, do you remember, the
 21 5 --
 22 A I think that was his salary. He was making
 23 over 500,000, his base, so --
 24 Q Do you know -- sorry.
 25 A No, I'm sorry.

1 Q Do you know whether or not public employees
 2 are permitted to receive retroactive salary increases?
 3 A I have heard since that happened they are not.
 4 Q Do you have any independent opinions on
 5 whether that's true or not?
 6 A No. I can't remember who I heard it from,
 7 but -- I don't. I mean, if it's the law, it's the law,
 8 so ...
 9 Q Do you remember there being any discussion
 10 about the retroactive salary increase in connection with
 11 Mr. Zahn's July 23rd employment agreement?
 12 A I remember the discussion and that it was
 13 approved.
 14 Q Was there any discussion about the retroactive
 15 application of his salary outside the presence of that
 16 board meeting, that you know of?
 17 A Not that I was a party to, no.
 18 Q All right.
 19 (Discussion off the record.)
 20 (Recess from 2:22 p.m. to 2:44 p.m.)
 21 (Exhibit Number 36 was marked for
 22 identification.)
 23 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
 24 Q Handing you Exhibit 36 which is an
 25 inter-office memo or correspondence dated October 3rd,

1 2019, signed by Jenny McCollum. It identifies you and
 2 Shawn Eads, Joe Orfano, Juli Crawford, and Jordan Pope
 3 as designees for the ITN.
 4 What exactly was this?
 5 A This -- as I understand the procurement
 6 process, and I am by no means an expert on it, for one
 7 of this scope, typically an evaluation committee is
 8 appointed, and we were appointed to that. And what it
 9 meant was, we looked at the respondents' information.
 10 They were given the ITN, invitation to negotiate. A lot
 11 of minimum requirements and whatnot in there.
 12 We graded them based on how they met those
 13 minimum requirements. We did it independently. We
 14 didn't talk to one another. In fact, I worked from home
 15 a day or two just to kind of go through them without
 16 distractions. They -- I think 17 or so responded. 13
 17 made the cut based on procurement, and then we took
 18 those with us in a lock box, and actually opened it and
 19 went through them and evaluated it.
 20 Q So was this evaluation a subjective one or
 21 objective?
 22 A I would call it more objective because we had
 23 the minimum requirements, and we graded them -- we --
 24 actually, I ended up having a conversation with John
 25 McCarthy and a procurement attorney from

1 Foley & Lardner, I believe, who is based in Tallahassee,
2 an expert, to talk about my methodology. And he said,
3 as long as you're consistent, your scores -- he didn't
4 say don't really matter, but if you're consistent in how
5 you evaluate.

6 So it was based on the minimum requirements of
7 the ITN, but then if they seemed to exceed those, you
8 could give a higher score. If they didn't meet them at
9 all, you could give them a lower score, so ...

10 Q When you were grading these various bids, was
11 it a blind? Did you know whose bid you were grading?

12 A Oh, no, you knew who the respondents were.

13 Q And then why do you think that this group of
14 people were selected to handle that process?

15 A It would be speculation, but I think they
16 wanted, one, people outside of the procurement process.
17 They didn't want the senior-most people in the
18 organization doing it. They wanted to bring perhaps
19 some fresh faces to it.

20 Shawn and I, neither one had been there very
21 long. The other three had been there. But, again, I'm
22 speculating. I'm not sure why they chose us.

23 Q Did anybody ever tell you why you were
24 selected for this?

25 A No.

1 Q So you spent a few days evaluating all of the
2 13 bids?

3 A I think it was 13, but whatever it was.

4 Q Give or take?

5 A Yeah, yeah.

6 Q And then did you meet with the other members
7 and --

8 A No. I'm sorry. No conversation between us
9 until after it was over. Shawn and I chatted a little
10 bit about it. I was probably closer to Shawn than
11 anyone on the SLT, so he and I talked a lot, but nothing
12 before our scores were revealed publicly. Just the
13 meeting that we shared the scores and who made the cut,
14 so to speak, I guess.

15 Q Okay. So each of you independently evaluated
16 all of the bids and then somebody combined all of their
17 different data into a scoring matrix --

18 A Yes.

19 Q -- and then ranked the bidders according to
20 that?

21 A Yes. And I think that was Jenny. I don't
22 know.

23 Q That was Jenny's job?

24 A Jenny McCollum, yeah.

25 Q She reports to?

1 A John McCarthy.

2 Q What is his title?

3 A Chief supply chain officer. I saw it there.
4 I couldn't remember it earlier.

5 Q So other than that, did you have any other
6 role as part of the ITN process?

7 A Yes. Every member of the SLT did. As those
8 respondents were qualified to pursue the bid, they had a
9 lot of questions. We established data rooms. We
10 answered questions. We put a lot of data out there. I
11 actually tasked Carol Higley on my team with kind of
12 coordinating that, but there was a lot of just grunt
13 work, gathering information, answering questions,
14 getting it in the data room. And then we prepared
15 presentations for the infamous Atlanta trip where we met
16 with the respondents and --

17 Q Did you attend the Atlanta trip?

18 A I did.

19 Q And what did you present on?

20 A HR and safety.

21 Q Anything about the PUP?

22 A No. I don't think it was part of the
23 presentation.

24 Q Did anybody present anything about the PUP?

25 A Not that I remember, no.

1 To expand a little bit, I mean, my part of the
2 presentation was probably eight minutes long. I had to
3 cover everything we had to do in HR and safety. So it
4 was very high level.

5 (Exhibit Number 37 was marked for
6 identification.)

7 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

8 Q I am handing you Exhibit 37. These were --
9 these are handwritten notes that were taken from your
10 hard copy files.

11 Do you recognize your handwriting?

12 A I do.

13 Q Okay. Do you recognize these notes?

14 A These were personal notes I took in my
15 conversations about coming back to work with JEA with
16 Angie Hiers and Melissa.

17 And just to go on the record, had I known they
18 were in the files, I would have removed them because I
19 consider them to be personal notes, but I understand
20 they were in my file.

21 Q All right. So on the first page is a list of
22 the HR team?

23 A Correct.

24 Q Okay. And these are all of the people that
25 ultimately became your direct reports?

1 A Most of them. I was listing the direct
2 reports and just some folks I had worked with before.
3 Q Okay. Page 2, what is this on Page 2?
4 A This is a conversation I had with Angie on the
5 phone when she first called and talked about Melissa
6 being interested in talking to me.
7 Q Okay. And so this -- these are your notes of
8 a conversation that you had with Angie Hiers?
9 A Correct.
10 Q About information that Angie Hiers was
11 relating to you that you'd -- she thought you might need
12 to know in connection with your employment decision as
13 to whether or not to come to JEA?
14 A That's correct.
15 Q Okay. The second dashed point under "Timing"
16 is, "Aaron" -- something -- "not okay."
17 A I'm sorry. I don't know what I wrote.
18 Aaron -- I don't know. I'm sorry.
19 Q Aaron a dunce, not --
20 A No, it's not dunce. It could be a C-H. It
21 could be a D. My writing is atrocious. I'm sorry.
22 Q Okay. Under that it says "caution."
23 A Yes.
24 Q "Don't expect to work a number of years."
25 What does that mean?

1 A Angie said, you'll burn out, don't expect to
2 be here forever.
3 Q And then the next bullet point under "Caution"
4 is "toxic environment."
5 What does that mean?
6 A She said it was getting to be an ugly place to
7 work because of the other bullet points. It's a very
8 political environment. As she said here, as you can
9 read, Aaron not necessarily a nice person. She said the
10 papers are true, and what she was referring to was just
11 some of the stories about the hiring process for the
12 CEO; that it just wasn't a good process.
13 Q What does that mean, it wasn't a good process?
14 A There's probably more here about it, but she
15 felt it was -- the gist of the conversation was that it
16 was going to be Aaron's job, regardless, so the process
17 didn't really matter I guess.
18 Q So it was, in her words, a predetermined
19 outcome that Mr. Zahn would become the CEO of JEA?
20 A Yeah. I don't know if those were the exact
21 words, but that was the thought.
22 Q What do you think she meant when she said that
23 the environment was political?
24 A Oh, just you deal with City Council and their
25 calls about various things. And I think she also was

1 referring to the fact that the board had basically been
2 replaced by the Mayor. Just the politics that are at
3 play in an organization like JEA.
4 Q Ms. Hiers had strong words about Mr. Zahn?
5 A Yes.
6 Q She said, "Aaron not a nice person,
7 psychopath, liar"?
8 A Those are my notes.
9 Q Do you remember what Ms. Hiers told you about
10 Mr. Zahn?
11 A No, just that, that -- I just remember her
12 saying he could be difficult to work with. I don't
13 remember specifics other than what I jotted down here.
14 Q But presumably you wouldn't have made those
15 notes if she hadn't told you that?
16 A Correct. Correct.
17 Q So at least in Ms. Hiers' opinion, Mr. Zahn
18 was a psychopath and a liar?
19 A Apparently so, yes.
20 Q And she served him in the same role that you
21 did?
22 A That's right.
23 Q During your time at JEA, did you find Mr. Zahn
24 to be not a nice person?
25 A I did not. He could be abrupt, but he treated

1 me courteously. I know there was talk -- and I can't
2 refer to a specific conversation -- that he had mellowed
3 somewhat. So I may have seen a different Aaron Zahn
4 than Angie did.
5 Q Did you ever hear of or know of any times
6 where Mr. Zahn was abusive to a female employee at JEA?
7 A No.
8 Q Any times where you noticed or that you heard
9 of his treating women differently than he treated men?
10 A No.
11 I will mention one incident. I don't know
12 that it would fall under harassment, but Angie mentioned
13 that, in a meeting somewhere along the line, Jody Brooks
14 was reminding him of -- it's when she was at JEA
15 before -- of the -- that everything is open to public
16 records.
17 And he kind of responded, F public records, we
18 need to talk about that, or something like that.
19 So I never saw that side of him, but -- and,
20 again, I don't know that's harassment. It's certainly
21 impolite. But that's the only thing I've heard of.
22 Q You did hear the story about Mr. Zahn dressing
23 down Ms. Brooks, though --
24 A Yes.
25 Q -- about her desire to maintain public records

1 at JEA?

2 A As I understood it, it was a reminder that,

3 Aaron, everything we discuss here is open to public

4 records. It wasn't to avoid public records. Just to

5 remind you that, hey, whatever you're talking about is

6 open to public records.

7 Q Did you ever find -- were there ever any

8 instances in which Mr. Zahn was untruthful?

9 A Not that I know of.

10 Q The next bullet point under "Caution" is,

11 "16th floor is miserable."

12 What does that mean?

13 A She just said that they were kind of unhappy

14 on the floor because I guess it was a different style.

15 Didn't always know -- and I'm going to paraphrase here.

16 I don't remember the exact conversation -- what to

17 expect. What was required of them, I guess.

18 It was -- and I didn't see that as much. I do

19 think it probably had gotten better from the time Angie

20 was there and when I was there. But she just said there

21 was a lot of unhappiness on the floor because of the

22 change in leadership, change in style.

23 Q What's the difference in style between

24 Mr. Zahn and Mr. McElroy?

25 A I don't know enough of Mr. McElroy's style,

1 although he was the CEO when I was there before. I did

2 not work directly with him.

3 He seems to be open -- you know, open to

4 listening. Angie enjoyed working with him. She had

5 known him a very long time. My take on him recently is

6 a little different. Because it's such an odd

7 circumstance with COVID and remote work. I felt I was

8 being bypassed or not consulted. And I think a factor

9 of it was him drinking from a firehose -- I know I used

10 that phrase before -- in coming in, trying to come up to

11 speed pretty quickly.

12 So it's hard to say, not having worked under

13 Paul. I think he was probably a more -- I was going to

14 say maybe more courteous, more gentlemanly, and Aaron

15 perhaps more brash, if you want to put adjectives around

16 it.

17 Q Are you aware of any issues that Mr. Zahn ever

18 had with any African-American employees at JEA?

19 A I am not.

20 Q The next bullet point says, "McElroy, not his

21 idea."

22 What does that mean, if you recall?

23 A I don't. Paul left kind of abruptly. I know

24 that upset Angie in a sense. She felt abandoned. So I

25 don't know if she's referring to some of the strategic

1 initiatives. I don't know. I'm sorry, I don't remember

2 why I jotted that down.

3 Q The next bullet point says, "Aaron with Mayor,

4 plot."

5 A Yes.

6 Q What does that mean?

7 A She felt that Aaron and the Mayor -- that

8 Aaron had come in at the Mayor's request or insistence;

9 that he had kind of manufactured the opportunity to get

10 Aaron into that role. I believe that's what that means.

11 Q The next bullet point says, I think, "W/" --

12 A "Weekend, contacted board members."

13 (Brief interruption.)

14 THE WITNESS: What Angie was talking to me

15 about at this point was the process bringing Aaron

16 onboard, the interview process. I think there were

17 three candidates. So these next few phrases -- I

18 don't know who contacted board members, but

19 somebody over the weekend did. Then you see --

20 might as well go to the next statement.

21 "April Green lied about an interview with

22 Melissa." I don't recall what that meant exactly,

23 if Melissa was or wasn't interviewed. She was

24 certainly a candidate for the interim role. I know

25 she didn't apply for the permanent role.

1 "AH" -- Angie Hiers -- "working with a search

2 firm." I guess the charge -- the fee there was

3 \$80,000.

4 I'm not sure I remember what the next part

5 means. "Aaron, why looking for a search firm."

6 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

7 Q Could it be that Mr. Zahn challenged Ms. Hiers

8 about why she would use a search firm?

9 A I'd be surprised if he did because that was

10 common practice, but that's the implication. I'm not

11 sure exactly what I meant there.

12 "Asked for an addendum to service regarding

13 interim transition, not from board. New search." Well,

14 maybe he was recommending another search firm. I'm not

15 sure.

16 And I'm not sure what it means -- and it's

17 just the time that's passed -- "asked for an addendum to

18 service regarding interim transition."

19 Q Would it be unusual for a candidate for a

20 position to recommend a specific search firm to the

21 respective employer?

22 A Yes. Again, I'm not sure if that's what I

23 mean there, but that would be unusual.

24 Q The notes go on to the next page. It says

25 something "including" ...

1 A Transition services I'm assuming.
2 Q "Transition services. John McCarthy thought
3 it was odd."

4 What does that mean?

5 A Well, it seemed to reference something about
6 transition before.

7 This would be Angie talking to me.

8 The only transition was him serving as interim
9 and transitioning -- transitioning to a new CEO. I
10 honestly don't remember the reference.

11 Q Could it have anything to do with the
12 transition services agreement as part of a severance
13 agreement like is attached to the SLT employment
14 agreement?

15 A I don't -- well, I don't know. I wasn't
16 present at this time. I don't think so because I think
17 that's the first time agreements like that were ever
18 used in JEA's history, so ...

19 Q Going down, it says, "Howard, he accused her
20 of going to" -- something.

21 A I think the "Howard" is independent. She
22 probably made a reference to Alan Howard, and I don't
23 know why I jotted that down. I'm thinking that "he
24 accused her" is Aaron, but I honestly can't read --
25 "accused her of" and I crossed out "going to." I'm

1 sorry. I don't know.

2 And then "relationship got better." Her
3 relationship with Aaron got better.

4 Q "But tried to keep search" --

5 A "Search out of press." Just try to -- tried
6 to -- and I think that was Angie doing that, too. Just
7 trying to not have it hashed out in public until it
8 was -- I don't know. I don't know who was trying to
9 keep it out of the press.

10 Q "Board was interested in candidates but were
11 told to drop out."

12 A As I recall, there were some candidates that
13 were told by someone, you're not going to continue in
14 the process.

15 Q Who was that someone?

16 A I don't know.

17 Q Did Angie know?

18 A I don't --

19 Q She didn't tell you?

20 A She didn't tell me, no.

21 This -- the context of this was just Angie
22 venting. I don't know that she had an opportunity to --
23 Angie and I have known each other 25 years and maybe she
24 was just taking the opportunity to express some
25 frustration, I don't know.

1 Then she described the interviews. There were
2 three people in the room; an observer, a board member.
3 She may have been the third person. I guess she was --
4 Angie or Jody. I guess Jody Brooks and someone from
5 Heidrick who was a search firm.

6 And she had, based on, I guess, her input, had
7 in her mind who her top candidate was. And some board
8 member apparently said, "not comfortable with that." I
9 don't know if that's the process or the candidate, and
10 went to the chair of the search committee. And then she
11 says, "Aaron was not asked anything." I think he was
12 interviewed, but she felt it wasn't a meaningful
13 interview.

14 Q Then it says, "turned into a co-op."

15 A That was the end of the interview discussion,
16 and she just said -- I think she started talking about
17 some of the strategic -- the status quo. We're looking
18 at things like a co-op. We're looking at things like a
19 RIF. You know, there could be some possibilities that I
20 would face in that role.

21 Then La'Trece Bartley, who's an executive
22 assistant and administer, I wrote "evil". I think
23 La'Trece's impression was, spiritually, there was evil
24 on the floor. Angie shared that with me. I don't
25 remember who the "don't pray for me" was.

1 Q So La'Trece herself is not evil. She's
2 sensing --

3 A She's sensing evil.

4 Q -- evil on the floor?

5 A Yes.

6 (Brief interruption.)

7 THE WITNESS: And I confirmed that, yes.

8 And then we shifted to a discussion of the HR
9 staff and she said some of them did volunteer for
10 the interim. And we talked about that because I
11 wanted to know how comfortable or uncomfortable
12 they would be if they got turned down for it.

13 And I think this next page probably was in
14 front of these others, but I don't know. Just
15 questions I had for Angie. You know, why now, why
16 are you leaving now, what have you told Melissa
17 maybe about me. I don't know. Is the interim a
18 done deal if I want it. How is Melissa to work
19 for.

20 And then that listed some of the challenges
21 that you saw on the other thing that I typed up
22 that I would ask Melissa about.

23 BY MR. WEDEKIND:

24 Q So moving on to the next page. It says -- it
25 looks like a standalone page. It says, "bad press,

1 ugly, unions are ready, 4:00 a.m. and weekends" --

2 A "Retirement statement."

3 Q What does that mean?

4 A I have no idea.

5 Q That's where I saw the --

6 A "Teach Humanities at Trinity." I think that's

7 what Angie told me.

8 Q That's what she wanted to do?

9 A Yeah. She said, I'd like to retire and teach

10 Humanities at Trinity.

11 Q There you go.

12 A That was it.

13 Q All right. And so on 4/18, this memo, it

14 looks like these notes were written on a different pad.

15 And if I had to guess -- I want you to confirm this --

16 these were your handwritten version of notes that

17 ultimately you typed up that we've already gone through?

18 A That's correct.

19 Q Okay. It looks like they're all the same

20 notes?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Okay. Did you ever sense any evil on the 16th

23 floor at JEA?

24 A I did not, but I don't know that I'm

25 perceptive that way, so ...

1 Q Do you know whether or not Willis Towers

2 Watson ever included any co-ops in its definition of the

3 peer group of JEA that they were evaluating?

4 A I don't know. They obviously broke out

5 investor owned and public in that broader utilities

6 group that could have included co-ops.

7 Q Did you ever attempt to independently verify

8 any of Willis Towers Watson's work product?

9 A No.

10 Q Did you know that Mr. Zahn was actively

11 revising Willis Towers's work product as it was being

12 developed?

13 A At the time, no.

14 Q Why did you present Willis Towers Watson's

15 report instead of having Willis Towers Watson present

16 their report?

17 A I think it was an Aaron decision. I don't

18 remember. I know Pat -- I believe she also felt it

19 probably wasn't necessary because we would pay for them

20 to fly down and present it. But I think Aaron just

21 said, no, you go ahead and present it.

22 Not knowing the history, I didn't necessarily

23 see that as an issue, but I guess, traditionally, they

24 have always been present to present reports to the comp

25 committee or the board, or at least on the phone, maybe,

1 I don't know.

2 Q Do you know whether or not Willis Towers

3 Watson refused to present to the board because of the

4 revisions that Mr. Zahn made to their work product?

5 A I don't believe that's the case. I think they

6 were prepared to come down and we told them, no, you

7 don't need to, so ...

8 Q If they had been present, they could have

9 addressed any discrepancies in their work product or

10 talked the board through these issues?

11 A Certainly.

12 Q We touched on this briefly earlier, but you

13 were present at the Club Continental and the Dalton

14 Agency meetings in early July of 2019?

15 A Correct.

16 Q And you participated in both of those

17 meetings; the meeting proper in Orange Park and then the

18 after meeting at the Dalton Agency downtown?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Who all at JEA attended?

21 A Aaron, Melissa, Ryan, Kerri Stewart. Herschel

22 must have been there. I believe that was it from JEA.

23 And it's interesting, I was literally told the day

24 before, oh, you need to be there. So I showed up. But

25 I think that was it from JEA.

1 Q A last-minute invite?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Lucky you.

4 Other than JEA people, who was present at

5 these meetings?

6 A Oh, golly. J.P. Morgan and Morgan Stanley

7 bankers. Pillsbury lawyers. Kevin Hyde from Foley. I

8 don't think there were -- there may have been another

9 Foley person from procurement or something. I'm not

10 sure. There were a lot of people there. I think those

11 are the main groups. I could be missing someone. And

12 that was at Club Continental. They were not at the

13 agency meeting, or most of them weren't. Some -- a few

14 didn't.

15 Q Was Michael Munz at the Club Continental

16 meeting?

17 A Who is Michael Munz? I'm sorry.

18 Q Dalton. Any representatives of Dalton --

19 A He was. He was, yes.

20 Q And any other political consultants at the

21 Club Continental meeting?

22 A There was. And I don't know his name. He was

23 a political consultant. I don't know who he worked for,

24 but he did talk about the political climate just in

25 general.

1 Q Was it Tim Baker?
 2 A Can you describe him? I'm sorry.
 3 Q Not really.
 4 A No? Kind of young, tall, dark haired maybe.
 5 I don't know. I'm sorry.
 6 Q Anybody else that you can remember?
 7 A Not that I remember.
 8 Q Were there documents distributed at the
 9 Club Continental meeting?
 10 A I believe so. The piece -- we broke into
 11 groups, and the piece I was working on was employer
 12 related. So a lot of it was pension reform. Kevin Hyde
 13 had drafted that. So we reviewed that. We reviewed
 14 retention agreements. Pillsbury had put some work in on
 15 those, too.
 16 So the piece I looked at was related to
 17 employee -- the minimum requirements for employees in
 18 the event of a recapitalization.
 19 Q Who was included in your breakout group?
 20 A Kevin. Melissa joined us off and on. I think
 21 Michael Munz joined us occasionally.
 22 MR. NUNN: (Indicates).
 23 THE WITNESS: Oh, is this Tim Baker?
 24 MR. NUNN: Upper right-hand corner.
 25 THE WITNESS: That's him, yeah. Thank you.

1 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
 2 Q Let the record reflect that Mr. Kendrick was
 3 shown a picture of Tim Baker and positively identified
 4 him.
 5 The documents that were distributed at the
 6 meeting, were they collected at the end of the meeting?
 7 A I don't know. I kept mine, I think, because I
 8 made notes, I think, about pension legislation. The --
 9 we had some flip charts and I ended up throwing those in
 10 my trunk and brought them back downtown. I don't know
 11 about all of the documents that were handed out.
 12 Q Where would you have kept your notes with all
 13 of the notes that we've talked about --
 14 A They would have been in my office, yeah.
 15 Q Did you see any drafts of documents relating
 16 to the ITN at Club Continental?
 17 A I did not personally.
 18 Q Did you hear about it?
 19 A The bankers were discussing options. I'm
 20 assuming that was one of them. But, no, I wasn't privy
 21 to those discussions.
 22 Q How about documents relating to the PUP?
 23 A I don't think there were any at that meeting.
 24 I won't swear to it, but I don't believe so.
 25 Q Would you have been part of the process as the

1 PUP was being drafted?
 2 A I was not. Pillsbury drafted it and was doing
 3 the legwork on it.
 4 Q That was Jessica Lutrin specifically?
 5 A Yes.
 6 Q I've been told that she had a laptop there
 7 while she was drafting the PUP agreement as people
 8 looked over her shoulder.
 9 A Oh.
 10 Q Do you remember that?
 11 A I don't.
 12 Q Do you know who participated in coming up with
 13 the terms of the PUP?
 14 A Obviously Aaron. I thought -- my
 15 understanding was Pillsbury based on their experience
 16 and expertise. Beyond that, I don't know.
 17 Q Was Lynne Rhode at these meetings?
 18 A Oh. I'm trying to picture it. I would assume
 19 she was, but I don't know.
 20 Q During the Club Continental and Dalton
 21 meetings, did anybody ever describe the PUP as a
 22 deferred compensation plan?
 23 A I don't remember.
 24 Q Or a bonus plan?
 25 A No.

1 Q How did they describe it?
 2 A I honestly don't remember discussion of it.
 3 It may have occurred, but I don't remember. I know that
 4 sounds odd, but, again, my focus was elsewhere, so ...
 5 Q Whose idea was it to include Lynne Rhode as an
 6 eligible participant in the PUP?
 7 A Almost positive it was Aaron.
 8 Q Why are you almost positive?
 9 A Because he felt that Lynne and the other
 10 attorney -- whose name I just blanked on -- were
 11 essentially working with JEA and supporting us and
 12 should be eligible for it.
 13 Q Miriam Hill?
 14 A Miriam Hill, thank you. Yes.
 15 Q So because those two attorneys were supporting
 16 JEA --
 17 A Basically full time. I'm sorry.
 18 Q -- that the quid pro quo would be that they
 19 would be eligible for the PUP plan?
 20 A Correct.
 21 As a corollary to that, I think it was also --
 22 with the concurrence of either the board chair or the
 23 comp committee chair, it might be used in recruiting.
 24 As new employees came onboard, they might be eligible,
 25 but that was going to have to be considered on a

1 case-by-case basis.

2 Q What did you say that Tim Baker's role was at

3 these meetings?

4 A I don't know what his role was. He spoke

5 briefly about just the political climate, as I recall.

6 I didn't know who he was at the time. Yeah, I can't

7 remember specifics.

8 Q At the July 23rd board meeting, among the

9 various things that passed, was approval to enter into

10 new employment agreements for members of the SLT?

11 A Correct.

12 Q Who drafted the employment agreements?

13 A I believe Pillsbury.

14 Q Describe the process, as you understand it,

15 and the development of those employment agreements.

16 A I wasn't involved in the development. I

17 believe I learned of them the week before that board

18 meeting, perhaps even as we were putting more factors

19 together. They may have been discussed before that,

20 but -- and I keep -- I hate to keep beating this drum,

21 but I really was focused on the pension and some other

22 things.

23 So employee agreements for senior level didn't

24 really surprise me. In private industry, again, JEA --

25 JEA had a history of them. I mean, we had -- and since

1 doing discovery and public records requests, we found

2 several times in its past where JEA's had them. So I

3 guess it wasn't that unusual.

4 But really wasn't involved in the development;

5 learned about them the week before and was basically

6 said -- told, here it is, you know, sign it. Almost as

7 a condition of employment. It was never stated that

8 boldly, but, you know ...

9 Q Do you know whether or not the employment

10 agreements were ever negotiated between the parties?

11 A Mine was not. I don't think any of them were.

12 Q Is that unusual that a senior executive's

13 employment agreement isn't negotiated with its employer?

14 A Typically you would have some time to look it

15 over, maybe consult with your attorney. And we did have

16 time to look at it, I guess, and I know -- I don't know

17 that everyone signed it immediately. I think just about

18 everybody did. And eventually everyone did sign it.

19 But, no, no negotiations.

20 Q How does the process usually work for the

21 negotiation of, for example, a CEO's employment

22 contract?

23 A I don't have a lot of experience with that,

24 but my guess, based on my HR experience, is an offer

25 would be made, the CEO candidate would consider it with

1 his attorney; would offer some counter proposals.

2 Q Who are the negotiating parties there?

3 A For Aaron's? Oh, I was talking in general.

4 I'm sorry.

5 Q Yeah. So you have the CEO on one side --

6 A And the company offering him the position on

7 the other.

8 Q So would that flow through, typically, a

9 department like yours, or would it come straight from

10 the board?

11 A It would typically be the board. HR would

12 administer it once it was done. And they might ask for

13 HR input in developing the contract. But, typically, it

14 might be HR with the general counsel putting it

15 together. And the board, if there is a board in the

16 organization, would be the one to make the contract with

17 the CEO.

18 Q Do you know whether or not JEA's general

19 counsel was ever involved in the drafting of the SLT

20 employment agreements?

21 A I don't know. I know she saw them, presented

22 them, but I still think Pillsbury drafted them.

23 Q But nobody in your department, in HR, was

24 consulted as part of the negotiation and drafting of

25 these documents?

1 A No.

2 Q Did anyone ever ask you whether you thought

3 the employment agreements complied with Florida law?

4 A No.

5 Q Did you ever hear Mr. Zahn express frustration

6 about Florida's public records laws?

7 A I did not.

8 And I will admit that there was a public

9 records training session for the SLT that I had to miss

10 for some reason. I think it was union negotiations. So

11 I wasn't present for that and I know he was.

12 Q Did the SLT ever use messaging apps in order

13 to communicate with one another?

14 A Yes.

15 Q What messaging apps?

16 A GroupMe.

17 Q Anything else?

18 A That's the only one I'm aware of.

19 Q There was some mention of an app called

20 Signal. Have you heard of the app Signal?

21 A I have not.

22 Q Did you use GroupMe?

23 A I did.

24 Q Okay. Was there a specific chat designated

25 for the SLT members?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And that was preserved by JEA?

3 A Yes.

4 Q You attended the City Council investigation

5 committee meeting in December of 2019?

6 A I did.

7 Q When you were there and you were listening to

8 all of the testimony that was being provided, did you

9 hear any statements that were inaccurate or misleading?

10 A I believe a question was asked about who came

11 up with the PUPs, and the basic response was, I don't

12 know, and that seemed very odd to me.

13 Q And I think that you're referencing Mr. Zahn?

14 A Yes.

15 Q So he was asked, who came up with the PUPs,

16 and his response was, I don't know, and you considered

17 that to be misleading?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Because you knew that the PUPs were his idea?

20 A Yes. I'm sorry.

21 Q Other than that, were there any other

22 statements that were made at that meeting that you

23 considered to be inaccurate or misleading or just didn't

24 sit right with you?

25 A I remember Councilman Diamond talking about

1 the numbers and going down the row of each of us,

2 saying, so you didn't do the math, you didn't do the

3 math, you didn't do the math. And I had not done the

4 math, but it seemed odd that Ryan or Aaron hadn't done

5 the math.

6 Q So you suspect that they did do the math?

7 A I would think they'd have some idea what it

8 would be, yeah.

9 Q And that's consistent with your prior

10 testimony that Aaron had it all in his head?

11 A Yes.

12 Q That Mr. Zahn knew what the payout of these

13 PUP units would be in the event of a recapitalization?

14 A Well, he had the allocation in his head which

15 would be the resulting payout if he -- if you start

16 putting -- plugging numbers into that formula,

17 certainly.

18 Q Anything else at that City Council meeting in

19 December that you heard that didn't sit right with you?

20 A No, not that I recall.

21 Q How frequently did you interact with Mr. Zahn?

22 A Formally, not that often. Informally, you

23 know, chats in the hallway and occasional meetings. But

24 the formal interactions were more about personnel

25 actions like Julio or Mike Hightower. He'd have

1 questions about HR -- I interacted with him on unions,

2 on negotiating. I kept both he and Melissa informed of

3 those. He had regular union meetings after our -- union

4 leadership meetings after our leadership meetings. The

5 appointed folks, we would then meet with the union

6 leaders separately.

7 So I was in formal meetings with him all

8 along, but the one-on-one interaction wasn't that

9 frequent.

10 Q Did any employees, rank and file or SLT

11 members, ever complain to you about Mr. Zahn?

12 A No.

13 Q Other than Ms. Hiers?

14 A Well, yeah. Yes.

15 Q Did you ever hear of anybody refer to Mr. Zahn

16 as having mental issues?

17 A No.

18 Q What were your personal thoughts about a

19 governmental entity offering a long-term incentive plan

20 to its employees?

21 A If it works, if it was legal, I think it's a

22 great idea because it gives employees an incentive to

23 maintain employment, to invest in their organization, to

24 see long-term growth and stability in that organization.

25 So, you know, at a very basic level, I think it's a

1 great idea.

2 Q What was the purpose of the Dalton Agency

3 meeting following the Club Continental meeting?

4 A Good question. I'm trying to remember what

5 was discussed there. It was a much smaller group. I

6 feel like it was wrapping up loose ends, maybe some

7 communication. It didn't seem like we were there all

8 day, either. Maybe just for the morning. I remember

9 less about that than I do Club Continental,

10 unfortunately. I know I left my laptop cord there and

11 went back to get it the next week. That's my stunning

12 memory about that.

13 Q You were not identified as a subject matter

14 expert for HR in personnel issues in connection with the

15 ITN.

16 A Oh, I thought I was. Oh, for -- during the

17 evaluation period I wasn't because I was on the

18 evaluation team. I'm sorry.

19 Q Okay.

20 A Yeah.

21 Q So when you were on the evaluation team,

22 that's why you weren't named as the subject matter

23 expert?

24 A Correct.

25 Q Were you aware of the organization YPO that

1 Mr. Zahn was involved in?
 2 A No.
 3 Q Do you know how much money JEA paid for
 4 Mr. Zahn's participation in that organization?
 5 A I do not.
 6 Q How did JEA determine what groups its SLT
 7 members were permitted to be associated with for
 8 reimbursement expenses?
 9 A I don't know. My personal example, I'm a
 10 member of SHRM, Society for Human Resource Management,
 11 and JEA paid those dues. I think for professional
 12 organizations they typically would cover that. I know
 13 several members were active in State organizations.
 14 Paul Steinbrecher was president -- or I guess is
 15 president of some statewide water association.
 16 So I think JEA sees it as good business to do
 17 that, to pay for professional memberships, but I don't
 18 know if there's a policy per se. I'm sure there is one.
 19 Q Were you aware of any inappropriate
 20 reimbursements for travel ever made by or to Mr. Zahn?
 21 A I'm not aware of any, no.
 22 Q Did you witness or were you aware of any
 23 public records violations that occurred while you were
 24 at JEA?
 25 A I'm not aware of any.

1 Q Did you have access to the Intranet
 2 database?
 3 A Yes. That was the data room for the -- yeah,
 4 I did.
 5 Q How often did you access it?
 6 A It varied. Not terribly often as we were
 7 adding things to it, but as questions came up, I would
 8 have to go into it, and I did enter a few documents. I
 9 honestly couldn't tell you what at this point. Carol
 10 Higley was kind of the gathering person for HR to put --
 11 to enter documents into the database.
 12 Q Did you work on the ITN documents on the 17th
 13 floor?
 14 A No.
 15 Q Were you aware that JEA was hosting meetings
 16 on 17?
 17 A Yes.
 18 Q Why were they hosting meetings on 17?
 19 A I think it was a central location to -- that
 20 could be secured to work through the ITN process.
 21 MR. WEDEKIND: Let's take a quick break.
 22 (Recess taken from 3:36 p.m. to 3:44 p.m.)
 23 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
 24 Q All right. Were you aware that Pillsbury and
 25 Foley also hosted their own FTP sites in connection with

1 the ITN and the PUP and all of the strategic planning
 2 processes?
 3 A I think I was.
 4 Q And --
 5 A Well, I definitely knew Foley was. I do
 6 remember that.
 7 Q Did you have access to the FTP site?
 8 A I don't remember. Over time I had access to
 9 two sites. I don't know if one of those was Foley. It
 10 may have been.
 11 Q You were part of the initial vetting team of
 12 the ITN?
 13 A Correct. Evaluation team, right.
 14 Q Do you remember a bid submitted by E&W
 15 Development company?
 16 A Not off the top of my head. I don't remember
 17 the name.
 18 Q Do you know why E&W Development company did
 19 not continue to participate in the ITN after the initial
 20 evaluation process?
 21 A I assume their scores were too low. I don't
 22 remember the respondent.
 23 MR. MCLAUCHLIN: Could we clarify who E&W is?
 24 MR. NUNN: They're a subsidiary of Exelon.
 25 MR. BLODGETT: They also went by Respondent A,

1 I think, in a lot of --
 2 THE WITNESS: And they're a subsidiary of who?
 3 MR. NUNN: Exelon.
 4 MR. BLODGETT: Exelon.
 5 THE WITNESS: Oh, Exelon. Okay. I remember
 6 the name, yeah.
 7 BY MR. WEDEKIND:
 8 Q Would it surprise you if they were the
 9 highest-rated bidder but they dropped out of the ITN
 10 process?
 11 A I don't remember the scores. So I can't say
 12 I'd be surprised or not.
 13 Q Do you remember a conversation that JEA had
 14 with ADP, after the letter was terminated in late
 15 November, about ADP's participating in JEA tax filings?
 16 A No.
 17 Q Did you have any interactions with McKinsey?
 18 A Yes.
 19 Q Okay. Could you just briefly walk me
 20 through --
 21 A Yeah. I think every SLT member did. They had
 22 a number of consultants that came down, were on JEA
 23 property and would meet with us to talk through the
 24 strategic initiatives, what -- where there might be
 25 savings involved; different methods of doing things. So

1 there were two or three meetings like that over time.
 2 Q What did your involvement focus on?
 3 A For me, the biggest change JEA needed to make
 4 in the HR realm was a new human capital management
 5 system, HRIS. As I've complained before, Oracle was
 6 extremely antiquated, a lot of patchwork.
 7 We were taking baby steps. We had a new
 8 talent acquisition program. We had a new performance
 9 management, which we were implementing during all this.
 10 So we were getting there, but we needed an overall
 11 system. So that was my biggest push with them, was
 12 saying that that's what I see is our biggest need,
 13 so ...
 14 Q Anything else that you remember pertinent to
 15 strategic planning with McKinsey?
 16 A Not specifics, no. I think all that
 17 documentation is available, though. I mean, there were
 18 reams of paper that they went through, so ...
 19 Q All right. I don't have any further
 20 questions. I appreciate your time today and your
 21 patience and your accommodating me and my schedule.
 22 But I want to give you the opportunity now to
 23 add anything else that either occurred to you after I
 24 asked questions or that have recently come to mind or
 25 anything else that you wanted to provide JEA in

1 connection with this investigation.
 2 A I did think of one thing. It kind of
 3 triggered when you talked about that committee meeting
 4 back in December about where did the PUPs originate.
 5 I hadn't been at JEA long. So it's probably
 6 mid-May. And I don't remember if Aaron called me in his
 7 office or I was passing by, but he said, hey, come
 8 listen to this. And he and Melissa and Ryan Wannemacher
 9 were in there.
 10 And he described kind of what the PUP might
 11 look like, just saying, hey, we're looking at a
 12 performance unit plan. I think he used some of the
 13 Willis Towers Watson recommendations. And it wasn't, as
 14 I recall, what the final form of the PUP looked like,
 15 but I think it was kind of the -- maybe not the birth of
 16 the PUP, but it was being considered then. He was just
 17 kind of blue-skying it.
 18 And I remember asking, it's really unique, has
 19 this ever been done before?
 20 And he said, no, this is new. And he was
 21 proud of the fact that it might be something new and
 22 exciting. That was the gist of it. And I'm not drawing
 23 any conclusions from that, but I know they were
 24 discussing it at that point and what it might look like.
 25 Q And this happened in Mr. Zahn's office?

1 A Yes.
 2 Q And Mr. Zahn, Ms. Dykes, and Mr. Wannemacher
 3 were all present?
 4 A That's correct.
 5 Q Anybody else?
 6 A No.
 7 Q And Mr. Zahn was proud of the fact that nobody
 8 had ever attempted this before?
 9 A That's what I gathered. I think -- he's a
 10 smart guy, and maybe he felt like this is something new.
 11 So -- it was more like a proud parent, if that's a good
 12 analogy. I don't know.
 13 (Sworn statement concluded at 3:51 p.m.)

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RESOLUTION 2019-10

A RESOLUTION APPROVING LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE UNIT PLAN AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CEO TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION TO PURSUE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH PLAN AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION

WHEREAS, in accordance with Board Policy 2.7, the Compensation Committee directed JEA management in January 2019 to develop a compensation policy to align with talent market and guiding principles, JEA management presented to the Compensation Committee and the Compensation Committee approved in June 2019 the framework for a compensation plan, including a long-term incentive plan;

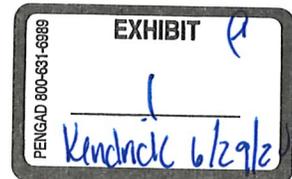
WHEREAS, at its June 2019 Board meeting, the Board approved the framework of JEA's long-term compensation plan and authorized JEA management to develop the plan and present it to the Board at the July 2019 Board meeting for final approval;

WHEREAS, the Board believes that it is in the best interest of JEA to adopt a long-term performance unit plan in connection with annual performance reviews and general operation of JEA; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the summary of the terms and conditions of the Long-Term Performance Unit Plan, which summary is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 (the "Long-Term Performance Plan Summary").

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board that:

1. The Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director (the "CEO") or his designee shall have the authority to (i) implement a long-term performance unit plan (the "Long-Term Performance Unit Plan") on the terms and conditions set forth on the Long-Term Performance Plan Summary, (ii) execute with each actively employed eligible full-time employee, any full-time JEA employee as otherwise recommended by the CEO and approved by the Administrator of the Long Term Performance Unit Plan, and each actively employed eligible full-time attorney from the Office of General Counsel of the City of Jacksonville who is dedicated exclusively to JEA an agreement under the Long-Term Performance Unit Plan, (iii) in consultation with the Office of General Counsel, make technical and clerical amendments to the Long-Term Performance Unit Plan and/or the Form Long-Term Performance Agreement, all of which do not increase the financial obligations or liability of JEA under the Long-Term Performance Unit Plan and/or the Form Long-Term Performance Agreement, and (iv) take, or cause to be taken, any and all action and to prepare, execute and deliver, or cause to be prepared, executed and delivered, any and all documents that the CEO or his designee deems necessary or advisable to carry out the intent of this resolution.
2. The Chair of the Compensation Committee of the Board be, and hereby is, appointed as the Administrator of the Long-Term Performance Unit Plan with full power and authority to administer the Long-Term Performance Unit Plan in accordance with the terms



therewith.

3. The 2019 Redemption Price Schedule under the Long-Term Performance Unit Plan for the Performance Units to be purchased by Participants in January 2020 attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is hereby approved.
4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Dated this 23rd day of July 2019.

JEA

By: _____
April Green, Chair

Secretary

Form Approved:

Office of General Counsel

RESOLUTION 2019-10 EXHIBIT 1

The Long-Term Performance Plan Summary

RESOLUTION 2019-10 EXHIBIT 1

Long-Term Performance Plan Summary

Overview	<p>Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions described below, each eligible employee may purchase a specified number of performance units from JEA on January 15th of each year. Eligible employees will be notified in and will execute the Long-Term Performance Unit Plan Agreement in Q4 of calendar year 2019 that they may purchase performance units and the first purchase date will be January 15, 2020.</p> <p>Each performance unit represents a potential right to receive a cash payment equal to the redemption price (as described below) for such unit.</p>
Documentation	<p>All eligible employees will be subject to a plan and will be required to sign an agreement with JEA.</p>
Eligible Employees	<p>All (i) full-time employees who are actively employed with JEA for at least three months prior to the purchase date and (ii) full-time attorneys from the Office of the General Counsel of the City of Jacksonville who are dedicated exclusively to JEA for at least three months prior to the purchase date are eligible to purchase performance units.</p> <p>Any exceptions to the above must be recommended by JEA's CEO and approved by the administrator (as described below).</p>
Pool	<p>A total of 100,000 performance units are available for purchase under the plan.</p>
Purchase Price Payment	<p>Each performance unit will have a purchase price of \$10.00.</p> <p>To pay the purchase price, an eligible employee will elect to defer a portion of his or her pay equal to the aggregate purchase price for the performance units.</p> <p>Each eligible employee may elect to defer his or her pay in a lump sum or equal installments during the payroll periods as selected by such employee and such employee's pay will be deferred at such time as such pay would otherwise have been paid but not for the deferral election.</p> <p>An eligible employee will elect to defer in the calendar year prior to the year in which the compensation is earned.</p>
Performance Period	<p>Each performance period will be a three-year period that is used to calculate the redemption price (if a Recapitalization Event occurs, the performance period will be truncated and will end on the closing date of such Recapitalization Event).</p>

<p>Redemption Price</p>	<p>An eligible employee will receive a cash payment equal to the redemption price for each performance unit that such employee purchases. The redemption price will include the purchase price paid by an eligible employee for such unit.</p> <p>The redemption price will increase by \$100.00 per performance unit for each Value Change Percentage increase of 1% in excess of the “Challenge Value Target” and will decrease by \$0.50 per performance unit for each “Value Change Percentage” decrease of 1% below the Threshold Value Target, but the redemption price will not be less than \$0.00 per performance unit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “Challenge Value Target” will be 110% for the first performance period and the “Threshold Value Target” will be 90% for the first performance period. • The “Value Change Percentage” means a percentage equal to the “Current Year Value” divided by the “Base Year Value.” • “Current Year Value” means, with respect to each performance period, the sum of (i) JEA’s Net Position, as shown on JEA’s audited financial statements for such performance period, (ii) the aggregate consideration paid, distributed, credited or otherwise provided to the City of Jacksonville whether in cash or in-kind (excluding any public service taxes or franchise fees) during the 12-month period prior to the end of the performance period, and (iii) the aggregate consideration (including refunds, rebates and distributions) paid, distributed, credited or otherwise provided to JEA’s customers during the 12-month period prior to the end of the performance period. Any consideration and change in Net Position, as applicable, in connection with the Recapitalization Event will be taken into account for purposes of calculating the amounts in (i) – (iii). • For the first performance period, “Base Year Value” is the amount equal to the Current Year Value for fiscal year 2019 as reflected on JEA’s audited financial statements when available. <p>JEA’s Chief Financial Officer will calculate the redemption price.</p> <p>The administrator will certify the redemption price as soon as practicable following the completion of JEA’s audit for the applicable performance period, but in no event later than 30 days thereafter (or, if a Recapitalization Event occurs, no later than 30 days following the closing date of such Recapitalization Event).</p>
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<p>Payments and Vesting Generally</p>	<p>The performance units will vest on the earlier to occur of (i) the first anniversary of the last day of the performance period and (ii) the date on which a Recapitalization Event occurs (the “Vesting Date”). Except as otherwise described herein, an eligible employee must be employed on the Vesting Date for the performance units to vest.</p> <p>Payments will be paid to an eligible employee no later than 30 days after the redemption price has been certified by the administrator as described above.</p>
<p>Termination of Employment</p>	<p>If an eligible employee experiences an involuntary termination of employment (as described below) prior to the applicable Vesting Date, such employee will receive a payment in respect of all of his performance units. Any amounts payable to a terminated eligible employee in respect of his performance units will be paid to such employee at the same time as the amounts would have been paid had there been no termination of employment.</p> <p>An involuntary termination means a termination of employment by JEA without cause or due to the eligible employee’s death or disability.</p> <p>An eligible employee will forfeit his performance units and aggregate purchase price on a termination of employment that is not involuntary.</p>
<p>Retirement Eligible Employees</p>	<p>If an eligible employee becomes a retirement eligible employee (as described below) and retires, in each case, prior to the applicable Vesting Date, such employee’s performance units will vest on the applicable Vesting Date.</p> <p>An eligible employee is retirement eligible if such employee has attained one of the retirement milestones as described in the General Employees Retirement Plan.</p>
<p>Recapitalization Event</p>	<p>“Recapitalization Event” means the closing and funding of a transaction or a series of related transactions in accordance with Article 21 of the Charter of the City of Jacksonville and any other applicable law that results in either (i) unencumbered cash proceeds to the City of Jacksonville of at least Three Billion Dollars (\$3,000,000,000) or (ii) at least 50% of the net depreciated property, plant and equipment value of either JEA’s electric system or JEA’s water and wastewater system being transferred, assigned, sold or otherwise disposed of.</p>
<p>Conditions to Receipt</p>	<p>An eligible employee will receive the cash payment in respect of his performance units if: (i) he executes an agreement; (ii) the employee is continuously employment with JEA (except as set forth above); (iii) the employee executes and does not revoke a release of claims in favor of JEA and the City of Jacksonville; (iv) the employee complies with the covenants set forth below; and (v) the conditions in Section 215.425(3), Florida Statutes are satisfied.</p>

<p>Employee Covenants</p>	<p>Each eligible employee must (i) devote his best efforts to faithfully discharge his duties on behalf of JEA and not take any action that would be contrary to the best interests of JEA, (ii) not disclose confidential JEA information (except as required by applicable law or to perform his job duties) or (iii) not make any unauthorized public statements about, among others, JEA and government officials of the City of Jacksonville.</p> <p>If an eligible employee breaches or threatens to breach these covenants, such employee will forfeit his unvested performance units and JEA will not pay to such employee any amount in respect of his performance units (including any purchase price paid by such employee for the performance units) and/or such employee will promptly repay all or any portion of the cash payment previously paid to him in respect of his performance units, as applicable.</p>
<p>Administrator</p>	<p>The Chair of the Compensation Committee will be the administrator.</p>
<p>Miscellaneous</p>	<p>Any payments made to an eligible employee will be paid less applicable withholding taxes.</p> <p>The plan and agreements will be subject to Sections 409A and 457(f) of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”) and will be construed and interpreted accordingly.</p> <p>The agreements will be governed by the laws of the State of Florida and subject to arbitration in Duval County in the State of Florida.</p> <p>If or as required, JEA will collectively bargain the plan and applicable agreements with unions representing covered bargaining unit employees of JEA.</p> <p>If any payments under the plan or an agreement to an eligible employee are subject to any excise tax, interest or penalties under the Code (the “Penalties”), JEA will pay to such employee an amount equal to the full amount of the Penalties. JEA will not pay to an eligible employee any amount in respect of Penalties caused by such employee’s breach of his or her agreement or such employee’s failure to comply with applicable law.</p>

RESOLUTION 2019-10 EXHIBIT 2

2019 Redemption Price Schedule under the Long-Term Performance Unit Plan

RESOLUTION 2019-10 EXHIBIT 2

Long-Term Performance Unit Plan – 2019 Redemption Price Schedule

SCHEDULE A
2019 REDEMPTION PRICE SCHEDULE

The Redemption Price shall increase by \$100.00 per Performance Unit for each Value Change Percentage increase of 1.00% in excess of the Challenge Value Target and shall decrease by \$0.50 per Performance Unit for each Value Change Percentage decrease of 1.00% below the Threshold Value Target, but in no event shall the Redemption Price per Performance Unit be less than \$0.00.

For purposes of this Schedule A, the following defined terms shall mean:

(a) “Base Year Value” means \$[AMOUNT].¹

(b) “Challenge Value Target” means 110%.

(c) “Current Year Value” means, with respect to each Performance Period, the sum of (i) JEA’s Net Position, as shown on JEA’s audited financial statements for such Performance Period, (ii) the aggregate consideration paid, distributed, credited or otherwise provided to the City of Jacksonville whether in cash or in-kind (excluding any public service taxes or franchise fees) during the twelve (12)-month period prior to the end of the Performance Period, and (iii) the aggregate consideration (including refunds, rebates and distributions) paid, distributed, credited or otherwise provided to the customers of the JEA Group during the twelve (12)-month period prior to the end of the Performance Period. For the avoidance of doubt, for purposes of calculating the amounts in clauses (a), (b) and (c), any consideration and change in Net Position, as applicable, in connection with the Recapitalization Event shall be taken into account.

(d) “Value Change Percentage” means a percentage equal to the Current Year Value divided by the Base Year Value.

(e) “Threshold Value Target” means 100%.

Any amounts paid, distributed, credited or otherwise provided in a form other than cash shall be valued at the value ascribed to them in the documents governing, or if none, then at their fair market value as determined by the Administrator in its sole discretion.

¹ For 2019, this amount will be equal to the Current Year Value for fiscal year 2019 as reflected on the audited financial statements when available.

Select Year: 2019

The 2019 Florida Statutes

<u>Title X</u>	<u>Chapter 112</u>	<u>View Entire</u>
PUBLIC OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND RECORDS	PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES: GENERAL PROVISIONS	<u>Chapter</u>

112.215 Government employees; deferred compensation program.—

(1) This section shall be known and may be cited as the “Government Employees’ Deferred Compensation Plan Act.”

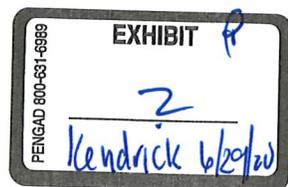
(2) For the purposes of this section, the term “employee” means any person, whether appointed, elected, or under contract, providing services for the state; any state agency or county or other political subdivision of the state; any municipality; any state university board of trustees; or any constitutional county officer under s. 1(d), Art. VIII of the State Constitution for which compensation or statutory fees are paid.

(3) In accordance with a plan of deferred compensation which has been approved as herein provided, the state or any state agency, county, municipality, other political subdivision, or constitutional county officer may, by contract or a collective bargaining agreement, agree with any employee to defer all or any portion of that employee’s otherwise payable compensation and, pursuant to the terms of such approved plan and in such proportions as may be designated or directed under that plan, place such deferred compensation in savings accounts or use the same to purchase fixed or variable life insurance or annuity contracts, securities, evidence of indebtedness, or such other investment products as may have been approved for the purposes of carrying out the objectives of such plan. Such insurance, annuity, savings, or investment products shall be underwritten and offered in compliance with the applicable federal and state laws and regulations by persons who are duly authorized by applicable state and federal authorities.

(4)(a) The Chief Financial Officer, with the approval of the State Board of Administration, shall establish such plan or plans of deferred compensation for state employees and may include persons employed by a state university as defined in s. 1000.21, a special district as defined in s. 189.012, or a water management district as defined in s. 189.012, including all such investment vehicles or products incident thereto, as may be available through, or offered by, qualified companies or persons, and may approve one or more such plans for implementation by and on behalf of the state and its agencies and employees.

(b) If the Chief Financial Officer deems it advisable, he or she shall have the power, with the approval of the State Board of Administration, to create a trust or other special funds for the segregation of funds or assets resulting from compensation deferred at the request of employees of the state or its agencies and for the administration of such program.

(c) The Chief Financial Officer, with the approval of the State Board of Administration, may delegate responsibility for administration of the plan to a person the Chief Financial Officer determines to be qualified, compensate such person, and, directly or through such person or pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement, contract with a private corporation or institution to provide such services as may be part of any such plan or as may be deemed necessary or proper by the Chief Financial Officer or such person, including, but not limited to, providing consolidated billing, individual and collective recordkeeping and accountings, asset purchase, control, and safekeeping, and direct disbursement of funds to employees or other beneficiaries. The Chief Financial Officer may authorize a person, private corporation, or institution to make direct disbursement of funds under the plan to an employee or other beneficiary.



(d) In accordance with such approved plan, and upon contract or agreement with an eligible employee, deferrals of compensation may be accomplished by payroll deductions made by the appropriate officer or officers of the state, with such funds being thereafter held and administered in accordance with the plan.

(e) The administrative costs of the deferred compensation plan must be wholly or partially self-funded. Fees for such self-funding of the plan shall be paid by investment providers and may be recouped from their respective plan participants. Such fees shall be deposited in the Deferred Compensation Trust Fund.

(5) Any county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state may by ordinance, and any constitutional county officer under s. 1(d), Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1968 may by contract agreement or other documentation constituting approval, adopt and establish for itself and its employees a deferred compensation program. The ordinance shall designate an appropriate official of the county, municipality, or political subdivision to approve and administer a deferred compensation plan or otherwise provide for such approval and administration. The ordinance shall also designate a public official or body to make the determinations provided for in paragraph (6)(b). If a constitutional county officer elects to adopt and establish for that office and its employees a deferred compensation program, the constitutional county officer shall be the appropriate official to make the determinations provided for in this subsection and in paragraph (6)(b).

(6)(a) No deferred compensation plan of the state shall become effective until approved by the State Board of Administration and the Chief Financial Officer is satisfied by opinion from such federal agency or agencies as may be deemed necessary that the compensation deferred thereunder and/or the investment products purchased pursuant to the plan will not be included in the employee's taxable income under federal or state law until it is actually received by such employee under the terms of the plan, and that such compensation will nonetheless be deemed compensation at the time of deferral for the purposes of social security coverage, for the purposes of the state retirement system, and for any other retirement, pension, or benefit program established by law.

(b) No deferred compensation plan of a county, municipality, other political subdivision, or constitutional county officer shall become effective until the appropriate official or body designated under subsection (5) is satisfied by opinion from such federal agency or agencies as may be deemed necessary that the compensation deferred thereunder and/or the investment products purchased pursuant to the plan will not be included in the employee's taxable income under federal or state law until it is actually received by such employee under the terms of the plan, and that such compensation will nonetheless be deemed compensation at the time of deferral for the purposes of social security coverage, for the purposes of the retirement system of the appropriate county, municipality, political subdivision, or constitutional county officer, and for any other retirement, pension, or benefit program established by law.

(7) The deferred compensation programs authorized by this section, and any plan approved and adopted as herein provided, shall exist and serve in addition to any other retirement, pension, or benefit systems established by the state or its agencies, counties, municipalities, other political subdivisions, or constitutional county officers and shall not supersede, make inoperative, or reduce any benefits provided by the Florida Retirement System or by another retirement, pension, or benefit program established by law. All records identifying individual participants in any plan under this section and their personal account activities shall be confidential and are exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1).

(8)(a) There is created a Deferred Compensation Advisory Council composed of seven members.

1. One member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate jointly and shall be an employee of the legislative branch.

2. One member shall be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and shall be an employee of the judicial branch.

3. One member shall be appointed by the chair of the Public Employees Relations Commission and shall be a nonexempt public employee.

4. The remaining four members shall be employed by the executive branch and shall be appointed as follows:

a. One member shall be appointed by the Chancellor of the State University System and shall be an employee of the university system.

b. One member shall be appointed by the Chief Financial Officer and shall be an employee of the Chief Financial Officer.

c. One member shall be appointed by the Governor and shall be an employee of the executive branch.

d. One member shall be appointed by the Executive Director of the State Board of Administration and shall be an employee of the State Board of Administration.

(b) Each member shall serve for a term of 4 years from the date of appointment, except that a vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of the term.

(c) Members shall elect a chair annually.

(d) The council shall meet at the call of its chair, at the request of a majority of its membership, or at the request of the Chief Financial Officer, but not less than twice a year. The business of the council shall be presented to the council in the form of an agenda. The agenda shall be set by the Chief Financial Officer and shall include items of business requested by the council members.

(e) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum, and action by a majority of a quorum shall be official.

(f) The council shall make a report of each meeting to the Chief Financial Officer, which shall show the names of the members present and shall include a record of its discussions, recommendations, and actions taken. The Chief Financial Officer shall keep the records of the proceedings of each meeting on file and shall make the records available to any interested person or group.

(g) Members of the council shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

(h) The advisory council shall provide assistance and recommendations to the Chief Financial Officer relating to the provisions of the plan, the insurance or investment options to be offered under the plan, and any other contracts or appointments deemed necessary by the council and the Chief Financial Officer to carry out the provisions of this act. The Chief Financial Officer shall inform the council of the manner in which each council recommendation is being addressed. The Chief Financial Officer shall provide the council, at least annually, a report on the status of the deferred compensation program, including, but not limited to, information on participant enrollment, amount of compensation deferred, total plan assets, product provider performance, and participant satisfaction with the program.

(9) The purchase of any insurance contract or annuity or the investment in another investment option under any plan of deferred compensation provided for in the United States Internal Revenue Code and not prohibited under the laws of this state for an employee shall impose no liability or responsibility whatsoever on the state, county, municipality, other political subdivision, or constitutional county officer, except to show that the payments have been remitted for the purposes for which the compensation has been deferred.

(10)(a) The moneys, pensions, annuities, or other benefits accrued or accruing to any person under the provisions of any plan providing for the deferral of compensation and the accumulated contributions and the cash and securities in the funds created thereunder are hereby exempt from any state, county, or municipal tax. They shall not be subject to execution or attachment or to any legal process whatsoever by a creditor of the employee and shall be unassignable by the employee.

(b)1. There is created in the State Treasury the Deferred Compensation Trust Fund, through which the Chief Financial Officer as trustee shall hold moneys, pensions, annuities, or other benefits accrued or accruing under and pursuant to 26 U.S.C. s. 457 and the deferred compensation plan provided for therein and adopted by this state; and

- a. All amounts of compensation deferred thereunder;
- b. All property and rights purchased with such amounts; and
- c. All income attributable to such amounts, property, or rights.

2. Notwithstanding the mandates of 26 U.S.C. s. 457(b)(6), all of the assets specified in subparagraph 1. shall be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participants and their beneficiaries as mandated by 26 U.S.C. s. 457(g)(1).

(11) With respect to any funds held pursuant to a deferred compensation plan, any investment option provider that is a bank or savings association and that provides time deposit accounts and certificates of deposit as an investment product to the plan participants may, with the approval of the State Board of Administration for providers in the state plan, or with the approval of the appropriate official or body designated under subsection (5) for a plan of a county, municipality, other political subdivision, or constitutional county officer, be exempt from the provisions of chapter 280 requiring it to be a qualified public depository, provided:

(a) The bank or savings association shall, to the extent that the time deposit accounts or certificates of deposit are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, deposit or issue collateral with the Chief Financial Officer for all state funds held by it under a deferred compensation plan, or with such other appropriate official for all public funds held by it under a deferred compensation plan of a county, municipality, other political subdivision, or constitutional county officer, in an amount which equals at least 150 percent of all uninsured deferred compensation funds then held.

(b) Said collateral shall be of the kind permitted by s. [280.13](#) and shall be pledged in the manner provided for by the applicable provisions of chapter 280.

The Chief Financial Officer shall have all the applicable powers provided in ss. [280.04](#), [280.05](#), and [280.08](#) relating to the sale or other disposition of the pledged collateral.

(12) The Chief Financial Officer may adopt any rule necessary to administer and implement this act with respect to deferred compensation plans for state employees and persons employed by a state university as defined in s. [1000.21](#), a special district as defined in s. [189.012](#), or a water management district as defined in s. [189.012](#).

(13) When permitted by federal law, the plan administrator may provide for a pretax trustee-to-trustee transfer of amounts in a participant's deferred compensation account for the purchase of prior service credit in a public sector retirement system.

(14) This subsection may not impair an existing contract. In each county that has one or more constitutional county officers, the board of county commissioners and the constitutional county officers shall negotiate a joint deferred compensation program for all their respective employees under s. [163.01](#). If all parties to the negotiation cannot agree upon a joint deferred compensation program, the provisions of subsection (5) apply.

History.—s. 1, ch. 75-295; s. 1, ch. 76-279; s. 1, ch. 82-46; s. 1, ch. 83-43; s. 2, ch. 87-7; ss. 1, 3, 4, ch. 87-35; s. 1, ch. 87-138; s. 1, ch. 89-123; s. 28, ch. 90-360; s. 5, ch. 91-429; s. 694, ch. 95-147; s. 2, ch. 96-216; s. 35, ch. 96-406; s. 1, ch. 97-8; s. 40, ch. 99-2; s. 2, ch. 99-159; s. 40, ch. 2001-43; s. 2, ch. 2001-265; s. 126, ch. 2003-261; ss. 7, 8, ch. 2003-399; s. 3, ch. 2004-41; s. 8, ch. 2004-390; s. 3, ch. 2016-132.


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TAXATION AND FINANCE FINANCIAL MATTERS: GENERAL PROVISIONS

215.425 Extra compensation claims prohibited; bonuses; severance pay.—

(1) No extra compensation shall be made to any officer, agent, employee, or contractor after the service has been rendered or the contract made; nor shall any money be appropriated or paid on any claim the subject matter of which has not been provided for by preexisting laws, unless such compensation or claim is allowed by a law enacted by two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the Legislature. However, when adopting salary schedules for a fiscal year, a district school board or community college district board of trustees may apply the schedule for payment of all services rendered subsequent to July 1 of that fiscal year.

(2) This section does not apply to:

(a) A bonus or severance pay that is paid wholly from nontax revenues and nonstate-appropriated funds, the payment and receipt of which does not otherwise violate part III of chapter 112, and which is paid to an officer, agent, employee, or contractor of a public hospital that is operated by a county or a special district; or

(b) A clothing and maintenance allowance given to plainclothes deputies pursuant to s. [30.49](#).

(3) Any policy, ordinance, rule, or resolution designed to implement a bonus scheme must:

(a) Base the award of a bonus on work performance;

(b) Describe the performance standards and evaluation process by which a bonus will be awarded;

(c) Notify all employees of the policy, ordinance, rule, or resolution before the beginning of the evaluation period on which a bonus will be based; and

(d) Consider all employees for the bonus.

(4)(a) On or after July 1, 2011, a unit of government that enters into a contract or employment agreement, or renewal or renegotiation of an existing contract or employment agreement, that contains a provision for severance pay with an officer, agent, employee, or contractor must include the following provisions in the contract:

1. A requirement that severance pay provided may not exceed an amount greater than 20 weeks of compensation.

2. A prohibition of provision of severance pay when the officer, agent, employee, or contractor has been fired for misconduct, as defined in s. [443.036\(29\)](#), by the unit of government.

(b) On or after July 1, 2011, an officer, agent, employee, or contractor may receive severance pay that is not provided for in a contract or employment agreement if the severance pay represents the settlement of an employment dispute. Such severance pay may not exceed an amount greater than 6 weeks of compensation. The settlement may not include provisions that limit the ability of any party to the settlement to discuss the dispute or settlement.

(c) This subsection does not create an entitlement to severance pay in the absence of its authorization.



(d) As used in this subsection, the term “severance pay” means the actual or constructive compensation, including salary, benefits, or perquisites, for employment services yet to be rendered which is provided to an employee who has recently been or is about to be terminated. The term does not include compensation for:

1. Earned and accrued annual, sick, compensatory, or administrative leave;
2. Early retirement under provisions established in an actuarially funded pension plan subject to part VII of chapter 112; or
3. Any subsidy for the cost of a group insurance plan available to an employee upon normal or disability retirement that is by policy available to all employees of the unit of government pursuant to the unit’s health insurance plan. This subparagraph may not be construed to limit the ability of a unit of government to reduce or eliminate such subsidies.

(5) Any agreement or contract, executed on or after July 1, 2011, which involves extra compensation between a unit of government and an officer, agent, employee, or contractor may not include provisions that limit the ability of any party to the agreement or contract to discuss the agreement or contract.

History.—Formerly s. 11, Art. XVI of the Constitution of 1885, as amended; converted to statutory law by s. 10, Art. XII of the Constitution as revised in 1968; s. 27, ch. 79-190; s. 1, ch. 80-114; s. 35, ch. 84-336; s. 3, ch. 92-90; s. 83, ch. 92-279; s. 55, ch. 92-326; s. 2, ch. 95-169; s. 5, ch. 98-320; s. 8, ch. 99-259; s. 1, ch. 2011-143; s. 24, ch. 2012-5; s. 44, ch. 2014-218.

Slide 1 - proposed amounts from WTW

Group	LTI % % of Salary
Executive	40%
Director	5%
Manager	3%
Individual Contributor	3%
Bargaining Units	1%

--> to grades

Group	# Employees	LTI % % of Salary
Executive	15	40%
PGK	20	5%
PGJ	44	5%
PGI	156	3%
PGH	72	3%
PGG	69	3%
PGF	31	3%
PG E	11	3%
CBU's	1562	1%
TOTAL		1980

Slide 2 - performance unit plan

Definition of what a Performance Unit Plan is and purpose

Slide 3 - Performance measure and value

Performance Unit value is tied to Net Book Value for prior FY

Circuit Breaker and Performance Measure - Profit measures common in 64% of plans

EBITDA or Operating Income (Absolute values)

* EBITDA/OI as % of revenue (EBITDA Margin)

EBITDA = 18%, OI = 7%

source: Aon

360609	386699	382434	366486	375505
390675	494478	463510	430147	415099
751284	881177	845944	796633	790604
-14.7%	4.2%	6.2%	0.8%	

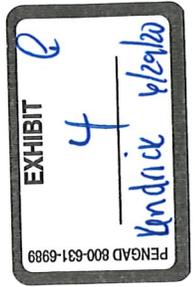
Slide 4 - sample grants (# shares)

Group/average salary/# units/grant value

Day 1 of plan - unit = \$100

Group	Average Salary	# Units	Grant Value
Executive	\$269,683	1079	\$107,873.20
PG K	\$158,488	80	\$7,924.40
PG J	\$139,378	70	\$6,968.90
PG I	\$111,129	34	\$3,333.87
PG H	\$95,378	29	\$2,861.34
PG G	\$81,951	25	\$2,458.53
PG F	\$68,728	21	\$2,061.84
PG E	\$54,971	17	\$1,649.13
CBU's	\$73,716	8	\$737.16

Rounded up to first whole unit



do we round the units up?

Slide 5 - 3 year cycle - value creation and accrual

	FY20	FY21	FY22
Target Pool	\$4,231,287.00	\$4,358,225.61	\$4,488,972.38
Net Book Value	\$2,850,000,000	\$2,975,000,000	\$3,125,000,000
Performance Unit Value	\$100	\$104.4	\$109.43
Total Units Outstanding	42313	84064	125086

\$125,000,000 \$150,000,000

*Target pool assumes 3% in salary increases/year

*hypothetical book values

1% increase in book value = \$5 added

Slide 6 - Performance Measures + Thresholds

EBITDA (operating income + depr + amort)

EBITDA Margin

What has historical value been? What is forecast?

How does that translate to threshold, target, and above target?

Slide 7 - Hypothetical Pay out

50/100/150 as percent of PU price

Based on executive and director

Employee Salary	number of units	Value of Unit (End of 3-Year Cycle)	Net EBITDA Change Total Payout (End of 3-Year Cycle)
\$300,000	1200	\$109	2.50% \$ 65,400.00 5.00% \$ 130,800.00 7.50% \$ 196,200.00
\$150,000	75	\$109	2.50% \$ 4,087.50 5.00% \$ 8,175.00 7.50% \$ 12,262.50
\$115,000	35	\$109	2.50% \$ 1,907.50 5.00% \$ 3,815.00 7.50% \$ 5,722.50
\$70,000	7	\$109	2.50% \$ 381.50 5.00% \$ 763.00 7.50% \$ 1,144.50



Total Market Compensation Strategy

Performance Unit Plan
July 2019

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EXHIBIT
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Kendrick Weffer



GUIDING PRINCIPLES
ACCELERATING UTILITY INNOVATION

Core Competencies

The things we need to be exceptionally and uniquely good at in order to yield better and better results of our Corporate Measures which drive our Mission to demonstrate our Vision

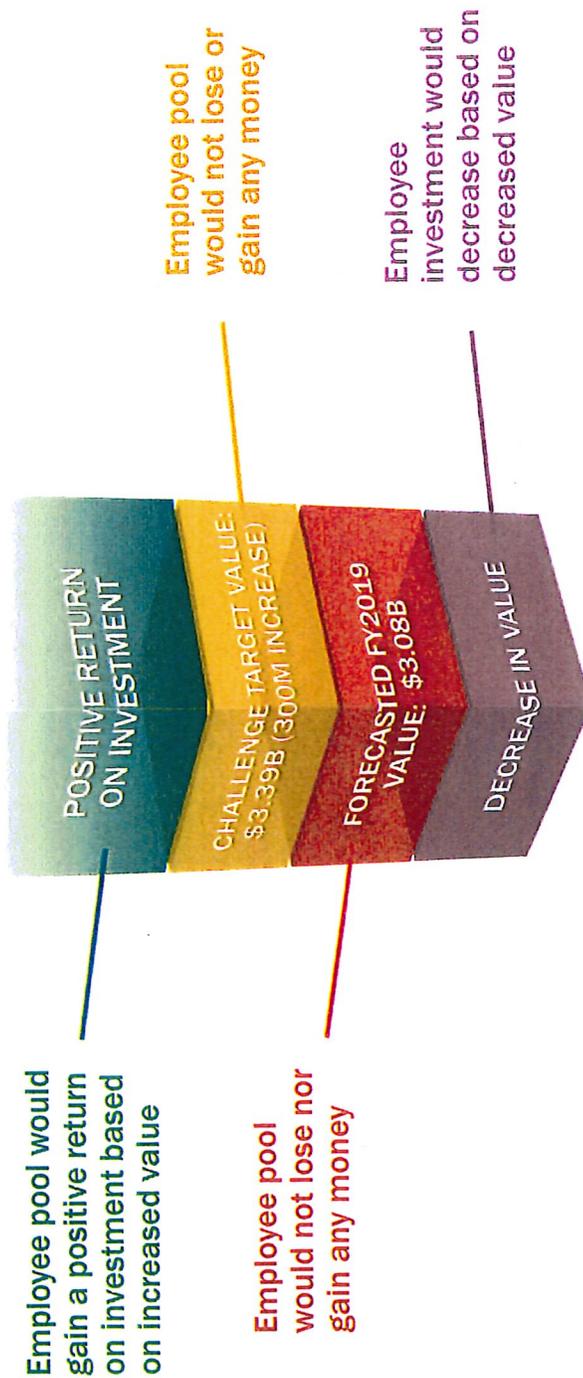


Work together to elevate the entire team

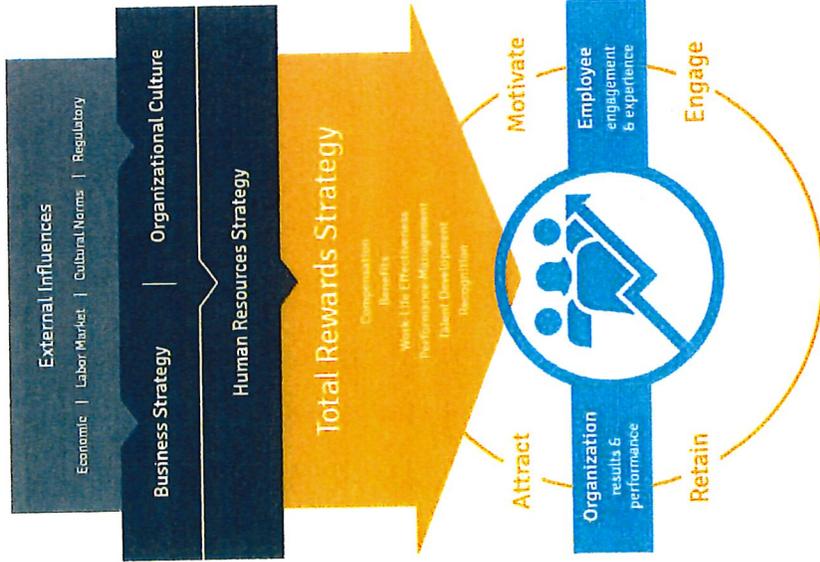
COMP IS A KEY DRIVER

Core competencies accelerate results

EXAMPLE REDEMPTION VALUE OF THE PUPS



- Employee PUP pool equal to 10% of value created in excess of the challenge target value
- Employees must increase the value of JEA by at least \$300 million by 2022 to receive the benefit
- Calculated value is sum of the net position, city contribution and any refunds to customers



ELEVATE THE ENTIRE TEAM

1. Ensure JEA's corporate compensation philosophy is aligned with JEA's Guiding Principles
2. Encourage long-term culture of value creation
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Employee incentives should drive "value" & "teamwork"

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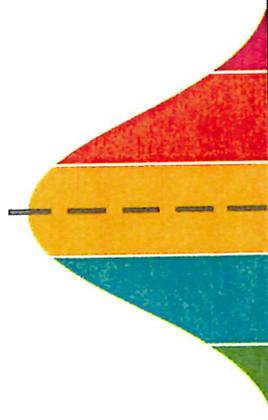
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50th %

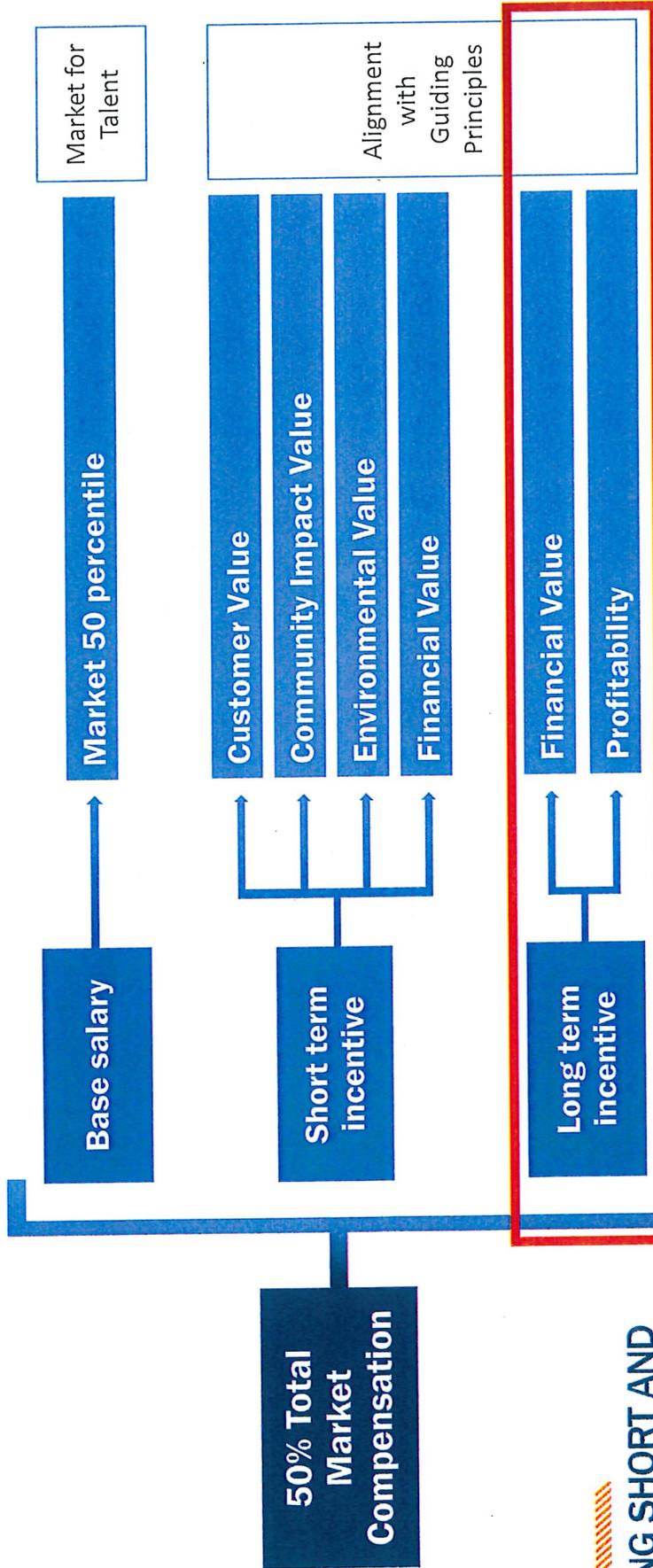


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Establish a Formal Compensation Policy to Align with:

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DRIVING SHORT AND LONG-TERM BEHAVIOR

*BENEFIT PROGRAM, NOT COMP
AFTER RESEARCH - IN LINE OF...*

① COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

② RULES - GOT AGREED FL 215 CLARITY

PERFORMANCE UNIT PROGRAM

- Compensation committee proposes adoption of a performance unit plan (“PUP”) which would be a new benefit program provided to employees
- It is designed to allow employees to participate in the upside and downside as the business changes
- Employees will be eligible to purchase JEA performance units for \$10 per unit
- Units will increase or decrease in value based on the financial performance of JEA over a 3–year performance period
- Employees will be required to remain employed through the end of the performance period to benefit from any increase in value
- For the first performance period (FY2020 to FY2022) it is recommended that 30,000 performance units be made available for purchase



Total Market Compensation Strategy

Compensation Committee
June 2018



EXHIBIT *E*
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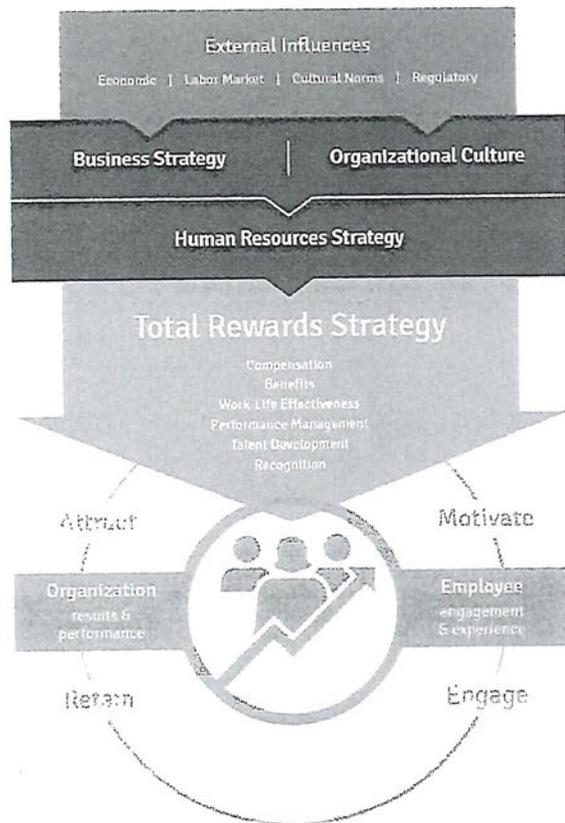
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Compensation Efforts to Date

January

February - June

Board Approval of:

- Guiding Principles
- Development of a Compensation Framework
- Extending CEO contract through 7/31/19
- Change to Board Policy Manual

Developed and presented to the Board

Framework developed with the assistance of Willis Towers Watson

CEO Contract prepared

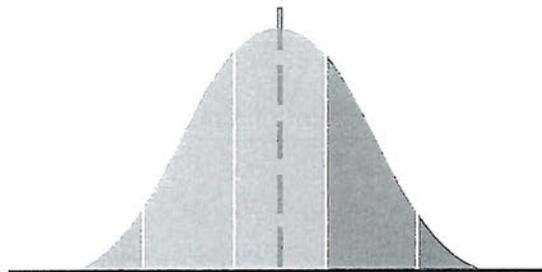
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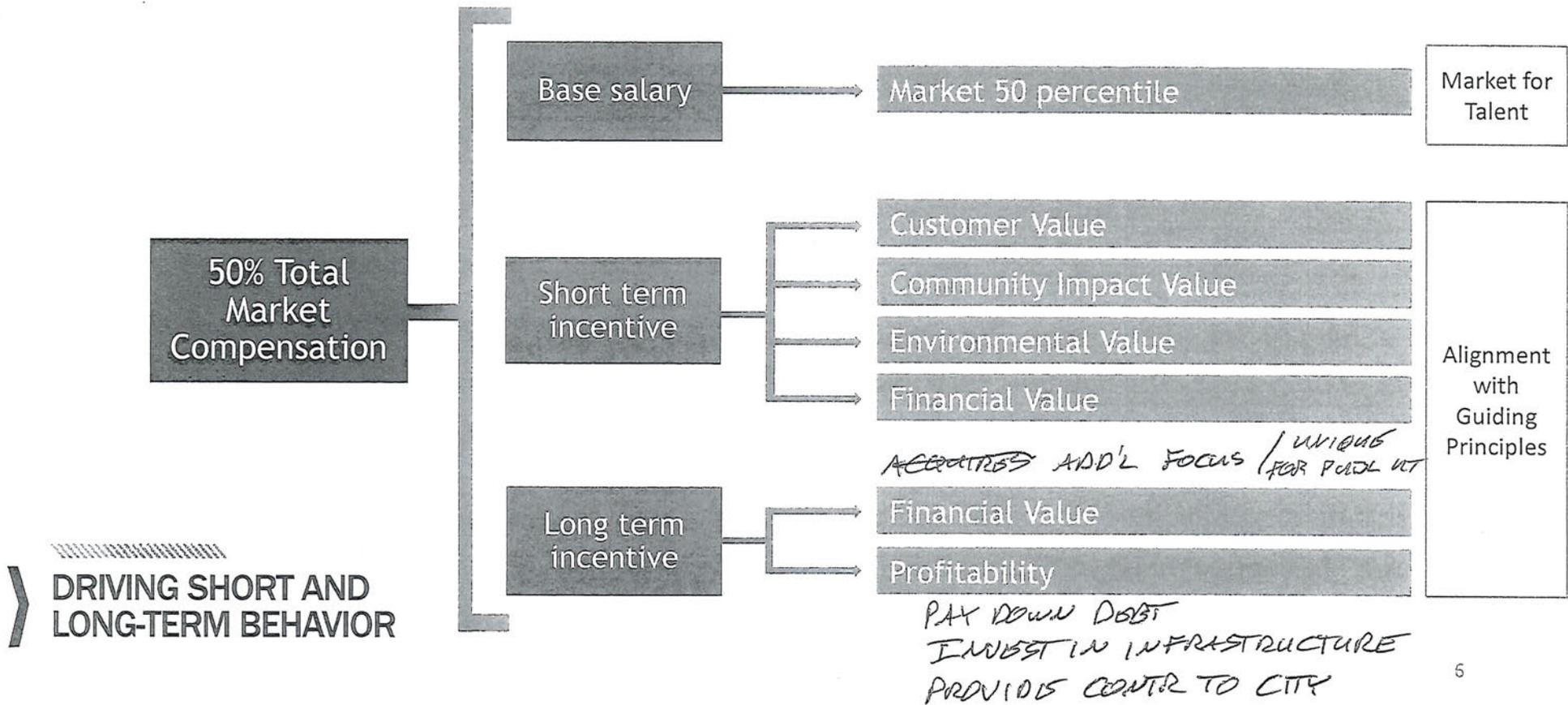


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JEA’S COMPENSATION PHILOSOPHY

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DIRECTION WE HAVE PURSUED
I CAME IN TOWARD THIS END.

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Take from Appendix

PULLS SOME OF THAT

Compensation Benchmarking Summary

Appointed Population vs. Market 50th Percentile Variances By Job Level

- The following exhibits summarize variances comparing incumbent pay data with market data from job weighted perspective for the Appointed population only
- Variances are lower to market for executives and directors at target bonus %, target TCC, and target TDC compared to the other job levels
 - JEA provided performance bonuses to Appointed employees in April to begin closing the gap on base salary – the budget was 2.5%.

Total Cash Comp
Total Direct Comp

TCC - fixed & variable

TDC - fixed, variable & LTI

Job Weighted:

Level	Average Base Salary Variance	Average Target Bonus % Absolute Variance	Average Target TCC Variance	Average Long-term Incentive % Absolute Variance	Average Target TDC Variance
Executive	-12%	-33%	-28%	--	-42%
Director	-1%	-10%	-8%	--	-13%
Manager	-2%	-5%	-6%	--	-6%
Individual Contributor	-1%	-2%	-1%	--	-1%
Total	-2%	-7%	-6%	--	-7%

with titles

TCP - incl benefits

Short-Term Incentive Plan Practices

Target Incentive Award Opportunities

- Target incentive opportunities typically increase with job level, and are relatively similar in both the Utility and General Industries
- Note that we have recommended STI targets as part of our analysis to “close the gap” *you just saw* between market and JEA’s desired competitive positioning

Target Incentive Award Opportunities – By Job Level

Role/Career Level	Target STI Opportunities	
	Utilities	General Industry
Senior Directors	25%	■
Managers	15%	■
Supervisors	10%	■
Senior Level Professionals	13-20%	■
Entry-Mid Level Professionals	7-10%	■
Non-exempt	5%	■

Source: Willis Towers Watson 2018 General Industry and Energy Services MMPS Compensation Survey Reports – U.S.

Long-Term Incentive Plan Design

Introduction

*DIFFERENTIAL GAME CHANGER
MAKER*

Why Companies Have Long-Term Incentive Plans	Factor Driving JEA Inclusion of LTI
Focus on long-term performance and align performance to long-term business strategies	✓
Necessary component of a market competitive compensation program for investor owned utilities <i>GIVEN</i>	✓
Aligns the interests of employees with stakeholders <i>(CUSTOMERS, CITY, CITIES, BOARDS)</i> <i>SOLID JOB - STAYING</i>	✓
Fosters long-term retention	✓
Encourages teamwork and collaboration across groups, functions, businesses, etc.	✓
Rewards for long-term shareholder/stakeholder value creation	✓
Balances focus on short-term results that are driven by annual incentives	✓

Long-Term Incentive Plan Design

Proposed Design

- Given consideration of the overarching goal to allow all employees the opportunity to share in the long-term success of the company, we propose a multi-pronged LTI design approach below:



* Value of units tied to JEA Net Book Value.

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Freshes

Long-Term Incentive Plan Design

Proposed Design Details: Performance Unit

Performance Unit

Plan Design Element	Plan Design Details
Award Vehicle	• Performance Unit: value of unit tied to JEA Net Book Value; unit valuation formula to be determined
Eligibility	• All employees would be eligible in order to drive collective focus on JEA long-term performance
Target Award Opportunity (as % of base salary)	• Award opportunities vary based on level in the organization (see page 31 for proposed targets); Management and Board's intent is to close competitive gap to market for LTI in first year of grant and ensure JEA compensation is competitive with market 50 th percentile
Award Frequency	• Annual
Circuit Breaker <i>must be paid</i>	• Defined level of contribution to the City will be established for each award cycle; intent is for contribution level to ensure LTI plan is self funded <i>no level of detail/clarity</i>
Performance Measures	• Net Book Value: used to determine Performance Unit value • Customer Rates: performance measure used to <u>modify the number of</u> Performance Units earned; performance goal to be determined
Performance Period	• 3-year performance cycle with overlapping cycles due to annual grant frequency
Payout Range	• Threshold: 50% of Target • Maximum: 150% of Target
Estimated Cost	• Estimated cost of annual Performance Unit awards to all employees based on current incumbent base salaries* is \$3.4M

*Bargaining Unit costs calculated based on step structure data if incumbent data are not available.

*Self-funding?
Inboard cash flow?
vs ?
end ?
Rate is set by
board go?*

*Why single unit
Cost Rates?*

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*as a result
→ Savings
ways: ① financing
by save
② other rev str*

Proposed Compensation Adjustments

Market Positioning Based on Proposed Pay Adjustments

- The following exhibit summarizes the competitive position of JEA pay based on the target bonus % and LTI % adjustments needed to align pay with market median
- ✓ All levels approximate or exceed the market median for target TDC, thereby aligning with the Board's articulated competitive compensation positioning
- ✓ Proposed target bonus % and LTI % for executives bring target TDC to market competitive levels; therefore, material base salary adjustments are not required
- ✓ Bargaining Unit variance exceeds market median target TDC due primarily to variances that are calculated based off of step structure base salaries

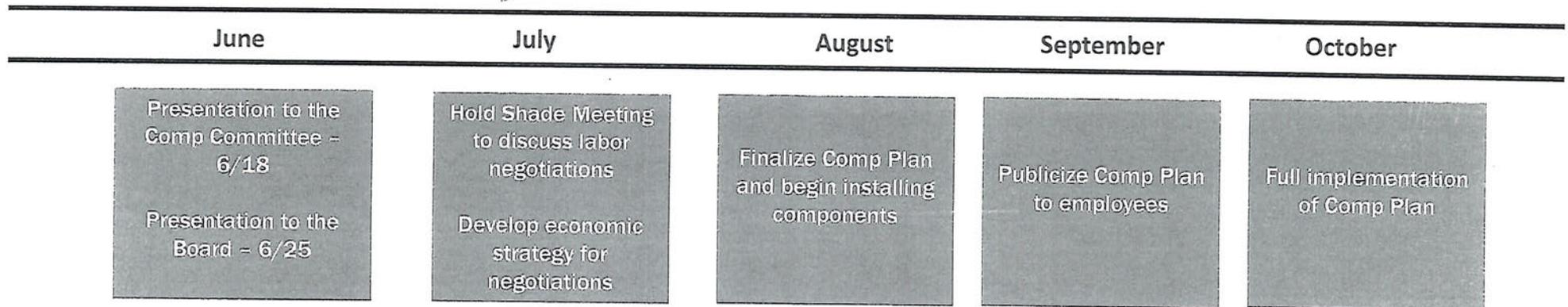
DIRECTION YOU PROVIDED

Job Weighted:

Level	Average Base Salary/Midpoint Variance (Median)	Average Target Bonus %		Proposed Target TCC Variance (Median)	Average Long-term Incentive %		Proposed Target TDC Variance (Median)
	JEA	JEA Proposed	Market	JEA	JEA Proposed	Market	JEA
Executive	-12%	45%		-6%	40%		-2%
Director	-1%	20%		2%	5%		1%
Manager	-2%	10%		-3%	3%		-1%
Individual Contributor	-1%	7%		-1%	3%		2%
Bargaining Units	11%	2%		8%	1%		9%
Total	3%	8%		2%	3%		3%

Note: Market data provided by JEA.

Compensation Plans



Compensation Plan as directed by the Board

Remaining Unit negotiations and finalize contracts

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Subject: RE: For review

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Hi Lynne,

Attached please find my comments to the allocation parameters (clean and a redline). I've marked a couple of items for your consideration in yellow. I know that you're working on an introduction, but I added a mini introduction for purposes of framing a couple of the issues in the parameters.

Please call or email with any questions.

Best,
Jessica

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*** EXTERNAL EMAIL ***

Under Section 3 of the *, at my sole and reasonable discretion, I (as Administrator) am directed to interpret the * and to, among other powers, determine the number of [PU] that may be purchased by a * Participant and (under Section 6) notify each employee of the maximum number of [PU] that employee may purchase. A total of 100,000 [PU] will be issued and allocated. "[PU]" means "a bookkeeping entry representing a potential right [of a * Participant] to receive a payment under this *." A Participant is an employee who makes a deferral election to purchase [PU] under the *. Also under Section 3, I may delegate any of my responsibilities to JEA's senior executive management.

In order to further the purpose of the * and in accordance with my duties as Administrator, I delegate my authority to you, as CEO, to assign to and notify each eligible employee of the maximum number of [PU] he or she may purchase, *within the following parameters:*

- (1) The maximum number of [PU] each eligible employee may purchase shall be based on two factors: (i) a base number of [PU] in accordance with the employee's position level at JEA and (ii) an increase or decrease or

- no change to the base number of [PU] based on the employee's performance during the most recent twelve month period prior to the time at which the allocation is determined.
- (2) Each employee's performance for the purpose of this allocation shall be measured by his or her assessment under the annual JEA Performance Ranking Program.
 - (3) The position levels at JEA for the purpose of this allocation shall be: Manager, Individual, Civil Service, Director, Senior Leadership Team, Executive Leadership Team, and Chief Executive Officer. I note that temporary JEA employees are ineligible for * participation.
 - (4) One-hundred percent of the 100,000 [PU] available shall be allocated.
 - (5) [PU] must be purchased as whole units.
 - (6) Allocated units that are not purchased by the requisite deadline shall be reallocated as available for purchase on a pro-rata basis to eligible employees. [Upon notice of the number of reallocated [PU] available for purchase, eligible employees will need to complete an additional Schedule I to their executed Agreement.]
 - (7) The allocation for the Chief Executive Officer shall be [%] of the total 100,000 Performance Units. [I have determined that the CEO has exceeded his performance metrics _____ and such [%] allocation is inclusive of both a base number of [PU] and a performance-based number of [PU].]
 - (8) The allocation for all eligible employees at the Manager, Individual, Civil Service, Director, Senior Leadership Team, and Executive Leadership Team shall total the remaining [%] of the total 100,000 [PU].
 - (9) No position level shall be allocated in excess of [20%] of the next highest position level allocation.
 - (10) The base number of [PU] allocated to each eligible employee shall be based solely on his or her position level and shall be uniform for all employees within each position level.
 - (11) The increase or decrease or no change to the base number of [PU] based on the employee's assessment under the annual JEA Performance Ranking Program shall be determined on an individual employee basis.

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Introduction

Pursuant to the authority in Section 3 of the * (the “*”), this letter (this “Letter”) contains the parameters for use in administering the *. Also under Section 3 of the *, I may delegate any of my authority under the * to JEA’s senior executive management and, as described below, I delegate my authority to you, as JEA’s CEO, as set forth in this Letter. [Will the Compensation Committee adopt resolutions delegating authority under the * to the CEO? This is how delegation is typically accomplished.]

Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Letter have the same meanings as those found in Section 2 of the *.

Allocation Parameters

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Only Employees are eligible to participate in the *. The * defines an “Employee” as, except as otherwise recommended by you, as JEA’s CEO, and approved by me, as Administrator, any full-time employee of the JEA Group who has been employed by any member of the JEA Group for at least three months prior to the Purchase Date or any full-time attorney from the Office of the General Counsel of the City of Jacksonville who is dedicated exclusively to JEA for at least three months prior to the Purchase Date.

In order to further the purpose of the * and in accordance with my duties as Administrator of the *, I delegate my authority to you, as CEO of JEA, to allow each Employee (other than yourself as CEO) [The CEO should not have the ability to determine his allocation.] to purchase a maximum number of [PU] determined in accordance with the following parameters and to notify each such Employee of the maximum number of PU that may be purchased by such Employee:

- (1) The maximum number of [PU] each Employee may purchase shall be determined based on two factors: (i) a base number of [PU] determined in accordance with each such Employee’s position level at JEA (the “Base Number”) and (ii) an increase or decrease or no change to the Base Number of [PU] based on such Employee’s performance during the most recent twelve month period prior to the time at which the allocation is determined. [Are there circumstances where, based on performance, an employee should receive zero PUs – e.g., where an employee is on probation? If yes, then consider specifying as such.]
 - (i) The position levels at JEA for the purpose of this allocation shall be: Manager, Individual, Civil Service, Director, Senior Leadership Team, and Executive Leadership Team. [Do these position levels include OGC attorneys?] Temporary JEA employees are ineligible for * participation.
 - (ii) Each Employee’s performance for the purpose of this allocation shall be measured by his or her assessment under the annual JEA Performance Ranking Program. [See comment below.]

- (2) One-hundred percent of the 100,000 [PU] available shall be allocated. [Allocating all the PUs and re-allocating PUs that are not purchased suggests that the * is not long-term which had initially been expressed as a concern.]
- (3) [PU] must be purchased as whole units.
- (4) Allocated units that are not purchased by the requisite deadline shall [may?] be reallocated as available for purchase on a pro-rata basis to Employees. [What happens if there are not enough PUs to be reallocated to all employees – e.g., will participation be determined based on seniority? What happens if there are not enough PUs for employees to receive whole PUs? What happens if all the PUs are still not purchased after being reallocated?] [Upon notice of the number of reallocated [PU] available for purchase, Employees will need to complete an additional Schedule I to their executed Agreement.] [Recommended that participants sign new Schedule I for additional PUs purchased. Will reallocated PUs only be available for purchase by employees who purchased PUs in the first round?]
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Introduction

Pursuant to the authority in Section 3 of the * (the “*”), this letter (this “Letter”) contains the parameters for use in administering the *. Also under Section 3 of the *, I may delegate any of my authority under the * to JEA’s senior executive management and, as described below, I delegate my authority to you, as JEA’s CEO, as set forth in this Letter. [Will the Compensation Committee adopt resolutions delegating authority under the * to the CEO? This is how delegation is typically accomplished.]

Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Letter have the same meanings as those found in Section 2 of the *.

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Opinion

Guest column: JEA answers concerns about retention bonuses

By **Jon Kendrick**

Posted Nov 3, 2019 at 2:01 AM

JEA's primary responsibility is to provide the community we serve with safe and reliable electric, water and wastewater services.

That starts with the people who provide these services, JEA employees. As various recapitalization possibilities are discussed, our employees need to know that their future is at the forefront of the minds of JEA's leadership.

Therefore, JEA is offering retention agreements to all 2,000 employees. These agreements are meant to incentivize JEA employees to continue to serve the customers of Northeast Florida if a recapitalization event occurs. Offering retention agreements as an employee incentive is a very common business practice.

As the chief human resources officer serving all 2,000 JEA employees, this past week's news headlines were particularly distressing to me. Perpetuating a narrative that implies JEA's senior leadership team has a significant financial interest in a recapitalization event via retention agreements is inaccurate and implies that the senior leadership team doesn't have employees' best interests at heart.

Not only is the narrative inaccurate, it is careless. As a JEA senior leader whose job it is to first serve others and look out for the interests of our employees, I'm in a good position to set the record straight.

April Green, chair of JEA's board of directors, said it best in her July 28 Times-Union guest column.

"We did not vote to sell JEA. We voted for JEA to pursue a path forward that protects its employees, customers and our larger community."



The July 23 JEA board vote to allow the utility's senior leadership team to explore alternative, non-governmental options to its current structure was a vote for ensuring that JEA employees are taken care of in the best possible way.

In fact, at the July 23 JEA board meeting, JEA's board of directors publicly discussed and approved retention agreements for not only the 14-person senior leadership team, but for all full-time employees (should a recapitalization event occur).

These retention agreements were listed as one of the "minimum requirements" for any recapitalization effort. Each employee's retention agreement is equal to the amount of one year's salary, paid over three years: one-third on the day of closing a recapitalization event, one-third on the first anniversary of the event and one-third on the second anniversary of the event.

No one receives the retention payments unless and until they stay employed at JEA. Further, if any employee ceases to be employed during the retention period due to involuntary termination, the employee will still be eligible to receive the entire retention payment amount following the same timeline.

Again, these retention agreements were offered to all full-time JEA appointed employees, not only the senior leadership team. Retention agreements for JEA employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement were included in recently negotiated labor contracts, which have been ratified by all five unions represented at JEA and are awaiting approval by the City Council and mayor.

It's important to acknowledge that yes, JEA's senior leadership team's retention payments would be higher than their colleagues' (should a recapitalization event occur). This isn't a ruse, or an "incentive to sell," it is simply the result of higher salaries.

Until a course of action is decided upon and approved, lingering questions will remain about the future of JEA and its employees. The retention agreements are a tool to help allay the fears of our employees about their future.

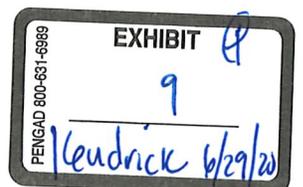
It's easy to forget how dangerous it can be to keep electricity and water running into our homes. JEA's electrical linemen risk falls, electric shocks and burns and our water and wastewater workers also face treacherous situations daily.

We want them focused on safety as they provide quality service to our community. That is why the retention agreements were created.

Jon Kendrick is vice president and chief human resources officer for JEA.

From: Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer
To: Dykes, Melissa H. - President/COO
Subject: Fw: PUP
Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 7:59:12 AM
Attachments: PUP table.xlsx

Here's and idea for forced ranking.



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Exceeds	Meets High	2	10%	198
Meets	Meets	3	70%	1388
Meets	Meets Low	4	10%	198
Below	Does not meet*	5	5%	99
Total			100%	1983

*This ranking is never 5%, lucky if you get 1%; suggest also considering the folks who actually are released during the year

From: KHyde@foley.com
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2019 9:15 AM
To: Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer
Subject: Re: A Letter from Mayor Curry to JEA Board

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Sure. Anytime before 11

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 13, 2019, at 8:59 AM, Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer <kendja@jea.com> wrote:

Kevin,

Can I call you with a couple of questions re this? Let me know a good time today, if there is one. Not good for me 11-3. Thanks.

Thanks.

Jon

From: Currents <currents@jea.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 7:38 PM
To: !(EVERYONE - JEA) <everyone_jea@jea.com>
Subject: A Letter from Mayor Curry to JEA Board

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A Letter from Mayor Curry to the JEA Board

Please see the attached pdf of the letter Mayor Curry sent to the JEA Board this evening.





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December 12, 2019

JEA Board members,

Thank you for your dedication to our community with your service on the JEA Board during a time of challenge. As you and the senior leaders of JEA know, the utility industry is facing marketplace disruption and technological innovation that presents very serious threats to the future success of a government-owned utility. Turning a blind eye to this would leave JEA on a course toward rapidly increasing rates, unconstrained debt, and more uncertainty for employees, customers, and taxpayers. So, again, thank you for continuing to put the best interest of the community foremost.

In the process of strategic planning, you and JEA leadership have opened a dialog related to five scenarios for the future of JEA. While much attention is focused on one scenario related to possible sale, I know and appreciate that JEA continues to simultaneously explore several scenarios and options that can ensure clean, consistent energy and water for our city. Unfortunately, facts about JEA's strategic planning and exploration of all scenarios in this process remain misunderstood or unknown by large segments of the community.

A process of vetting five different pathways and aligning them for simultaneous board consideration has been complicated, and decision-making of this magnitude is not easy. Nevertheless, I am convinced that you have all conducted the process openly and in accordance with the law.

Furthermore, despite the clear delineation of responsibilities between you as a board for an independent authority and our elected City Council (as defined in the Charter of the Consolidated Government of the City of Jacksonville), City Council has expressed the wish for an active role in the strategic planning options and challenges facing the JEA.

I am requesting a path that will acknowledge the important work accomplished by JEA over the past year and give City Council the strategic opportunity it seeks because both are important for the people of Jacksonville. Therefore, I ask you as a board to do the following:

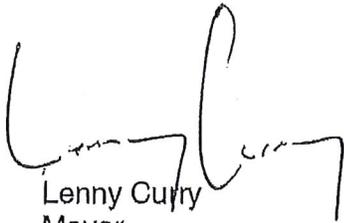
1. At your board meeting next week, tell JEA senior leaders to prepare specific legislative requests for Council related to each of the five scenarios that have been laid out. The assignment is as simple as this question; What action would City Council need to take for each scenario to be possible and what challenges would remain even if Council accomplished the local legislative fixes for each? These requests would be prepared for simultaneous transmission to Council via a Board vote in January.
2. One of the scenarios includes the ongoing ITN process, so tell the senior leaders and their advisors to conclude the ITN by the end of January.
3. Although the ITN – as written today – seems to contemplate the board being presented and considering a single, final proposal, the leadership team and advisors should amend the ITN and conclude it by the January board meeting with a top tier of proposals rather than any single entity. And, rather than consideration of that proposal being reviewed and accomplished by you as a board, that top tier of the proposals should be given to City Council for them to review and consider their disposition legislatively as they see fit.
4. Immediately make available the time and resources of any JEA personnel or advisors needed to engage in a series of community townhalls on the future of JEA. While the JEA Board and City Council have done a lot of important work, the people of our city need to hear from JEA directly regarding all possible scenarios. Coordination and scheduling community meetings in each of the 14 districts represented on City Council must be the minimum standard. These meetings should be conducted before City Council and I take any formal action on the scenarios as provided to Council by the Board.

5. Finally, City Council has spoken much to old models of municipal utility service, so I would ask you to instruct the JEA team to consider a sixth scenario and prepare research on it. This scenario would be collapsing and moving the independent authority into a municipal department whose operation and budget is directly managed by City Council and the Mayor's Administration. Although, on its face this is a scenario I would be inclined to reject, I believe providing City Council research and legislative changes they can consider is important.

6. Confer with General Counsel Jason Gabriel to ensure the steps I'm proposing are done in compliance with the City Charter and all applicable laws.

I believe City Council has always had the authority to determine the next steps of the strategic planning process, but they have demonstrated they want to exercise this authority sooner with more flexibility. I believe if the December JEA Board meeting provides this guidance to senior leadership and advisors, and the January board meeting advances to Council all potentialities for all scenarios, Council will have every tool it needs to determine the future of JEA. They can take as much time as they need, and you – the JEA Board – and senior leadership can get back to the daily operations as we await Council's work.

The City Council can conclude the strategic planning process in conjunction with myself and JEA personnel as needed. Then, ultimately, the Council can also consider whether one option is sent to a ballot or if multiple options are sent to a ballot for voters consideration. Either way, the elected representatives of every person in Jacksonville will work together to ensure the future of the utility.



Lenny Curry
Mayor

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ ME

Lynne, Ryan, Caren, Deryle, Steve, John, Paul, Jon, Ted, Shawn,

Attached to this note are the beginnings of the seller disclosure letter, a key component of an Asset Purchase Agreement. Under the APA, JEA is required to make certain reps and warranties, and our disclosure letter is our opportunity to list any exceptions to these general statements. Based on your position and expertise, you are in a position to lead the preparation of one or more sections of JEA's disclosure letter. You are not expected to have personal knowledge of all exceptions, and may draw on whatever resources needed to allow you to be comfortable that all exceptions to the reps/warranties for your section are properly catalogued.

Your list should only include items that are **NOT** otherwise disclosed by JEA on EMMA. This is great timing to be preparing this disclosure list because we are also working to finalize our annual disclosure report for FY19. If there are items that arise as a result of this work that are not in the ADR, please make sure Ryan is aware so they can be considered for inclusion in the ADR.

Each section of the disclosure letter is tagged with an orange label with one person's name assigned. If you have received this letter you have a section.

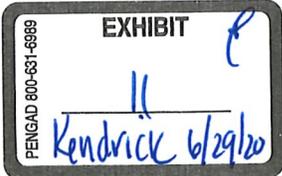
The electronic version of this cover note and the letter are in the data room in Confidential Draft Materials / APA and Related Documents. If you have questions, please let me know or reach out to Veronica Nunn at Pillsbury. Her contact information is in the instructions in the attachment. Please note the due date for the first draft is **Friday, November 22.**

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this important work.

Melissa

Disclosures
- exceptions
- affirmative

- Letter is suggested verbiage
- Anything in ADR not written here (Note it will be on EMMA). Over disclose



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Guidelines for Preparation of the Seller Disclosure Letter

Dear JEA Team Member or Advisor:

We would like your assistance in preparing the following Seller Disclosure Letter as it relates to the Acquisition Agreement. As you may know, the Acquisition Agreement will contain a set of representations (“reps”) and warranties (i.e., assertions of fact) about JEA, its business, assets, properties and liabilities. The Seller Disclosure Letter adds caveats and exceptions to these reps and warranties, discloses instances in which the reps and warranties are not true as drafted, and provides additional information where expressly required.

The pages that follow contain the first draft of each rep and warranty separated by section number. In order to anticipate potential bidder comments and to try to reduce additional work for JEA later in the process, we have deliberately made some of the reps and warranties more expansive than what we expect to include in the auction draft of the Acquisition Agreement initially provided to bidders (i.e., to reflect what a negotiated set of reps could look like). We ask that you please read each rep and warranty as it pertains to your area of work or expertise in JEA’s business and disclose within such section with a bullet-point list any items that are either an exception to the rep or warranty being given or are responsive to an affirmative request for additional information. For our understanding, please also indicate which portion of the rep and warranty such noted exception is an exception to. Any information, however, that is expressly disclosed in a filing on the EMMA website (other than only in the Forward-Looking Statement and Associated Risk sections) on or after [June 30, 2017], does not need to be included in the Seller Disclosure Letter.

Within some of the reps and warranties you may see qualifying phrases and words. Please interpret these qualifying phrases and words as follows for purposes of preparing the Seller Disclosure Letter:

- (i) For any reference to “materiality” (other than with respect to the phrase “a JEA Material Adverse Effect,” which has its own definition), please consider any item(s) valued at approximately [\$5,000,000] or more to be material (or items that are difficult to quantify or unquantifiable in size, but considered significant in their value or their potential for loss to JEA or are otherwise significant to JEA’s business). This general guidance applies to any qualifier regarding “materiality” unless a different standard is set forth within the rep or warranty.
- (ii) For any reference made “to the knowledge of Seller”, please interpret “knowledge” to mean the actual knowledge of [complete list of names]¹ and the knowledge that those individuals would have after making reasonable inquiry of their direct reports with respect to the particular matter in question.

A list of defined terms used in the reps. and warranties is attached following the Seller Disclosure Letter as Annex A.

Preparing this Seller Disclosure Letter will be an iterative process as the draft of the Acquisition Agreement progresses, and it is likely that we will come back to you requesting updates, confirmations, or additional information. We ask that first round comments please be returned to us by close of business on **Friday, November 22**.

¹ Note to JEA: Please confirm.

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Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP *Draft of 11.5.19*

Thank you in advance and please reach out to us at our contact information below with any questions.

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Seller Disclosure Letter

This disclosure letter and all attachments hereto (each of which is incorporated herein by reference) constitute the "Seller Disclosure Letter" referred to in the Asset Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement"), dated [•], by and between JEA ("Seller") and [•] ("Purchaser"). Any capitalized terms used in this Seller Disclosure Letter and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning defined in the Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires. All references to section numbers contained in this Seller Disclosure Letter refer to sections of the Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires.

Any matter set forth in any provision, subprovision, section or subsection of this Seller Disclosure Letter shall be deemed to be disclosed with respect to any other provision, subprovision, section or subsection of this Seller Disclosure Letter to the extent it is reasonably apparent on the face of such disclosure that such disclosure is applicable to such other provision, subprovision, section or subsection of this Seller Disclosure Letter. In no event shall the listing of such matters in this Seller Disclosure Letter be deemed or interpreted to broaden or otherwise amplify the representations and warranties regarding, or covenants of, Seller contained in the Agreement. No reference to or disclosure of any matter or item in this Seller Disclosure Letter shall be construed as an admission or indication that such matter or item is material or that such matter or item is required to be referred to or disclosed in this Seller Disclosure Letter. References to any document herein do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by the document itself. No dollar amount referenced herein is indicative of what is or is not material to Seller or the Business. Without limiting the foregoing, no such reference to or disclosure of a possible breach or violation of any Contract, Law or Order shall be construed as an admission or indication that a breach or violation exists or has actually occurred.

The information contained in this Seller Disclosure Letter is disclosed solely for the purposes of the Agreement, and no information contained in this Seller Disclosure Letter shall be deemed to be an admission by Seller to any third party of any matter whatsoever. In disclosing this information, Seller expressly does not waive any attorney-client privilege associated with such information or any protection afforded by the work-product doctrine with respect to any of the matters disclosed or discussed herein.

The descriptive headings of the sections of this Seller Disclosure Letter are inserted for convenience only, do not constitute a part of this Seller Disclosure Letter and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Seller Disclosure Letter.

The information contained in this Disclosure Schedule is confidential, proprietary information, and Purchaser and its affiliates are obligated to maintain and protect the confidentiality of such information pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and the Confidentiality Agreement.

Section 3.1

Organization and Qualification

[Organization and Qualification of Seller. Seller is a body politic and corporate duly organized and validly existing under the Laws of the State of Florida and has all requisite power and authority to own, lease or operate the [material] properties and [material] assets now owned, leased or operated by it and to carry on the Business as presently conducted. [Seller is duly qualified or licensed to transact business and is in good standing (if applicable) in each jurisdiction in which the property and assets it owns, leases or operates, or the nature of the business it conducts, makes such qualification or licensing necessary, except where the failure to be so duly qualified or licensed and in good standing would not have a JEA Material Adverse Effect.]

Section 3.2

Lynne

Authority

*[Authority of Seller. Seller has all requisite body politic power and authority to enter into this Agreement and the Ancillary Documents to which Seller is a party, to carry out its obligations hereunder and thereunder, and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby. **[Subject to the City Council Approval and the City Referendum Approval,]** the execution and delivery by Seller of this Agreement, the performance by Seller of its obligations hereunder and the consummation by Seller of the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly authorized by all requisite body politic action on the part of Seller. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by Seller and, assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by Purchaser, constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of Seller enforceable against Seller in accordance with its terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent transfer, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity, whether considered in a proceeding in equity or law² (such laws and principles, collectively, the "Enforceability Exception"). When each Ancillary Document to which Seller is or will be a party has been duly executed and delivered by Seller, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by each other party thereto, such Ancillary Document will constitute a legal and binding obligation of Seller enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to the Enforceability Exception.]*

² Note: To discuss with Foley whether sovereign immunity should be included as an additional exception.

Section 3.3

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Consents and Approvals; No Violations

[Consents and Approvals; No Violations. Assuming the truth and accuracy of the reps and warranties of Purchaser set forth in Section 4.3³, no filing with or notice to, and no consent or approval of, any Governmental Authority is required on the part of Seller for the execution, delivery and performance by Seller of this Agreement or any Ancillary Document to which Seller is a party or the consummation by Seller of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, except: (a) those as a result of any facts or circumstances relating to Purchaser or any of its Affiliates, (b) the authorizations or approvals listed on Section 3.3(a)⁴ of the Seller Disclosure Letter, or (c) any permit, declaration, filing, authorization, registration, consent or approval, the failure to make or obtain would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a JEA Material Adverse Effect. Assuming compliance with the items described in clauses (a) and (b) of the preceding sentence, neither the execution, delivery or performance by Seller of this Agreement or any Ancillary Document to which Seller is a party, nor the consummation by Seller of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby will (i) conflict with or result in any breach or violation of any provision of its Organizational Documents, (ii) result in a breach or violation of, or constitute (with or without due notice or lapse of time or both) a default (or give rise to the creation of any Encumbrance, except for Permitted Encumbrances, on the Purchased Assets or any right of termination, amendment, cancellation or acceleration) under, any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any Contract or any Permit of the Business (other than Contracts or Permits that are Excluded Assets), or (iii) violate any Law applicable to the Business or the Purchased Assets, except, in the case of clauses (ii) or (iii), for breaches, violations, defaults, Encumbrances or rights of termination, amendment, cancellation or acceleration that would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a JEA Material Adverse Effect.

³ Note: This reference is to the equivalent Purchaser representation and warranty.

⁴ Note: To list the specific approvals required by the City Council, the Referendum Approval, CFIUS (if needed), FPSC (Electric) (if needed), FPSC (Water); FERC under Section 203 and 205 of the Federal Power Act, and the FCC for pre-approval of license transfers.

Section 3.4Financial Statements[; EMMA Documents]

[Financial Statements[; EMMA Documents]⁵].

- (a) *Seller has made available to Purchaser copies of the audited financial statements consisting of the condensed statement of net position of the Business as at [September 30, 2019] and September 30, 2018 and the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and statements of cash flows in each of the years ending [September 30, 2019] and September 30, 2018 (the “Audited Financial Statements”). The Audited Financial Statements (i) have been prepared in accordance with GAAP applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods covered thereby, except as may be indicated in the notes thereto, (ii) have been prepared in all material respects in accordance with the books and records of Seller, and (iii) fairly present, in all material respects, the financial condition of the Business as of the respective dates they were prepared and the results of the operations of the Business for the periods then ended.⁶ The condensed statement of net position of the Business as of [September 30, 2019] is referred to herein as the “Balance Sheet” and the date thereof as the “Balance Sheet Date.”*
- (b) *[Since the Look Back Date, Seller has filed with the MSRB all documents required to be filed by it under the applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the MSRB, except for filings the failure of which to make would not reasonably expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a JEA Material Adverse Effect. All such documents complied, as of the date so filed (or if amended or superseded by a filing or amendment prior to the date of this Agreement, then as of the time of such filing or amendment), with all applicable requirements of the rules and regulations promulgated by the MSRB, except for failures to comply that would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a JEA Material Adverse Effect] [As of its filing date (or if amended or superseded by a filing or amendment prior to the date of this Agreement, then as of the time of such filing or amendment) each of the EMMA Documents did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements made therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.]]*

⁵ Note: The reps in subsection (b) will not be included in the initial auction draft, but may be requested by Bidders.

⁶ Note: To the extent that the reps. will extend to any unaudited interim financial statements, appropriate carve-outs will be required for normal year-end adjustments and disclosures in the notes thereto.

Section 3.5Undisclosed Liabilities

[Undisclosed Liabilities. The Business does not have any material Liability of a type required to be reflected on a balance sheet prepared in accordance with GAAP of any nature relating to the Business at or as of the Closing Date, except for (a) Liabilities reflected or reserved against in the Audited Financial Statements or the notes thereto (b) Liabilities disclosed in filings publicly available on EMMA prior to the date of this Agreement, (c) Liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice since the Balance Sheet Date, (c) Liabilities required or contemplated to be incurred by this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements or (d) Liabilities that are Excluded Liabilities or otherwise relate to Excluded Assets.⁷]

⁷ Note: Auction draft to include an additional exception for any Liability “that has not had, and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a JEA Material Adverse Effect.”

Section 3.6

Absence of Certain Changes or Events

[Absence of Certain Changes or Events. Except as contemplated by this Agreement, since the Balance Sheet Date through the date of this Agreement, (a) the Business has been conducted in all material respects in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, except for actions taken or not taken (i) that are necessary in order to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements, or (ii) with respect to any operational emergencies (including any restoration or other measures (including adjustments to rates) in response to any hurricane, tornado, ice storm, tsunami, flood, earthquake, or other natural disaster or weather-related event, circumstance, or development), equipment failures, outages, or threats to the health or safety of natural Persons, (b) Seller has not taken any action which, if taken after the execution and delivery of this Agreement, would have required the prior consent of Purchaser pursuant to Section 5.01 (Conduct of Business Prior to Closing) and (c) there has not occurred any JEA Material Adverse Effect. [Purchaser acknowledges that there may be disruption to the operation of the Business as a result of the announcement by Seller of the ITN Process (and there may be further disruption to the Business as a result of the execution of this Agreement, including as a result of the identity of Purchaser, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby), and Purchaser agrees that any such disruption does not and shall not constitute a breach of this Section 3.6.]

Section 3.7Title to and Sufficiency of Purchased Assets[Title to and Sufficiency of Purchased Assets.

(a) *Excluding the Real Property, Seller has good and valid title to, or a valid leasehold interest in, the Purchased Assets, except for the following (collectively referred to as "Permitted Encumbrances"):*

- (i) *those items set forth in Section 3.7 of the Seller Disclosure Letter;*
- (ii) *mechanics', carriers', workmen's, repairmen's or other like liens arising or incurred in the ordinary course of business or amounts that are not delinquent more than sixty (60) days, or the validity or amount of which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, or pledges, deposits or other liens securing the performance of bids, trade contracts, leases or statutory obligations;*
- (iii) *all matters disclosed by the Title Commitments and any other easements, rights of way, servitudes, permits, licenses, covenants, restrictions, zoning ordinances and other similar Encumbrances affecting the Real Property;*
- (iv) *other than with respect to Owned Real Property, liens arising under original purchase price conditional sales contracts and equipment leases with third parties entered into in the ordinary course of business;*
- (v) *Encumbrances for Taxes or assessments that are not delinquent (or which may be paid without interest or penalties) or the validity or amount of which is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings;*
- (vi) *Encumbrances created by [Utility Bonds] that will be released prior to or at the Closing,*
- (vii) *Encumbrances that have been placed by any developer, landlord, or other third party on any Leased Real Property or Other Real Property Interest;*
- (viii) *all matters that an accurate survey or physical inspection of the Real Property would disclose that individually or in the aggregate, do not prohibit or materially interfere with the current operation of the Real Property;*
- (ix) *deed restrictions limiting the use of the Real Property to non-residential uses;*
- (x) *all exceptions, restrictions, easements, imperfections of title, charges, rights-of-way and other Encumbrances that, to the knowledge of Seller, do not materially interfere with the present use of the Purchased Assets in the Business, taken as a whole;*
- (xi) *any conveyance, transfer, or lease of any oil, gas, or mineral rights and profits, rights, and appurtenances relating thereto;*
- (xii) *the covenants or restrictions set forth in this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements;*

(xiii) *Encumbrances with respect to the Purchased Assets created by or resulting from the acts or omissions of Purchaser;*

(xiv) *in the case of any Leased Real Property, the terms and conditions of the applicable Lease; or*

(xv) *for any Real Property for which Purchaser has not obtained a Title Commitment, any Encumbrance affecting such Real Property provided that such Encumbrance does not, to the knowledge of Seller, interfere with the present use of the Purchased Assets in the Business, taken as a whole.*

(b) *The Purchased Assets and the rights granted to Purchaser under this Agreement, together with the Ancillary Agreements, include all of the assets, properties and rights owned, licensed or leased by Seller that are used in and necessary to conduct the Business as conducted at the Closing or as conducted by Seller as of the date of the Latest Balance Sheet. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, nothing in this Section 3.7 shall be deemed to address any infringement, misappropriation or violation of any Intellectual Property of any Person (it being acknowledged by the Parties that Section 3.20 constitutes the sole representations and warranties of Seller under this Agreement with respect to any Intellectual Property matters).]*

Section 3.8Material Contracts[JEA Material Contracts.

(a) Section 3.8(a) of the Seller Disclosure Letter sets forth, as of the date of this Agreement, a list of each of the following contracts and agreements to which Seller is a party (such contracts and agreements, the "JEA Material Contracts"):⁸

(i) each material Contract, ordinance, or other grant of any municipal, town or county franchise to the Business (the "Franchises");

(ii) all Contracts that individually involve expenditures by the Business in excess of \$[5,000,000]⁹ in the twelve (12) months preceding the date of this Agreement and that in each case have a remaining term following the Closing of longer than one year, to the extent that any obligations under such Contracts will remain unsatisfied as of the Closing;

(iii) all Contracts that individually involve the receipt of payments by the Business in excess of \$[5,000,000] in the 12 months preceding the date of this Agreement and that in each case have a remaining term following the Closing of longer than one year, to the extent that any obligations under such Contracts will remain unsatisfied as of the Closing;

(iv) all Contracts for, or relating to, Indebtedness of the Business in excess of \$[5,000,000];

(v) all Contracts that obligate Seller to dispose of or acquire (or grant to any Person any right or option to acquire) any Purchased Assets for consideration in each case in excess of \$[5,000,000], other than in the ordinary course of the Business;

(vi) all Contracts containing covenants applicable to Seller (a) prohibiting Seller from competing in any line of business or with any Person or in any geographic area or (b) requiring Seller to use any supplier or third party for all or substantially all of any of its material requirements;

(vii) all partnership, joint venture and similar Contracts providing for the formation, creation, operation, management or control of any partnership or joint venture with a third party in which Seller owns a voting or economic interest;

(viii) any contract with any officer, employee or independent contractor providing for annual compensation in excess of \$[250,000],¹⁰ including contracts with respect to employment, secondment, cost-sharing, severance, separation, change in control or retention;

(ix) any collective bargaining agreement or other contract with any labor union; and

⁸ Note to JEA: To discuss anything else that should be included in this list that should be considered material to the Business.

⁹ Note: Dollar threshold to be confirmed (which should be set at a level that identifies an appropriately limited set of contracts that are truly important to the ongoing financial condition of the business, and which is not so low as to create an undue scheduling burden on JEA).

¹⁰ Note to JEA: Please confirm whether this is an appropriate threshold (or if it should be lower)?

(x) any Contract pursuant to which Seller has (x) continuing indemnification obligations or (y) any "earn-out" or similar contingent payment obligations, in the case of each of clauses (x) and (y), that would reasonably be expected to result in payments in excess of **[\$5,000,000]**.

(b) Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a JEA Material Adverse Effect, (i) each JEA Material Contract is a legal, valid and binding obligation of Seller and, to the knowledge of Seller, each counterparty, and is in full force and effect, subject to the Enforceability Exceptions, and (ii) neither Seller nor, to the knowledge of Seller, any other party thereto, is in breach of, or in default under, any such JEA Material Contract. As of the date of this Agreement, to the knowledge of Seller, Seller has not received written notice of any actual or alleged breach of, or default under, or of any termination or non-renewal of, any Material Contract, except in each case as would not have a JEA Material Adverse Effect. **[True and complete copies of each JEA Material Contract set forth in Section 3.8(a) of the Seller Disclosure Letter (including all amendments and supplements thereto) as in effect as of the date of this Agreement have been made available to Purchaser.]**

Note: For purposes of the disclosure exercise for this Section 3.8, please interpret "JEA Material Adverse Effect" to mean any claim, dispute or other demand or action brought by or against JEA (whether or not formal proceedings have been commenced) involving an anticipated amount in dispute (or if determined adversely to JEA, would reasonably be expected to result in a liability) of more than **[\$5,000,000]**. "JEA Material Adverse Effect" will be a much higher threshold under the initial auction draft of the Acquisition Agreement.

Section 3.9

Legal Proceedings

Note: For purposes of the disclosure exercise for this Section 3.9, please interpret “JEA Material Adverse Effect” to mean any claim, dispute or other demand or action brought by or against JEA (whether or not formal proceedings have been commenced) involving an anticipated amount in dispute (or if determined adversely to JEA, would reasonably be expected to result in a liability) of more than \$[5,000,000]. “JEA Material Adverse Effect” will be a much higher threshold under the initial auction draft of the Acquisition Agreement

[Legal Proceedings. There are no [and have not been in the past 3 years any]¹¹ Actions existing, pending or, to the knowledge of Seller, threatened in writing against Seller relating to the Business or the Purchased Assets, and there are no Orders outstanding against Seller relating to the Business or the Purchased Assets, in each case, that would reasonably be expected to have a JEA Material Adverse Effect or would reasonably be expected to result in the issuance of an Order restraining, enjoining or otherwise prohibiting or materially delaying the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.]

¹¹ Note: Bracketed language has been included for disclosure purposes, but it will not be included in the initial draft of the Acquisition Agreement.

Section 3.10

Compliance with Law; Orders

Note: For purposes of the disclosure exercise for this Section 3.10, please interpret “JEA Material Adverse Effect” to mean any claim, dispute or other demand or action brought by or against JEA (whether or not formal proceedings have been commenced) involving an anticipated amount in dispute (or if determined adversely to JEA, would reasonably be expected to result in a liability) of more than \$[5,000,000]. “JEA Material Adverse Effect” will be a much higher threshold under the initial auction draft of the Acquisition Agreement

[Compliance with Law; Orders. Seller holds all material permits, licenses, approvals, registrations, franchises, certificates, clearances, variances, exemptions and other authorizations of all Governmental Authorities necessary for the lawful operation of the Business as presently conducted, or is authorized to conduct the Business under permits held by other Persons as described in Section 3.10 of the Seller Disclosure Schedule (all such material permits, licenses, etc., collectively, “Permits”). [As of the date hereof, to the knowledge of Seller, no event has occurred since the Look Back Date or is continuing that, with or without notice or lapse of time or both, would, to the Company’s knowledge, reasonably be expected to result in the revocation, suspension, lapse or limitation of any Permit.]. The Business is[, and at all times since the Look Back Date, has been,]¹² in compliance with all Laws, Orders and Permits applicable to the Business and the Purchased Assets, except for violations which would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a JEA Material Adverse Effect.]

¹² Note: Bracketed language has been included for disclosure purposes, but it will not be included in the initial draft of the Acquisition Agreement.

Section 3.11Real Property

[Real Property.

(a) *[Section 3.11(a) of the Seller Disclosure Letter sets forth, as of the date of this Agreement, a list of all Owned Real Property and Leased Real Property.]*¹³ Except as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a JEA Material Adverse Effect, based exclusively on the Title Commitments, to the knowledge of Seller, Seller has on the date of this Agreement (and at the Closing will have) good fee simple title to the Owned Real Property and valid leasehold interests in the Leased Real Property, free and clear of all Encumbrances except for Permitted Encumbrances and the Encumbrances listed on Section 3.11(b) of the Seller Disclosure Letter.

(b) Seller has not leased or otherwise granted to any Person any material right to use or occupy the Owned Real Property (or any portion thereof)¹⁴ *[other than in the ordinary course of business or that does not materially interfere with the present use of the Owned Real Property, taken as a whole].* Seller has not subleased, assigned or otherwise granted to any Person any material right to use or occupy the Leased Real Property (or any portion thereof) or the Other Real Property Interests (or any portion thereof) *[other than in the ordinary course of business or that does not materially interfere with the present use of the Owned Real Property, taken as a whole].*

(c) To the knowledge of Seller, each Lease and each of the Other Real Property Interests are valid, binding, enforceable, and in full force and effect (subject to the Enforceability Exception) *[except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a JEA Material Adverse Effect],* subject in each case to Permitted Encumbrances. To the knowledge of Seller, Seller is not (1) in breach or default under any Lease or any agreement evidencing or granting the Other Real Property Interests, and (2) no event has occurred or circumstances exist which, with the delivery of notice, passage of time or both, would constitute such a breach or default, in each case, that would reasonably be expected to have a JEA Material Adverse Effect.

(d) To the knowledge of Seller, Seller has not received any written notice of (i) material violations of building codes or zoning ordinances or other governmental or regulatory Laws affecting the Real Property, (ii) existing pending or threatened condemnation proceedings affecting the Real Property, or (iii) existing, pending or threatened zoning, building code or other moratorium proceedings or similar matters which would in each reasonably be expected to materially and adversely impair the use of the Real Property as currently used.]

Note: For purposes of the disclosure exercise for this Section 3.11, please interpret “JEA Material Adverse Effect” to mean any claim, dispute or other demand or action brought by or against JEA (whether or not formal proceedings have been commenced) involving an anticipated amount in dispute (or if determined adversely to JEA, would reasonably be expected to result in a liability) of more than \$[5,000,000]. “JEA Material Adverse Effect” will be a much higher threshold under the initial auction draft of the Acquisition Agreement

¹³ Note to JEA: Is disclosing all of the Owned Real Property and Leased Real Property feasible?

¹⁴ Note: To list St. Johns/ Nassau Counties purchase and ROFR rights in Section 3.11(b) of this schedule.

Section 3.12

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Employee Benefits

[Employee Benefit Plans.]¹⁵

(a) Section 3.12(a) of the Seller Disclosure Letter sets forth a list of each (i) material employee benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA")), (ii) governmental plan (as defined in Section 3(32) of ERISA) and (iii) other plan, contract, agreement, arrangement or policy providing for (A) compensation, severance benefits, bonuses, profit-sharing or other forms of incentive compensation, (B) vacation, holiday, sickness or other time-off, (C) health, medical, dental, disability, life, accidental death and dismemberment, employee assistance, educational assistance, relocation or fringe benefits or perquisites, including post-employment benefits, and (D) deferred compensation, defined benefit or defined contribution, retirement or pension benefits, in each case, pursuant to which Seller currently has any obligation with respect to any current or former Service Provider (collectively, the "Employee Benefit Plans"). **[Seller has made available to Purchaser a true and complete copy of each Employee Benefit Plan and all material amendments thereto.]** ✓

(b) To the knowledge of Seller: (i) each Employee Benefit Plan has been maintained in all material respects in accordance with its terms and the requirements of applicable Law, (ii) the Business has performed all material obligations required to be performed by it under any Employee Benefit Plan and is not in any material respect in default under or in violation of any Employee Benefit Plan, (iii) no material Action (other than claims for benefits in the ordinary course) is pending or threatened in writing with respect to any Employee Benefit Plan by any current Service Provider, (iv) no events have occurred with respect to any Employee Benefit Plan that could result in the assessment of any excise tax against the Business and (v) **[no Employee Benefit Plan is subject to ERISA].**¹⁶ ✓

(c) No Employee Benefit Plan provides any post-retirement medical, dental or life insurance benefits to any current or former Service Provider (other than coverage mandated by applicable Law). ✗

(d) Neither the execution of this Agreement nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby (either alone or together with any other event) will entitle any member of the executive management team of the Business listed on Section 3.14(d) of the Seller Disclosure Letter to any material payment or benefit or accelerate the time of payment or vesting of any material compensation or benefits, in either case under any Employee Benefit Plan.

(e) The representations and warranties contained in this Section 3.12 are the sole and exclusive representations and warranties of Seller with respect to the Employee Benefit Plans.]

¹⁵ Note: Subject to review by Foley.

¹⁶ Note to JEA: Please confirm whether ERISA applies to any benefit plans, policies or arrangements.

Section 3.13

Labor and Employee Matters

[Labor and Employee Matters

(a) Except as set forth in Section 3.13¹⁷ of the Seller Disclosure Letter, current employees of the Business are not subject to any other labor or collective bargaining Contracts with respect to the Business, and to the knowledge of Seller, as of the date of this Agreement, there are no **[and have not been for the past 3 years any]** organizing activities or collective bargaining arrangements that could affect the Business pending or under discussion with any labor organization. ✓

(b) To the knowledge of Seller, the Business is, **[and at all times since the Look Back Date, except as otherwise disclosed in Section 3.13 of the Seller Disclosure Letter, has been,]**¹⁸ in compliance with all applicable Laws regarding employment, discrimination, and harassment in employment, except as would not have or reasonably be expected to have a JEA Material Adverse Effect, and, to the knowledge of Seller, have not during the last twelve (12) months engaged in any unfair labor practice. ✓

(c) The representations and warranties contained in this Section 3.13 and Section 3.8(a) (Material Contracts) are the sole and exclusive representations and warranties of Seller with respect to labor and employee matters.]

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¹⁷ Note: List to include: (i) Northeast Florida Public Employees' Local 630 Laborers' International Union of North America, AFL-CIO; (ii) JEA Supervisors Association; (iii) International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local # 2358; (iv) The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 79, AFL-CIO (AFSCME) Local 429; and (v) Professional Employees Association.

¹⁸ Note: Bracketed language has been included for disclosure purposes, but it will not be included in the initial draft of the Acquisition Agreement.

Section 3.14Taxes

[Taxes. All material Tax Returns required to have been filed with respect to the Business or the Purchased Assets have been timely filed (taking into account any extension of time to file granted or obtained), and such Tax Returns have been duly and accurately prepared in all material respects. All Taxes shown to be payable on such Tax Returns have been paid and all other material Taxes required to be paid with respect to the Business or the Purchased Assets have been timely paid, in each case, except for Taxes being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings. No deficiency for any material amount of Tax has been asserted or assessed by a Governmental Authority in writing with respect to the Business or the Purchased Assets that has not been satisfied by payment, settled, or withdrawn. There are no Tax liens on the Business or the Purchased Assets, other than Permitted Encumbrances. This Section 3.14 contains the sole and exclusive representations and warranties of Seller with respect to Taxes.]

Section 3.15

Environmental Matters

[Environmental Matters. Except for such matters that would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a JEA Material Adverse Effect:

(a) To the knowledge of Seller, all Environmental Permits that are necessary for the operation of the Business as it is currently being operated have been obtained or timely applied for and are in full force and effect, and the Business is in compliance with the requirements of all applicable Environmental Laws.

(b) Except for matters that have been fully resolved or are set forth on Section 3.15(b) of the Seller Disclosure Letter, to the knowledge of Seller, the Business is not, nor since the Look Back Date has been subject to any consent decree, agreement, or Order with any Governmental Authority arising under Environmental Laws, nor has Seller received, with respect to the Business or the Purchased Assets, any written notice or report regarding any actual or alleged violation of Environmental Laws, or any liabilities or potential liabilities, including any investigatory, remedial, or corrective obligations, arising under Environmental Laws.

(c) Except as set forth on Section 3.15(c) of the Seller Disclosure Letter, to the knowledge of Seller, there is and has been no Release from, in, on, or beneath any of the Real Property (except as permitted pursuant to Environmental Laws or Environmental Permits) that would reasonably be expected to form the basis for any Environmental Claims against Seller with respect to the Business or the Purchased Assets.

(d) Except as set forth on Section 3.15(d) of the Seller Disclosure Letter, to the knowledge of Seller, there are no Environmental Claims existing, pending or threatened in writing against Seller with respect to the Business or the Purchased Assets.

(e) To the knowledge of Seller, Seller has made available to Purchaser copies of all Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments prepared since the Look Back Date that are in its possession that describe environmental matters that would reasonably be expected to be material to the Business or the Purchased Assets.

This Section 3.15 contains the sole and exclusive representations and warranties of Seller with respect to environmental matters.]

Section 3.16Regulatory Compliance

[Regulatory Compliance. The Business is subject to regulation by [(i) the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) as a “transmitting utility” under the Federal Power Act, and (ii) by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”), as a “user, owner and operator of the bulk-power system” under Section 215 of the Federal Power Act]. Since the Look Back Date, the Business has filed with [FERC and NERC] all documents required to be filed by it under applicable Laws, except for filings the failure of which to make would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a JEA Material Adverse Effect. All such documents complied, as of the date so filed, with all applicable requirements of the applicable statute and rules and regulations thereunder, except for any failures to comply that would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a JEA Material Adverse Effect. The Business holds all franchises granted by municipalities and other Governmental Authorities for the placement of utility facilities in or along public rights of way that are required to conduct the Business. The Business is not party to any ongoing enforcement actions by [FERC or NERC], except for such regulatory proceedings and enforcement actions that have not had and would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a JEA Material Adverse Effect. [As of the date hereof, the Business is not subject to regulation as a public utility or public service company (or similar designation) by any state in the United States or in any foreign country.]]¹⁹

¹⁹ Note: We would not propose to include this Section 3.16 in the initial auction draft, however, Bidders may propose a similar representation and warranty in their mark-ups.

Section 3.17

Insurance

[Insurance. Except as would not reasonably be likely, individually or in the aggregate, to have a JEA Material Adverse Effect, (a) the Business and the Purchased Assets are insured with reputable insurers, or are self-insured by Seller, against such risks and in such amounts as Seller reasonably has determined to be prudent and consistent with industry practice, (b) each such policy is in full force and effect, and (c) to the knowledge of Seller, no written notice of cancellation, termination or nonrenewal (other than written notices of non-renewals received in the ordinary course of business) has been received by Seller with respect to any such insurance policy.]

Section 3.18Information Security

[Information Security. Seller has taken commercially reasonable steps to protect the material information technology systems currently used in the Business (the "IT Systems"). The Business has in place commercially reasonable disaster recovery plans, procedures and facilities for the IT Systems and has taken commercially reasonable steps to safeguard the security of the IT Systems. To the knowledge of Seller, there have been no unauthorized intrusions or breaches of the security of the IT Systems since the Look Back Date that had, or would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a JEA Material Adverse Effect. This Section 3.18 contains the sole and exclusive representations and warranties of Seller with respect to information security matters.]

Section 3.19Intellectual Property

[Intellectual Property. Section 3.19 of the Seller Disclosure Letter sets forth, as of the date of this Agreement, a list of patents, patent applications, trademark registrations and applications, copyright registrations and applications, and domain names owned by Seller and used in the Business, and agreements pursuant to which Seller licenses material Intellectual Property Rights, but excluding material agreements pursuant to which Seller licenses commercially-available off-the-shelf products (collectively, "IP Rights"). To the knowledge of Seller, the IP Rights are owned free and clear of all Encumbrances other than Permitted Encumbrances. As of the date of this Agreement, there is not pending, or to the knowledge of Seller, threatened in writing against the Business any claim by any third party alleging that the use or exploitation by the Business of any IP Rights owned by the Business is infringing any Intellectual Property Rights of a third party in any material respect. To the knowledge of Seller, (a) the conduct of the Business as concurrently conducted does not infringe any Intellectual Property Rights of any third party, and (b) no third party is infringing any material IP Rights. This Section 3.19 and Section 3.8(a) (Material Contracts) contain the sole and exclusive representations and warranties of Seller with respect to intellectual property matters.]

Section 3.22Certain Business Practices

[Certain Business Practices. To the knowledge of Seller, none of the officers, directors, or employees of the Business (a) has made or agreed to make any contribution, payment or gift (including a gift of entertainment) to, or accepted or received any contributions, payments or gifts (including gifts of entertainment) from, any government official, government employee, political party or agent of a political party or any candidate for any federal, state, local or foreign public office, where either the contribution, payment or gift or the purpose thereof was illegal under applicable Law, (b) has engaged in or otherwise participated in, assisted or facilitated any transaction that is prohibited under any applicable sanctions or related trade restrictions imposed by the United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control or any other agency of the United States Government or (c) has violated the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, the United States Federal Procurement Integrity Act or any comparable applicable Law, including such applicable Laws dealing with bribery, corruption or improper or illegal payments, gifts or gratuities to any individual or government official, government employee, political party or agent of a political party or any candidate for any federal, state, local or foreign public officer, or money laundering.]

Section 3.23

Brokers

[Brokers. Seller will be solely responsible for the fees and expenses of any broker, finder or investment banker entitled to any brokerage, finder's or other fee or commission in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of Seller prior to the Closing.]

ANNEX A

Defined Terms Used in the Representations and Warranties

- “Action” means any claim, action, cause of action, demand, directive, lawsuit, appeal, arbitration, notice of violation, proceeding, litigation, citation, summons, subpoena or investigation of any nature, civil, criminal, administrative, regulatory, or otherwise, whether at law or in equity, in each case, by or before a Governmental Authority.
- “Ancillary Documents” means [•], [•], [•] and the other agreements, instruments and documents required to be delivered at the Closing.
- “Balance Sheet Date” has the meaning set forth in Section 3.4(a).
- “Business” means the business of owning, operating and managing the electric utility system, the utility system for local district activities, and a combined water and sewer utility system in the Jacksonville Metropolitan Statistical Area (composed of Duval, Clay, Nassau, St. Johns and Baker Counties) and surrounding environs, as currently conducted by JEA. **[The “Business” does not include any rights or liabilities in connection with the Vogtle PPA].**
- “City Council Approval” means **[the requisite approval by the City of Jacksonville’s council for the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.]**
- “City Referendum Approval” means **[the requisite vote from the City of Jacksonville for the referendum with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.]**
- “Closing” means the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- “Contract” means with respect to Seller and the Business, all contracts, leases, deeds, mortgages, licenses, instruments, notes, commitments, undertakings, indentures, joint ventures, and all other agreements, commitments, and legally binding arrangements, in each case in written form.
- “Electric Customer” means any electric service customer of the Business prior to the Closing Date.
- “Electric Customer Service Assets” means the customer service facilities, equipment, and other tangible property and assets used in or for the Business or located on the Real Property, including the facilities, equipment and other tangible property and assets that connect the Distribution Assets to each individual Electric Customer’s Delivery Point, Electric Customer/premise/account data, historical consumption information, meters, remote metering equipment, and equipment needed to access the meters.
- “Delivery Point” means the point on the Electric Customer’s premises where Seller’s wires connect to Electric Customer’s electric meter.
- “Distribution Assets” means the electric distribution facilities, equipment, and other tangible property and assets used in or for the Business, including the facilities, equipment, and other tangible property and assets that connect the Transmission Assets to the Electric Customer Service Assets, distribution substation equipment, feeder circuits and associated hardware (including switches and switch gear, regulators, capacitor banks, reclosers, and protective equipment), primary circuits, transformers, secondaries, and services, and associated physical assets (including poles, conductors, cables, insulators, metering, and outdoor lights).

- “District System Assets” means the chilled water plants, including chillers and cooling towers, distribution piping, and equipment, as more fully described on Exhibit [•] hereto.
- “Electric System Assets” means collectively, the Generation Assets, Transmission Assets and Distribution Assets.
- “EMMA” means the Electronic Municipal Market Access system and the EMMA Continuing Disclosure Service of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “MSRB”).
- “EMMA Documents” means all documents filed by Seller in connection with the Business and publicly available on EMMA from and after the Look Back Date.
- “Employee Benefit Plans” has the meaning set forth in Section 3.12(a).
- “Encumbrances” means any mortgage, pledge, security interest, encumbrance, lien or charge. For the avoidance of doubt, the term “Encumbrance” shall not be deemed to include any license of Intellectual Property Rights.
- “Enforceability Exception” has the meaning set forth in Section 3.2.
- “Environmental Claims” means any written Action, Order, lien, fine, penalty, or, as to each, any settlement or judgment arising therefrom, by or from any Person alleging actual or potential liability of any kind or nature (including liability, responsibility, or Losses for the costs of enforcement proceedings, investigations, cleanup, corrective action, governmental response, removal, or remediation, natural resources damages, property damages, personal injuries, medical monitoring, penalties, contribution, indemnification and injunctive relief) arising under any Environmental Law, including those arising out of, based on, or resulting from: (a) the presence or Release of, or exposure to, any Hazardous Materials; or (b) any actual or alleged non-compliance with any Environmental Law or term or condition of any environmental Permit.
- “Environmental Laws” means any applicable Law, and any applicable Order or binding agreement with any Governmental Authority: (a) relating to pollution (or the cleanup thereof) or the protection of natural resources, endangered or threatened species, human health or safety in relation to exposures to Hazardous Materials in the environment, or the environment (including ambient air, soil, surface water or groundwater, or subsurface strata); or (b) concerning the presence of, exposure to, or the management, manufacture, use, containment, storage, recycling, reclamation, reuse, treatment, generation, discharge, transportation, processing, production, disposal or remediation of any Hazardous Materials. The term “Environmental Law” includes, where applicable, the following (including their implementing regulations and any state analogs and any applicable and binding remediation or other standard established by any Governmental Authority pursuant to the same): CERCLA; the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6901 et seq.; the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Clean Water Act of 1977, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 et seq.; the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, as amended, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2601 et seq.; the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11001 et seq.; the Clean Air Act of 1966, as amended by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq.; and Chapters 373, 376, and 403, Florida Statutes and regulations promulgated thereunder in Titles 40 and 62, Florida Administrative Code.
- “Environmental Permits” means any material Permit obtained or required to be obtained pursuant to Environmental Law.

- “ERISA” has the meaning set forth in Section 3.12(a).
- “Excluded Assets” has the meaning set forth in Section [•].
- “Excluded Liabilities” has the meaning set forth in Section [•].
- “GAAP” means United States generally accepted accounting principles as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and as in effect from time to time.
- “Generation Assets” means the generating plants and related facilities as more fully described on Exhibit [•] hereto.
- “Governmental Authority” means any federal, state or local, domestic or foreign governmental or regulatory authority, agency, commission, body, arbitrator, court, regional reliability entity, or any other legislative, executive or judicial Governmental Authority.
- “Hazardous Materials” means: (a) any material, substance, chemical, waste, product, derivative, compound, mixture, solid, liquid, mineral, or gas, in each case, whether naturally occurring or manmade, that is hazardous, acutely hazardous, toxic, or words of similar import or regulatory effect under Environmental Laws; (b) any petroleum or petroleum-derived products, radon, radioactive materials or wastes, asbestos in any form or condition, lead or lead-containing materials, urea formaldehyde foam insulation and polychlorinated biphenyls; and (c) any other material, substance, or waste that is regulated, or to which liability or standards of conduct may be imposed, under any Environmental Law.
- “Indebtedness” means, with respect to any Person, and without duplication, all Liabilities, including all obligations in respect of principal, penalties, fees, premiums and accrued interest, in (a) all obligations of such Person for (a) borrowed money (including amounts outstanding under overdraft facilities), (b) evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments, (c) all obligations of such Person evidenced by letters of credit or similar facilities to the extent drawn upon by the counterparty thereto, (d) capitalized lease obligations (determined in accordance with GAAP), [(e) all “**earn-out**” obligations and other obligations for the deferred purchase price of assets, properties, goods or services (other than trade payables or accruals incurred in the ordinary course of business),]²⁰ (f) in respect of letters of credit and bankers’ acceptances solely to the extent drawn as of the relevant determination date, (g) for contractual obligations relating to interest rate protection, swap agreements and collar agreements, in each case, to the extent payable if such contractual obligation is terminated at the Closing, and (h) all guarantees or other assumptions of liability for any of the foregoing for any other Person.
- “Intellectual Property Rights” means (a) trade names, trademarks and service marks, domain names, trade dress and similar rights, and applications to register any of the foregoing; (b) patents and patent applications; (c) copyrights (whether registered or unregistered) and applications for registration; and (d) confidential and proprietary information, including trade secrets and know-how.
- “JEA Material Adverse Effect” means any event, circumstance, development, condition, occurrence, state of facts, change or effect that, individually or in the aggregate with any other event, circumstance, development, condition, occurrence, state of facts, change or effect, has or would reasonably be expected to have (i) a material adverse effect on the Business or Purchased Assets, taken as a whole, or (ii) a material adverse effect on the validity or enforceability of this Agreement or the ability of Seller

²⁰ Note to JEA: Please confirm whether this subsection (e) is relevant to the Business.

to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, other than, in the case of clause (i), resulting from any one or more of the following: (1) the effect of any change in economic, political or regulatory conditions or any change in the United States or foreign economies or securities or financial markets in general; (2) the effect of any change that generally affects any industry in which the Business operates; (3) the effect of any change in the market price of commodities or changes in the electric generation, transaction or distribution industries, or the water, sewer, water treatment and water cooling industries; (4) the effect of any change arising in connection with natural disasters or acts of nature, hostilities, acts of war, sabotage or terrorism or military actions or any escalation or material worsening of any such hostilities, acts of war, sabotage or terrorism or military actions existing or underway as of the date hereof; (5) the effect of any action taken by Purchaser or its Affiliates with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or with respect to the Business or Purchased Assets; (6) the effect of any changes, including changes of interpretation, in GAAP or applicable Law; (7) the failure of the Business to meet internal projections; (8) the effect of taking any action expressly required by this Agreement or with the prior written consent of Purchaser; or (9) any effect resulting from the public announcement of this Agreement, including by reason of the identity of Purchaser and including the impact of any of the foregoing on any relationships, contractual or otherwise, with customers, suppliers, distributors, collaboration partners, employees or regulators; *provided, however*, that any event, circumstance, development, condition, occurrence, state of facts, change or effect described in clauses (1), (2), (3), (4), and (6) of this definition shall be taken into account in determining whether a JEA Material Adverse Effect has occurred or would reasonably be expected to occur to the extent it has a disproportionate effect on the Business and Purchased Assets, taken as a whole, compared to other participants in the industry in which the Business operates.

- “Law” means any federal, state, local or foreign law, statute or ordinance, common law or any rule, regulation, legally binding standard, judgment, order, writ, injunction, decree, arbitration award, agency requirement or Permit of any Governmental Authority.
- “Leases” mean all leases, subleases, licenses, concessions and other agreements (whether written or oral), including all amendments, extensions, renewals, guaranties and other agreements with respect thereto, pursuant to which Seller holds any Leased Real Property.
- “Leased Real Property” means each parcel of real property leased by Seller and used in or necessary for the conduct of the Business as currently conducted (together with all rights, title and interest of Seller in and to leasehold improvements relating thereto (to the extent leased by Seller)), **including security deposits, reserves or prepaid rents in connection therewith**].
- “Liabilities” means liabilities, obligations, or commitments of any nature whatsoever, asserted or unasserted, known or unknown, absolute or contingent, accrued or unaccrued, matured or unmatured, or otherwise.
- “Look Back Date” means **[June 30, 2016]**.²¹
- “Losses” means losses, damages, Liabilities, deficiencies, Actions, judgments, interest, awards, penalties, fines, costs or expenses of whatever kind, including reasonable attorneys’ fees and the cost of enforcing any right to indemnification hereunder and the cost of pursuing any insurance providers. For all purposes in this Agreement the term “Losses” does not include any Non-reimbursable Damages.
- “Non-Reimbursable Damages” means consequential, special, indirect (including indirect damages in the nature of lost profits or business, diminution in value, and loss of use), speculative, exemplary, or

²¹ Note: This date is used for disclosure purposes, but the initial auction draft will refer to June 30, 2017.

punitive damages for any reason with respect to any matter arising out of or relating to this Agreement, whether based on statute, contract, tort, or otherwise and whether or not arising from the other party's sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, strict liability or other fault.

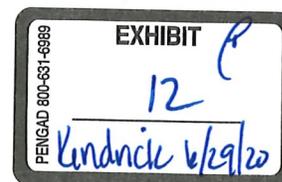
- “Order” means any binding order, directive, writ, judgment, injunction, decree, stipulation, determination, or award entered by or with any Governmental Authority.
- “Organizational Documents” means (a) with respect to a corporation, the charter, articles or certificate of incorporation, as applicable, and bylaws thereof, (b) with respect to a limited liability company, the certificate of formation or organization, as applicable, and the operating or limited liability company agreement thereof, (c) with respect to a partnership, the certificate of formation and the partnership agreement and (d) with respect to any other Person, the organizational, constituent and/or governing documents and/or instruments of such Person.
- “Other Real Property Interests” means easements, licenses and other interests in real property other than the Owned Real Property and the Leased Real Property that are used in or necessary for the Business as currently conducted (together with all of Seller's equipment and fixtures situated thereon and all other rights and privileges appurtenant thereto).
- “Owned Real Property” means each parcel of real property owned by Seller and used in or necessary for the conduct of the Business as currently conducted (together with all buildings, fixtures, structures and improvements situated thereon and all easements, rights-of-way and other rights and privileges appurtenant thereto).
- “Permits” has the meaning set forth in Section 3.10.
- “Permitted Encumbrances” has the meaning set forth in Section 3.7.
- “Person” means an individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, Governmental Authority, unincorporated organization, trust, association, or other entity.
- “Prudent Utility Practices” means any of the practices, methods and acts engaged in or accepted by a significant portion of the electrical utility industry in the United States at the time the decision was made or any of the practices, methods and acts that, in the exercise of reasonable judgment in light of the facts known or that should reasonably have been known at the time a decision is made, could have been expected to accomplish the desired result at the lowest reasonable cost consistent with applicable Law, regulation, permits, codes, standards, equipment manufacturer's recommendations, reliability, safety, environmental protection, economy, and expedition. Prudent Utility Practices is not intended to be limited to the optimum practice, method or act to the exclusion of all others, but rather to be a spectrum of possible practices, methods or acts.
- “Purchased Assets” has the meaning set forth in Section [•].
- “Purchaser” has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.
- “Real Property” means collectively, the Owned Real Property, the Leased Real Property, and the Other Real Property Interests.
- “Release” means any actual [**or threatened**] release, spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, abandonment, disposing or allowing to escape or migrate into or through the environment (including ambient air (indoor or outdoor), soil gas,

surface water, groundwater, land surface, or subsurface strata or within any building, structure, facility, or fixture).

- “Seller” means JEA, a body politic and corporate statutorily created, and authorized to act, as an independent agency of the City of Jacksonville.
- “Service Provider” means any [**director,**] officer or employee of the Business.
- “Tangible Personal Property” means all buildings, furniture, fixtures, equipment, machinery, tools, vehicles, office equipment, supplies, computer hardware, telephones, and other tangible personal property.
- “Taxes” means all federal, state, local, foreign and other income, gross receipts, sales, use, production, ad valorem, transfer, documentary, franchise, registration, profits, license, lease, service, service use, withholding, payroll, employment, unemployment, estimated, excise, severance, environmental, stamp, occupation, premium, property (real or personal) (including payments in lieu of taxes), real property gains, windfall profits, customs, duties, or other taxes, fees, assessments, or charges in the nature of a Tax, together with any interest, additions, or penalties with respect thereto and any interest in respect of such additions or penalties.
- “Tax Returns” means any return, declaration, report, claim for refund, information return, or statement or other document relating to Taxes, including any schedule or attachment thereto, and including any amendment thereof.
- “Transmission Assets” means the electric transmission Tangible Personal Property, and real property, used in or for the electric transmission Business or located on the Real Property, including the facilities, equipment, and other tangible property and assets that connect the Distribution Assets to transmission interconnection points (and other property and assets associated with or ancillary thereto), transformers, breakers, capacitor banks, switches, arresters, instrument transformers, substation structures, substations, buswork, substation battery and chargers, relay protection panels, relay communications/carriers, remote telemetry and control equipment, metering, fault recorders, sequence of event recorders, annunciators, relay vaults, substation fencing, transmission lines, conductors, transmission line structures and poles, and control buildings.
- “Water System Assets” means the water and wastewater Tangible Personal Property and real property used in or for the water and wastewater Business or located on the Real Property, including facilities, equipment and other tangible property and assets used for (a) the provision of potable water (including, water treatment plants, repump facilities, active water supply wells, water distribution mains and water storage capacity), (b) the collection and treatment of wastewater (including, wastewater treatment plants, pumping stations, low pressure sewer units, gravity sewers and force mains, and the biosolid processing facility), and (c) the treatment and distribution of reclaimed water (including, plants, pumps, and piping), and (d) such other tangible property and assets that connect the foregoing to the [**Water Customer Service Assets**].

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- Good Morning Madam Chair ... Members of the Board.
- Over the last several months we have presented you with a total compensation program which initially defined base salary and a short-term incentives.
- • These first few slides remind you that the core competency we're focusing on is "working together to elevate the entire team" – compensation is a key driver in this effort.
- • Elevate the Entire Team [READ four bullets and bottom box].
- • In January, you revised the Board Policy Manual to address the compensation program including a focus on long-term incentives.
- • In June, you requested that we develop an LTI program, which is highlighted at the bottom of this slide, as the final component of a total compensation program.
- As we researched the feasibility of this it became apparent that there was no definitive answer in Florida law regarding LTI for government entities.
- Rather than become mired in discussions regarding whether ^{SOMETHING QUALIFIES} this is compensation or if it is subject to collective bargaining, we ~~designed~~ ^{DEVELOPED} a program that is designed as a simple employee benefit and not as compensation.
- It provides employees an opportunity to purchase performance units and participate in the future growth of JEA.
- Mr. Wannemacher will provide a more in-depth explanation of the program.



Kendrick, Jonathan A. - Interim VP & HR Officer

From: Maillis, Patricia L. - Director, Employee Services
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 12:29 PM
To: Kendrick, Jonathan A. (Jon) - Interim VP & HR Officer
Subject: FW: Updated Committee Meeting Materials
Attachments: JEA Comp Committee_Draft_4.22.19 v2.pptx; Comp Committee 1.15.19 Presentation - Total Market Compensation Strategy.pdf

Importance: High

Jon,

Back in January, Angie directed me to have Willis Towers Watson conduct a Compensation Study of: CEO Compensation; Total Compensation for all employees with a focus on base salary, total cash and total compensation. Additionally they were asked to provide guidance on the design of LTI plans and to make recommendation on the cost and the structure. I can fill you in on the history of work dating back to September 2018 and why we chose WTW.

To date, Aaron does not have a contract. He is seeking to implement / add an LTI plan to our compensation package. Because LTI is rarely found in the government sector, Angie and I sought a 3rd party counsel on this, WTW. Typically, Angie would have worked directly with the Compensation Committee Chair and led them through the study for the CEO Compensation and the resultant contract. In the past, WTW has been present at the Committee Meeting and led the discussion with the Committee and had meetings with the Chair prior to the actual meeting. The CEO was not typically in the discussions with the Chair. Last Comp Committee, Aaron indicated that we were going to do this study (see attached) ad that he would not finalize his compensation until the study was complete for the whole company.

Aaron (and Ryan W) received the attached last week. Angie and I reviewed this with WTW prior and made modifications/edits – so the next step would be for Aaron and WTW to have a call to discuss and make the final changes. Compensation Committee is scheduled for May 28 at 1:00.

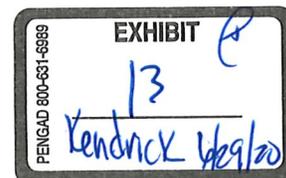
I do not get the impression that he is happy with the product. Let's plan to talk about this so I can give you the history and put our heads together to make sure Aaron gets the product he is seeking.

Pat

From: Maillis, Patricia L. - Director, Employee Services
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 11:22 AM
To: Taylor, Brandi N. - Executive Assistant
Subject: FW: Updated Committee Meeting Materials

From: Maillis, Patricia L. - Director, Employee Services
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 10:24 AM
To: Zahn, Aaron F. - Managing Director/CEO <zahnaf@jea.com>
Subject: RE: Updated Committee Meeting Materials

Here is the PPT version as well.



From: Maillis, Patricia L. - Director, Employee Services
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 8:51 AM
To: Zahn, Aaron F. - Managing Director/CEO <zahnaf@jea.com>
Subject: RE: Updated Committee Meeting Materials

Hi Aaron,

Heard you are traveling. Do you want me to convert the Adobe doc to a PowerPoint? I've also left a physical copy in your office.

Pat

From: Zahn, Aaron F. - Managing Director/CEO <zahnaf@jea.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 6:25 PM
To: Maillis, Patricia L. - Director, Employee Services <mailpl@jea.com>
Cc: Wannemacher, Ryan F. - Chief Financial Officer <wannrf@jea.com>; Strackbine, Scott I. - Compensation Specialist <strasi@jea.com>; Dykes, Melissa H. - President/COO <dykemh@jea.com>
Subject: Re: Updated Committee Meeting Materials

Can you please get me the ppt? Thanks.

Aaron F. Zahn
JEA
Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer
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On Apr 24, 2019, at 8:33 AM, Maillis, Patricia L. - Director, Employee Services <mailpl@jea.com> wrote:

Aaron and Ryan,

Attached is the draft Comp Committee presentation regarding the compensation study and recommendations from Willis Towers Watson. Once you have had an opportunity to review, we can schedule a brief conference call with WTW should there be any modifications needed and discuss Committee prep.

Pat

From: Wathen, David (Atlanta) <david.wathen@willistowerswatson.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 4:58 PM
To: Hiers, Angelia R. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer <hierar@jea.com>; Maillis, Patricia L. - Director, Employee Services <mailpl@jea.com>; Strackbine, Scott I. - Compensation Specialist <strasi@jea.com>
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Subject: Updated Committee Meeting Materials

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Angie, Pat and Scott:

Attached is the updated committee meeting materials. We incorporated all of the edits we discussed on our last call. Please review and let us know if there are any additional changes.

Best regards,

David Wathen
Senior Director, Rewards

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Met 9/19

ADP Notes – 9/24

- They must pay if just one EIN. Options:
 - Create a separate EIN for appointed
 - ADP is taxpayer for all by attaching a tax-filing engine to Oracle
- Timing
 - Ideally need at least 16 weeks
 - Concerned about the number of interfaces and our resources
 - Propose not a concurrent start but a phased approach
 - 1A – simple payroll input include manual entries for PTO, e tc
 - 1B – implement T&A system
 - 1C – Final deployments of interfaces
- ADP understands confidentiality need and they will need at least one person as a dedicated liaison
- We requested an on-site person – they don't normally provide that under 1000 ee's
- Where are deductions calculated? In benefits?
- Oracle – there are so many customizations required that we may not be able to follow their standard format. May have to start with something like excel to csv.
- Sending data bridge requirements to me.
- Pricing is for managed payroll and T&A system
 - \$37-39 PEPM (\$15,600 for 400 ee's). Tiered system – if we add more ee's PEPM goes down.
 - Implementation - \$50-65K, does not include 3rd party, on-site, or fine tuning interfaces

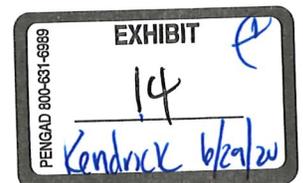
• Cannot administer plan

Selection architect

Payroll Notes – 9/25

- Impossible to implement fully in 12 weeks
- Not seamless
- Predict disaster when the numbers come back to Finance (project codes, taxes, etc)
- ADP does not make vendor payments (benefits) only pay ee's
- Still need to involve city for pension payments
- Consider training for ee's
- Paystub will still show something deducted for PUP's and those are open to sunshine
- Added demands on Payroll w/ 3rd party
- ADP should balance taxes at EOY but they normally charge (\$50K)
- Vacations in December
- EOY normal stuff going on
- PUP information will get out anyway

PUPs
Electrons to Pillsbury - applied
We handle CBCE
Deferrals happen before 3/1



Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer

Melissa,

Attached is a draft of the business case for outsourcing payroll. I'm not sure if we have a more formal format for these, but I'll be happy to edit, add, delete, etc. I held off for a bit because Angie told me last week she did remember working on a business case several years ago and she was going to look for it on a jump drive. I've found nothing here and she let me know today that she couldn't locate it.

This could do with more financial analysis re potential savings, but I was loath to bring anyone else into it at this point.

Thanks.

Jon



Payroll Project Talking Points

- Appreciate all the hard work you've put into this project.
- We have made progress and we've uncovered many issues and questions that deserve further research.
- We have had a tight timeline driven by tax considerations – January 1st – with a longer timeline for full implementation of time and attendance.
- We had built in a go/no-go point into the discussions for the week of Thanksgiving...
- Having gotten down the road a bit in this process, we've decided to step back and cancel the project for several reasons:
 - January 1st is necessary to have ADP begin ^{MUMAL} operations but is very aggressive given the work that still needs to be done
 - Possible recapitalization and a new HCM/Payroll system might make this work irrelevant
 - Allowing appropriate time to perform discovery and address issues related to payroll ^{INTISOURCE} date, Oracle limitations and accounting issues
 - Ensuring we find the best solution
- We will still perform "due diligence" in addressing the issues based on what we've learned from ADP and will target January 1, 2021 as an implementation date
- Since we now have time, we might put this out for bid

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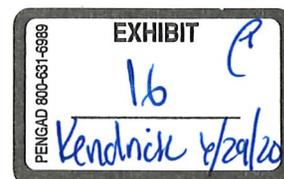
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10 DAYS NOTICE 9/25/20

THAT'S WHATS I'LL CALL AGAIN → APPRECIATE

NOT WASTED - WE'VE LEARNED A LOT





ADP Pre-analysis Questionnaire

# of Employees Receiving Live Checks	1-4			Depending on Hire status and changes
Tax Filing	JEA			3 States FL, GA and PA
Tax Updates	Oracle			Quarterly and annual patches
Garnishments	Yes			CS-4, Spousal Support- 3 Education Loan -1
Pay Cards	No			
Financial System	Oracle 12.2			
Unemployment Management	JEA HR Benefits/COBRA			
Employment Verification	HRIS & PR in house			
401k/403b/457	COJ, Mass Mutual			COJ Pension DC & DB/MM 401a & 457
Stock Administration	No		<i>RUP</i>	
Executive Deferred Compensation	Yes			
Benefits	N/A			
Benefit Broker				
Benefits Administration				
Employee Call Center for Benefits				
Dependent Audits (one time or ongoing)				
Leave Administration				
Total Compensation Statements				
Voluntary Benefits (Pet, Cancer Plan etc.)				
ACA Management Vendor				
Annual Benefits Spend				
Time and Labor				
Time Keeping System	Oracle 12.2			Online manual timesheet
Scheduling	N/A			Manual according to department
Absence Management/Leave Tracking	Oracle 12.2			PTO, Military, FMLA, WC etc.
Talent Management	N/A			
Performance Management				
Compensation Management				
Succession Planning				
Learning Management System				

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Kendrick Glezon
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ADP Pre-analysis Questionnaire

Pay Schedule					Processing Day	Check Date
Processing Group	# of Employees	Pay Frequency	Pay Period End	Processing Day	Check Date	
JEA	419	Biweekly	Sunday	Tuesday	Friday	

Processing Volumes

Payment Distribution	
% employees on direct deposit	99.9
# of checked employees	1-4
# of pay card users	0
Year End Documents	
# of W2s produced in prior year	400+
# of W2Cs produced last year	0
# of 1099s produced last year	0
# of Canadian T4s	0
Garnishments	
# of active garnishments	8
# of interpretations, annually	0
# of garnishment payments, annually	104
Adjustments - Annually	
# of voids, reissues, stop payments	1
# of manual or off-cycle checks	1
Distribution Locations	
# of overnight deliveries	0



ADP Pre-analysis Questionnaire

# of checks or vouchers sent via US mail	N/A
Unemployment Comp Management	
# of unemployment claims	
# of hearings, monthly	
# of contested hearings	
# of claims from layoffs	
Employment Verifications	
Send actual title to vendor?	N/A – Payroll provides income verification only
Who handles social services verifications	HRIS
Send nature of pay?	N/A
Leave Administration	
# of regulated leave requests	
# of leave cases	
# of Employees, currently on leave	
# on leave with direct bill	
Benefit Statistics	
# Benefit eligible employees	
# of unique eligibility groups	
# of open enrollment windows	

From: Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer <kendja@jea.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 12:44 PM
To: 'Motsett, Brian (ES)'
Subject: RE: Next step(s)

Hi Brian,

Thanks for the quick follow-up. Unfortunately, neither time works for me, but that's not important. Wednesday morning is definitely out as all of our management team (300 folks) is meeting, but Thursday afternoon should work. I'll block the time and space.

I know our procurement folks have not reached out to Protiviti re payroll, so I'm guessing it might be someone interested in "recapitalizing" JEA who is doing some exploring and working with Protiviti to gather information – just a guess.

Thanks.

Jon

From: Motsett, Brian (ES) <Brian.Motsett@ADP.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 12:36 PM
To: Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer <kendja@jea.com>
Subject: RE: Next step(s)

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Hey John,

Moving quickly here as the next 2 weeks are crazy with travel. The 2 core folks whom would need to be there are available next week on Wednesday morning and Thursday 3:30pm or later. Would one of those times work for you and your team?

Also, is there any chance someone there is working with Protiviti? The reason I ask is we received a request for pricing earlier this week and the only details they could provide are eerily similar. Further, there is not another account we know of in the Jacksonville market with the makeup they provided us so I am wondering if your sourcing/procurement folks reached out to them?

From: Motsett, Brian (ES)
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 10:57 AM
To: 'kendja@jea.com' <kendja@jea.com>
Subject: Next step(s)

Hey John,



Team is nearly assembled and I have our gov/ed specialist looking into contracts.

Proposed mutual next steps in order to fast track this:

- Pre-discovery Document - I will have this to you shortly. This will help us gather foundational data for volumes, integrations and the like
- Schedule 2 hour discovery meeting with you and your team. I am travelling all next week, but don't want to slow this down. As soon as I have the core team assigned I'll share some proposed times. In the meantime, do you have any days which are knockouts on your end?
- Following our discovery we should have an alignment meeting with you first to walk through high level details and then we can decide how you would like to proceed forward from there.

Thanks!

Brian
904-710-8488

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From: Prater, Cecilia (ES) <Cecilia.Prater@adp.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 2:53 PM
To: Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer; Motsett, Brian (ES)
Subject: RE: JEA / ADP

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Hi Jon. I have confirmed we do have a way to "piggy-back" on a contract awarded through Omnia.

Cecilia Prater
Global Channel Manager – BPO, GES
C: 727-504-8343
Cecilia.Prater@adp.com

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To: Prater, Cecilia (ES) <Cecilia.Prater@adp.com>; Motsett, Brian (ES) <Brian.Motsett@ADP.com>
Subject: RE: JEA / ADP

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Thanks. Have you been able to confirm a government contract we can piggyback on?

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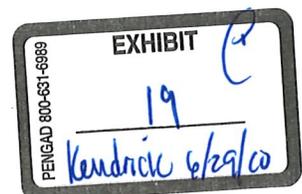
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Jon,

Attached is the pre-analysis questionnaire Brian referenced earlier. Please complete to the best of your ability and return to us by end of day Tuesday, 9/17 so that we can make the most of our time on Thursday. Also, please provide a list of JEA attendees with roles and we will send out an agenda ahead of the meeting. Thank you!

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Cc: Prater, Cecilia (ES) <Cecilia.Prater@adp.com>
Subject: RE: JEA / ADP

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Pleasure to meet you electronically, Cecilia. I'll forward the invite on.

Thanks.

Jon Kendrick
Vice President & Chief Human Resources Officer
Direct: (904) 665-4747
Mobile: (904) 466-8517

-----Original Message-----

From: Motsett, Brian (ES) <Brian.Motsett@ADP.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 12:56 PM
To: Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer <kendja@jea.com>
Cc: Prater, Cecilia (ES) <Cecilia.Prater@adp.com>
Subject: JEA / ADP

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Hi Jon,

As previously mentioned I'm delighted to introduce you to Cecilia, who is on my team and will run point on our end. For what is worth, when I left ADP I recommended Cecilia to backfill me and she is a big reason I came back.

Cecilia will be sending an invite shortly. Would you prefer a o provide your teams email addresses or she send to you and you forward on?

Best,

Brian
904-710-8488

Sent from my iPhone - please excuse brevity, errors and omissions

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Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 10:48 AM
To: Mack, Robert E. - Dir Organizational Effectiveness & Payroll
Subject: RE: Info needed

They are not yet asking for that detail but I will start gathering together different facts.

Thanks

Gwen Tarpley
Manager, Payroll Services
Direct: (904-665-8244)
Cell : (904-258-1988)



From: Mack, Robert E. - Dir Organizational Effectiveness & Payroll <MackRE@jea.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 10:40 AM
To: Tarpley, Gwendolyn - Mgr Payroll Services <tarpg@jea.com>
Subject: RE: Info needed

Not yet, but would suggest holding it till the first meeting scheduled for next Thur with ADP. I have not looked at req list yet but would think we want to start pulling together all the Appt pay elements, allowances, leave elements, and other related options unique to this population.

Robb Mack

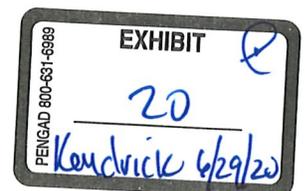
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Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 10:33 AM
To: Mack, Robert E. - Dir Organizational Effectiveness & Payroll <MackRE@jea.com>
Subject: FW: Info needed

I have some of the answers to the ADP Pre-Analysis Questionnaire. I can fill them in on the template. Some of the information is not in my wheel house. Do you know how Jon wants this organized?

Gwen Tarpley
Manager, Payroll Services
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From: Darr, Jason C. - HRIS Analyst <darrjc@jea.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 9:44 AM
To: Tarpley, Gwendolyn - Mgr Payroll Services <tarpg@jea.com>
Cc: HRIS Employee Records <hrisemprec@jea.com>
Subject: RE: Info needed

Hi Gwen, see below. I don't have the ability to answer #7.

Thanks,

Jason Darr
HRIS Analyst
Direct: (904) 665-6561

From: Tarpley, Gwendolyn - Mgr Payroll Services <tarpg@jea.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 8:37 AM
To: HRIS Employee Records <hrisemprec@jea.com>
Cc: Darr, Jason C. - HRIS Analyst <darrjc@jea.com>
Subject: Info needed

Good Morning,

I need a list of the following asap: (Information is needed for Appointed Employees only.)

1. Total number of appointed employees (please separate M&C count)
413 Appointed 6 M&C
2. Number of unpaid appointed employees still tracked in Oracle
All appointed persons have a salary greater than \$0 and 0 appointed were unpaid (9/1/2019)
3. Do we have a count of salaried contract employees in the system?
0 Appointed Contract Employees (9 AFSCME Temps and 1 JEA Contract)
4. Do you know if all of the appointed employees have Health and Welfare Benefits? (9/1/2019)
Medical – 363
Dental – 331
Vision – 312
5. What is the average yearly income for all appointed employees?
\$109,865
6. Count of active garnishments. (9/1/2019)
Child Support - 4
Spousal Support – 3
Educational Loan - 1
7. How many Appointed employees receive live checks?

8. Which states do the Appointed Employees Live In?

Florida – 406

Georgia – 6

Pennsylvania – 1 (Mark Patterson)

9. Which states to the Appointed Employees work in?

Florida - 413

Thanks in advance.

Gwen Tarpley

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From: McCollum, Jenny G. - Dir Procurement Services <gleejs@jea.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 6:03 PM
To: Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer
Subject: RE: ADP

Thanks, Jon.

I am going to have Heather and Elaine review these if that is ok. I will make sure they know this is confidential. Let me know if you have any issues with that. Heather will be looking at the terms and conditions of their submittal to make sure it doesn't conflict with ours.

From: Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer <kendja@jea.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 4:41 PM
To: McCollum, Jenny G. - Dir Procurement Services <gleejs@jea.com>
Subject: ADP

Jenny,

I know you're up to your eyeballs with the ITN, but I wanted to forward these doc's for you to review. Shawn and I just had a conversation with ADP and are weighing to possibility of moving forward with them, but wanted to know from you if there are any issues with these or any issues piggy-backing on to the existing government contract they have. Let me know if you want to chat.

Thanks.

Jon

From: Motsett, Brian (ES) <Brian.Motsett@ADP.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 3:58 PM
To: Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer <kendja@jea.com>
Cc: Prater, Cecilia (ES) <Cecilia.Prater@adp.com>
Subject: Next step

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Hi Jon,

Cecilia is in a meeting so I wanted to get these in your hands. Can we connect tomorrow afternoon?

In the meantime - the JEA LOEv2 form is for the payroll outsourcing and the other form is for our basic tax filing services on the remaining population. Both documents signatures are due this week to attain the January 10th pay date as your first pay.

Thanks!



Brian
904-710-8488

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To: Mack, Robert E. - Dir Organizational Effectiveness & Payroll
Subject: Re: ADP - Payroll Services

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Thanks!

From: Mack, Robert E. - Dir Organizational Effectiveness & Payroll
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 12:17 PM
To: Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer
Subject: RE: ADP - Payroll Services

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Robb Mack

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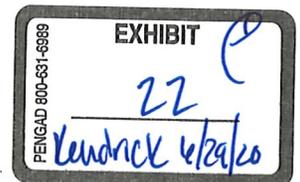
We will be conducting the analysis then make a go/no-go decision once that is complete.

Jon Kendrick

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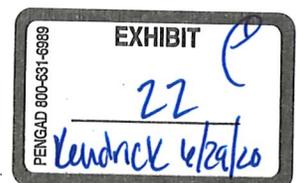
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In order for HR/TS/Finance to assess the contents & expectations of the contract, I believe we need additional scoping conversations with ADP to establish clear visibility as to who is going to be responsible for what and how the hand-offs will occur. I don't know how effective pricing from either side can be established without this. At first pass there are services listed in section 14 we would not expect to purchase (ex. Benefit Services 14.2, HCM Services 14.3, Onboarding Services 14.5, etc.) and then services we would expect that are not included (ex. time & attendance, vendor payments, tax payments & reporting, etc.).

At this point as each area is beginning to engage more resources, the questions are coming faster than we have answers or information to respond.

My suggestion is we immediately schedule another face to face with ADP and include the next level staff in the discussion to establish a high level scoping document before we finalize a contract. If you and Shawn are consumed with the ITN responsibilities, Sharon Joe O. and I can organize this if you would like.

Robb Mack

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From: Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer <kendja@jea.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 4:12 PM
To: Mack, Robert E. - Dir Organizational Effectiveness & Payroll <MackRE@jea.com>
Subject: Fw: ADP - Payroll Services

Robb,

I was about to reply to your earlier email when this popped up. Procurement is still working through things so please pitch in if you can help them speed it along.

Thanks.

Jon

From: Eads, Shawn W. - VP & Chief Information Officer
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 4:10 PM
To: Beard, Heather Burnett - Manager Procurement Contracts; Hill, Miriam R. (COJ OGC); Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer
Subject: RE: ADP - Payroll Services

I would suggest you reach out to Rob Mack and Sharon Van Den Heuvel for help with Section 14.

From: Beard, Heather Burnett - Manager Procurement Contracts <beahb@jea.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 3:17 PM
To: Hill, Miriam R. (COJ OGC) <hillmr@jea.com>; Eads, Shawn W. - VP & Chief Information Officer <eadssw@jea.com>; Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer <kendja@jea.com>
Subject: ADP - Payroll Services

Shawn & Jonathan,

Jenny asked me to take a first pass at ADP's master services agreement. I am going to need someone from the JEA business to review Section 14 of the attached agreement to verify the services are adequate and that JEA can comply with the requirements. Can you put me in touch with the right person to review this with? I know this is a sensitive issue so I wanted to get direction straight from you. In the meantime I am having ADP fill out JEA's cloud matrix form, and Elaine Selders is performing a price check to ensure JEA is receiving fair pricing.

Miriam,

Please review my edits and add anything additional you think I missed. Here is a link to the contract JEA is proposing to

<https://www.omniapartners.com/publicsector/contracts/supplier-contracts/adp>

Thanks,

Heather Beard, Esq.

Manager, Procurement Contract Administration

(904) 665-7606

Cell (904) 238-6066

From: Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer <kendja@jea.com>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 12:02 PM
To: Mack, Robert E. - Dir Organizational Effectiveness & Payroll
Subject: RE: Quick question

That will probably be me.

From: Mack, Robert E. - Dir Organizational Effectiveness & Payroll <MackRE@jea.com>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 11:51 AM
To: Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer <kendja@jea.com>
Subject: Quick question

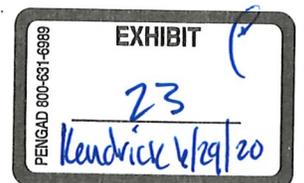
Hi Jon,

One question I forgot to ask; who internally can provide the business requirements to ADP regarding the new LTI/PUP's?

Thanks,

Robb Mack

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From: Owens, Katura E. - Mgr Technology Project Mgmt <owenke@jea.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 1:21 PM
To: Eads, Shawn W. - VP & Chief Information Officer
Subject: RE: Payroll Services Kick Off Meeting

Thanks! Not sure if Sharon has spoken with you or if you've seen the recent emails.

Met with Robb / Gwen and Cecilia this morning. It was clear there was not alignment down from your and Jon's level on what ADP is providing. We all agreed to leveraging this time for that direction to be provided.

The "Kick-Off" meeting with all stakeholders – PR, Finance, & TS is being rescheduled. The 3:00 timeslot held is being repurposed as it is very apparent we need to have you & Jon level set with us and ADP on what ADP has been contracted to provide 01/01/20 and beyond.

Thanks!!

K. E. Owens

ERP Technology Program Manager
Direct: (904) 665-4215

From: Eads, Shawn W. - VP & Chief Information Officer
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 1:11 PM
To: Owens, Katura E. - Mgr Technology Project Mgmt <owenke@jea.com>
Subject: Re: Payroll Services Kick Off Meeting

I can. I will go with the flow.

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 23, 2019, at 8:59 AM, Owens, Katura E. - Mgr Technology Project Mgmt <owenke@jea.com> wrote:

GM Shawn,

I know you're planning to join this afternoon's kick off. I've asked Jon if he would speak to the team assembled following the Safety briefing. Wanted to extend the same option to you. Please let me know if you'll also address the team.

Thanks!!!

K. E. Owens

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From: Damper, Kiyomi F. (Workspend) <dampkf@jea.com>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 1:30 PM
To: Tarpley, Gwendolyn - Mgr Payroll Services
Cc: Mack, Robert E. - Dir Organizational Effectiveness & Payroll
Subject: RE: Needs for special project - Payroll Administrator

Thank you so much, confirmed.

Kind Regards,

Kiyomi Damper
Workspend
Ext# 5628

From: Tarpley, Gwendolyn - Mgr Payroll Services <tarpg@jea.com>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 1:06 PM
To: Damper, Kiyomi F. (Workspend) <dampkf@jea.com>
Cc: Mack, Robert E. - Dir Organizational Effectiveness & Payroll <MackRE@jea.com>
Subject: RE: Needs for special project - Payroll Administrator

Hi Kiyomi,

All is well on my end. Hope you had an enjoyable weekend.

\$30-\$40 per hour..... we will let the experience dictate which end we pay.

Is this acceptable?

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Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 12:42 PM
To: Tarpley, Gwendolyn - Mgr Payroll Services <tarpg@jea.com>
Subject: RE: Needs for special project - Payroll Administrator

Hello Gwen,

I hope you had a great weekend. I am going to upload your Payroll Administrator role in Beeline.

Could you please give me a call when you have a chance to confirm a bill rate for this role?

Kind Regards,



Kiyomi Damper
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From: Tarpley, Gwendolyn - Mgr Payroll Services <tarpg@jea.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 10:31 AM
To: Damper, Kiyomi F. (Workspend) <dampkf@jea.com>
Subject: FW: Needs for special project
Importance: High

Thanks so much !

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From: Mack, Robert E. - Dir Organizational Effectiveness & Payroll <MackRE@jea.com>
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To: Lee, Sonja L. - Manager, Talent Acquisition Services <leesl@jea.com>
Cc: Tarpley, Gwendolyn - Mgr Payroll Services <tarpg@jea.com>
Subject: FW: Needs for special project

Hi Sunny,

Below are the drafted work responsibilities for the new Payroll supplemental role I mentioned to you yesterday. Jon is good with us starting the find process as we will know no if this is going to happen for sure by the time we locate the right person. I would suggest this role might be titled Payroll Administrator. The only additional requirements I would add beyond what Gwen has included are:

- Start-up or conversion experience with ADP (Workforce Now cloud) preferred
- Experience serving as a system administrator working in and between the employer and ADP

Thanks,

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Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 10:30 AM

To: Mack, Robert E. - Dir Organizational Effectiveness & Payroll <MackRE@jea.com>

Subject: Needs for special project

Sending this to you before I send it to Sonny.

Hi Sonny,

Here is a list of tasks or concepts the person needed for the special project should have:

- ✦ Experience with ADP's Workforce Now Platform
- ✦ Ability to manually calculate gross paychecks from gross to net
- ✦ Understanding of how to correctly enter date effective data into ADP
- ✦ Thorough understanding Report Writing
- ✦ Self-sufficient and analytical
- ✦ Understanding of federal and state wage laws
- ✦ Understanding deferred comp limits
- ✦ Understanding of what a taxable wage is and how to compute it.
- ✦ Understanding of garnishments and how to calculate disposable earnings
- ✦ Preferred knowledge of government sector payroll
- ✦ Knowledge of Cafeteria Plans and the effect on taxable wages
- ✦ Excellent verbal and written communication skills

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From: Owens, Katura E. - Mgr Technology Project Mgmt <owenke@jea.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 9:30 AM
To: Mack, Robert E. - Dir Organizational Effectiveness & Payroll
Subject: RE: Validation table and tax id.xlsx Cost Numbers

Rob,

I think maybe another discussion with Russell might be warranted. I can put us together with Laura if you'd like but I really think there needs to be some level setting. Maybe she needs to hear from Ryan the message Jon & Shawn gave to us.

Let me know how you'd like to proceed.

K. E. Owens

ERP Technology Program Manager
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From: Gutteridge Años, Laura A. - Mgr Financial Accounting & Reporting
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To: Mack, Robert E. - Dir Organizational Effectiveness & Payroll <MackRE@jea.com>
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Subject: RE: Validation table and tax id.xlsx Cost Numbers

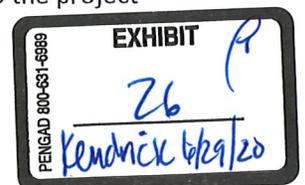
Thanks Rob. I would like to understand why we are moving forward now that the PUP is being terminated. Can we have a meeting to discuss the business rationale behind this change?

Laura Gutteridge Años, CPA
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From: Mack, Robert E. - Dir Organizational Effectiveness & Payroll <MackRE@jea.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 7:40 AM
To: Gutteridge Años, Laura A. - Mgr Financial Accounting & Reporting <guttla@jea.com>
Cc: Caffey, Russell J. (Robert Half) <caffrj@jea.com>; Johnson, Akiesha D. - Manager, Project Accounting <johna@jea.com>; Owens, Katura E. - Mgr Technology Project Mgmt <owenke@jea.com>; Van Den Heuvel, Sharon - Dir ERP Systems <VandS@jea.com>; Tarpley, Gwendolyn - Mgr Payroll Services <tarpg@jea.com>
Subject: RE: Validation table and tax id.xlsx Cost Numbers

Morning Laura,

I can confirm for you that the instruction from my leadership is to continue the transition of Appointed payroll to ADP and it remains unchanged in light of recent events. We are discussing some potential adjustments to the project



timelines and expectations, but the project is still targeting a phase one to begin payments to appointed employees and tax services for all employees beginning with the 1/10/20 pay cycle.

So as Gwen has requested, please provide the needed information as soon as you are able to help us continue to keep this effort on track.

Thanks for your support!

Robb Mack

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From: Gutteridge Años, Laura A. - Mgr Financial Accounting & Reporting <guttla@jea.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 5:16 PM
To: Tarpley, Gwendolyn - Mgr Payroll Services <tarpg@jea.com>; Owens, Katura E. - Mgr Technology Project Mgmt <owenke@jea.com>
Cc: Mack, Robert E. - Dir Organizational Effectiveness & Payroll <MackRE@jea.com>; Caffey, Russell J. (Robert Half) <caffrj@jea.com>; Johnson, Akiesha D. - Manager, Project Accounting <johna@jea.com>
Subject: RE: Validation table and tax id.xlsx Cost Numbers

Hi Gwen!

Before we put the time into filling this out, we need SLT confirmation that the transition to ADP is moving forward in light of the confirmation by Sherry Hall to the media that was published this afternoon indicating that the PUP is not going to be implemented. It was my understanding the move to ADP was happening due to the PUP implementation, which was also the reason for the accelerated deadline. When I spoke to Akiesha this afternoon, she indicated Katura was going to obtain this confirmation. Katura, please advise.

Thanks!

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Cc: Mack, Robert E. - Dir Organizational Effectiveness & Payroll <MackRE@jea.com>; Owens, Katura E. - Mgr Technology Project Mgmt <owenke@jea.com>
Subject: Validation table and tax id.xlsx Cost Numbers
Importance: High

Hi Akiesha / Laura ,

We have been asked to enter data into the attached spreadsheet for ADP. Please notice the tab entitled "Cost Numbers". Would it be possible for you to fill in the data on this tab by Thursday?

Also, the second screen show below lists various items that are circled. Can you please provide an explanation of what the entries represent and where they come from.

Thanks in advance..... Gwen

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4	021.00000.00000000.00.232089.0000.0000	0	512.62		21	
5	021.00000.00000000.00.241005.0000.0000	51.58	0		21	
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13	021.20414.00000000.00.500101.1111.0000	0	26.51		21	2041

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From: Higley, Carol A. - Human Resources Business Partner <HigICA@jea.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 11:57 AM
To: Wannemacher, Ryan F. - Chief Financial Officer
Subject: Meeting with Laura Gutteridge Anos
Attachments: Meeting with Laura Gutteridge Anos.docx

Ryan,

Here you go.

Please let me know if I can share with Isabel for coaching purposes – and if I need to do any follow up with Russell.

Thanks,

Carol Higley

Human Resources Business Partner

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Meeting with Laura Gutteridge Anos 11/26/19 1:30pm

We are here to discuss ADP and make sure we have addressed your concerns regarding Payroll migration.

Yes, process is now how I would expect, with due diligence, following a process.

I would also like to discuss your concerns and feedback/handling conflict. I am disappointed in how you raised your concerns, bringing everyone into it.

You mean including Akiesha and Alan on email?

It is appropriate to express your opinion and any concerns. I like and appreciate your opinion; always usually agree with you; it is the method that is concerning. I am on the floor virtually every day – pull me aside, call me, get on my calendar; but to blast email without going through those steps is a concern. If you have conversations with Russell and need to escalate that is fine but it needs to be done in a constructive manner. The email had some alarming language (bullied, things not done here correctly) and I would like you to raise your concerns with me in person. I take your opinion seriously, it is the manner in which it is handled that is the issue.

My language reflected how I was feeling I had serious concerns and shared my concerns but we were moving forward anyway. I was alarmed. Akiesha also sent an email with a long list of issues and no one responded. I thought if I got involved and on record that I was concerned too it would show all three of us were concerned. Other groups raised concerns too. Don't want to put any one in jeopardy but Payroll and Technology, basically everyone in the room had concerns and all that was said was this is an SLT initiative.

That is a cultural issue, people should be able to ask the SLT questions. Your email gave me no choice but to bring HR into this conversation and I would rather handle it in a more constructive way.

There have been times I have brought concerns to your attention with no response but then things are handled so I thought maybe I shouldn't go to you directly.

I may work through other people, just bandwidth, work load, so I call Russell to run with it. Even if I am delegating execution I am still addressing it. If you don't receive a response from Russell and need to escalate that's fine but I ask for your trust to not make a mountain out of a molehill, just pull me in. It is so important to communicate or things will get blown out of proportion. The mind is worse than the truth.

It may be a molehill now but it would have been a mountain had it not been stopped. Don't want to underestimate the impact, still dealing with EAM two years later. Also to not be given a business reason, makes me think things are not above board. Am I at that kind of company?

Whatever your question, can come to me directly. I will tell yes, no, I don't know or I can't tell you right now. You know I don't ever want to do anything that will jeopardize financial reporting. I am glad you raised concerns. As a manager I should be able to have frank conversations with you, maybe not about everything but at the management level we should communicate well, not have any gaps.

So your preference is that I communicate verbally?

By phone or set a meeting, it is difficult as the SLT gets hundreds of emails per day and it is difficult to response to all in emails.

I will press Russell more and if not satisfied I'll ask you directly.

He has only been here a little while and is still figuring it all out, there's a lot going on, we'll work through it. I think we got to the right place with the delay and now working on how we move forward. Sean, Jon and Melissa got together and I shared your concerns, asked if they heard other similar concerns and in 20 minutes we dealt with it constructively.

We need a strong working relationship and formally opening the lines of communication will benefit the whole team. You are a manager and set an example, people look to you to model appropriate constructive sharing of concerns. Thanks for all you do, the audit is going well. I value your opinion and perspective, we just need to work better together.

From: Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 2:35 PM
To: 'Motsett, Brian (ES)'; Prater, Cecilia (ES)
Cc: Eads, Shawn W. - VP & Chief Information Officer; Van Den Heuvel, Sharon - Dir ERP Systems; Owens, Katura E. - Mgr Technology Project Mgmt; Mack, Robert E. - Dir Organizational Effectiveness & Payroll; Tarpley, Gwendolyn - Mgr Payroll Services; Beard, Heather Burnett - Manager Procurement Contracts; Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer
Subject: JEA - ADP Letter of Engagement

Brian,

As a follow up to our phone conversation earlier today, I'm informing you that JEA wishes to terminate the Letter of Engagement (LOE) we have with ADP. As noted in the LOE, this constitutes ten days written notice that we are terminating, with the termination date being December 2, 2019. During these ten days we would like to continue working with you to tie up loose ends and work on some of the issues we raise so our team has a better understanding of the process should we pursue outsourcing payroll in the future.

I appreciate all the work your team put into this project and it has definitely been a good learning experience for our team.

Please invoice us for all fees and expenses incurred through the date of termination.

Thank you.

Warm regards,

Jon

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From: Maillis, Patricia L. - Director, Employee Services
To: Kendrick, Jonathan A. (Jon) - Interim VP & HR Officer
Subject: FW: Updated Committee Meeting Materials
Date: Monday, April 29, 2019 12:29:19 PM
Attachments: JEA Comp Committee Draft_4.22.19 v2.pptx
Comp Committee 1.15.19 Presentation - Total Market Compensation Strategy.pdf
Importance: High

Jon,

Back in January, Angie directed me to have Willis Towers Watson conduct a Compensation Study of: CEO Compensation; Total Compensation for all employees with a focus on base salary, total cash and total compensation. Additionally they were asked to provide guidance on the design of LTI plans and to make recommendation on the cost and the structure. I can fill you in on the history of work dating back to September 2018 and why we chose WTW.

To date, Aaron does not have a contract. He is seeking to implement / add an LTI plan to our compensation package. Because LTI is rarely found in the government sector, Angie and I sought a 3rd party counsel on this, WTW. Typically, Angie would have worked directly with the Compensation Committee Chair and led them through the study for the CEO Compensation and the resultant contract. In the past, WTW has been present at the Committee Meeting and led the discussion with the Committee and had meetings with the Chair prior to the actual meeting. The CEO was not typically in the discussions with the Chair. Last Comp Committee, Aaron indicated that we were going to do this study(see attached) ad that he would not finalize his compensation until the study was complete for the whole company.

Aaron (and Ryan W) received the attached last week. Angie and I reviewed this with WTW prior and made modifications/edits – so the next step would be for Aaron and WTW to have a call to discuss and make the final changes. Compensation Committee is scheduled for May 28 at 1:00.

I do not get the impression that he is happy with the product. Let's plan to talk about this so I can give you the history and put our heads together to make sure Aaron gets the product he is seeking.

Pat

From: Maillis, Patricia L. - Director, Employee Services
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 11:22 AM
To: Taylor, Brandi N. - Executive Assistant <taylbn@jea.com>
Subject: FW: Updated Committee Meeting Materials

From: Maillis, Patricia L. - Director, Employee Services
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 10:24 AM
To: Zahn, Aaron F. - Managing Director/CEO <zahnaf@jea.com>
Subject: RE: Updated Committee Meeting Materials



Here is the PPT version as well.

From: Maillis, Patricia L. - Director, Employee Services
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 8:51 AM
To: Zahn, Aaron F. - Managing Director/CEO <zahnaf@jea.com>
Subject: RE: Updated Committee Meeting Materials

Hi Aaron,

Heard you are traveling. Do you want me to convert the Adobe doc to a PowerPoint? I've also left a physical copy in your office.

Pat

From: Zahn, Aaron F. - Managing Director/CEO <zahnaf@jea.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 6:25 PM
To: Maillis, Patricia L. - Director, Employee Services <mailpl@jea.com>
Cc: Wannemacher, Ryan F. - Chief Financial Officer <wannrf@jea.com>; Strackbine, Scott I. - Compensation Specialist <strasri@jea.com>; Dykes, Melissa H. - President/COO <dykemh@jea.com>
Subject: Re: Updated Committee Meeting Materials

Can you please get me the ppt? Thanks.

Aaron F. Zahn
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On Apr 24, 2019, at 8:33 AM, Maillis, Patricia L. - Director, Employee Services <mailpl@jea.com> wrote:

Aaron and Ryan,

Attached is the draft Comp Committee presentation regarding the compensation study and recommendations from Willis Towers Watson. Once you have had an opportunity to review, we can schedule a brief conference call with WTW should there be any modifications needed and discuss Committee prep.

Pat

From: Wathen, David (Atlanta) <david.wathen@willistowerswatson.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 4:58 PM

To: Hiers, Angelia R. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer <hierar@jea.com>; Maililis, Patricia L. - Director, Employee Services <mailpl@jea.com>; Strackbine, Scott I. - Compensation Specialist <stras@jea.com>
Cc: Deeb, Andrea (Atlanta) <andrea.deeb@willistowerswatson.com>; Hwang, Paul (Atlanta) <paul.hwang@willistowerswatson.com>; Meng, Patrick (Atlanta) <Patrick.Meng@willistowerswatson.com>
Subject: Updated Committee Meeting Materials

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Angie, Pat and Scott:

Attached is the updated committee meeting materials. We incorporated all of the edits we discussed on our last call. Please review and let us know if there are any additional changes.

Best regards,

David Wathen
Senior Director, Rewards

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Compensation Program Review – Discussion Document for Compensation Committee Meeting

Prepared for JEA

April 22, 2019

Discussion Draft



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Introduction

Introduction

Summary

- JEA engaged Willis Towers Watson (“WTW”) to complete the following:
 - Conduct a competitive market assessment for JEA’s Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) position
 - Review JEA’s competitive market assessments across all employee populations
 - Provide a summary of market practices related to short-term incentive plan design
 - Conduct a competitive market analysis of long-term incentive (“LTI”) plan design practices and develop a proposed design
- WTW presented its initial findings to JEA’s CEO, CFO and Human Resources team, and based on their feedback, this report includes the following:
 - Confirmation of JEA’s current compensation philosophy
 - Review of the evolution of JEA’s compensation programs
 - Analysis of the compensation variances for JEA’s Appointed population
 - Analysis of the gaps to market for JEA’s Appointed population and Bargaining Units
 - Proposed LTI plan design
 - Total rewards market best practices

Compensation Philosophy Review

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JEA's Current Compensation Philosophy

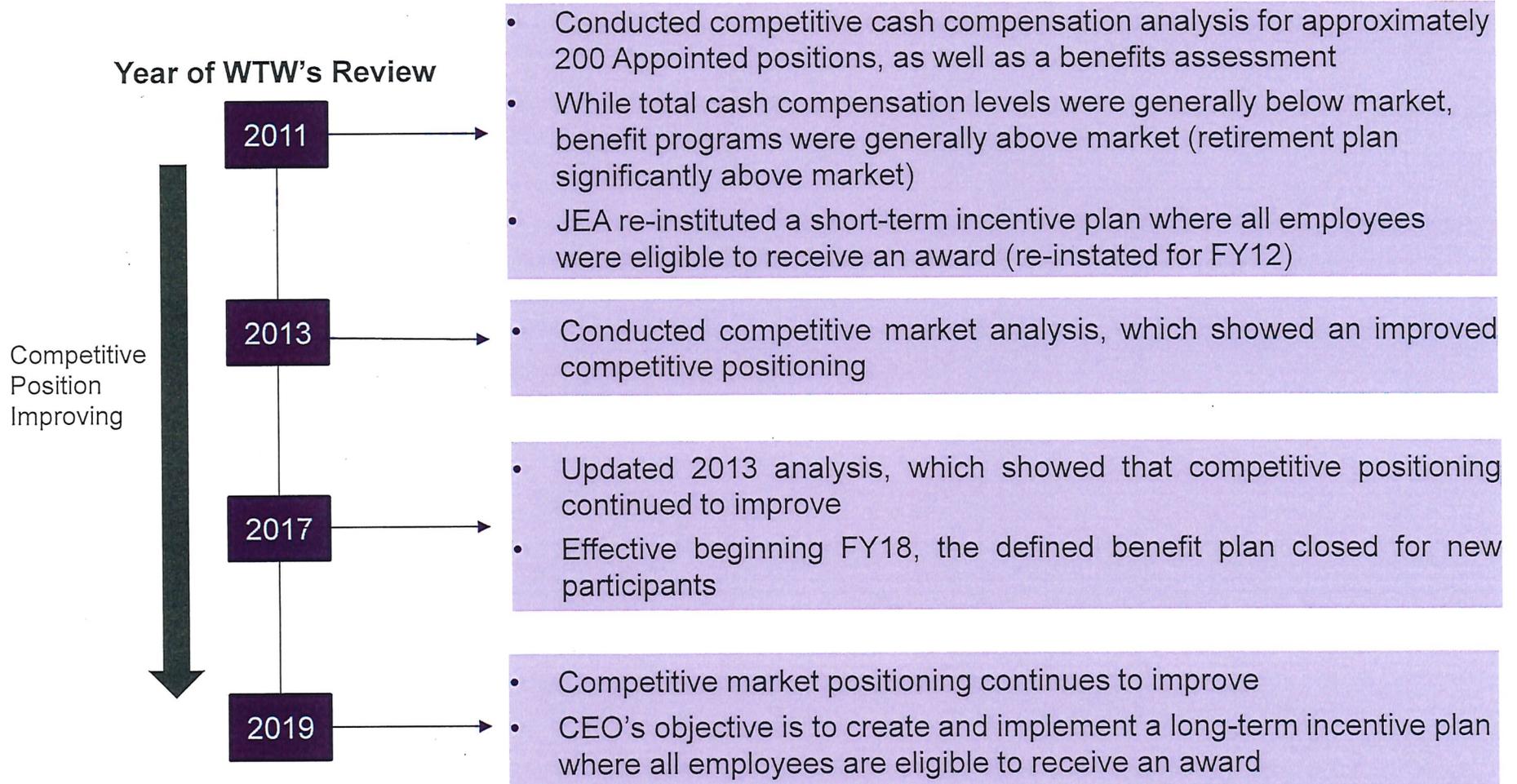
- The following table summarizes JEA's current compensation philosophy, which guided WTW's review of JEA's competitive market assessments:

Compensation Philosophy Element	Details
Alignment of Interest Between Employees, Stakeholders, and Organization	JEA's compensation philosophy should support the overall business and board strategy with the ultimate goal of driving performance of the organization
Market for Talent	JEA's geographic market for talent varies by job level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Individual Contributors/Managers</u> – local and regional scope • <u>Directors/Executives</u> – national scope
Target Competitiveness	Targets the market 50 th %ile for all pay elements
Pay Mix	JEA's pay mix currently consists of base salary and a short-term incentive award, but JEA is implementing a long-term incentive plan in 2020 to align the interests of employees and stakeholders
Industry Perspectives	For <u>functional roles</u> – a 50/50 weighted mix of Utility/General Industry market data For <u>operational roles</u> – only Utility Industry market data

Evolution of JEA's Compensation Program

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Timeline of Goals and Major Changes

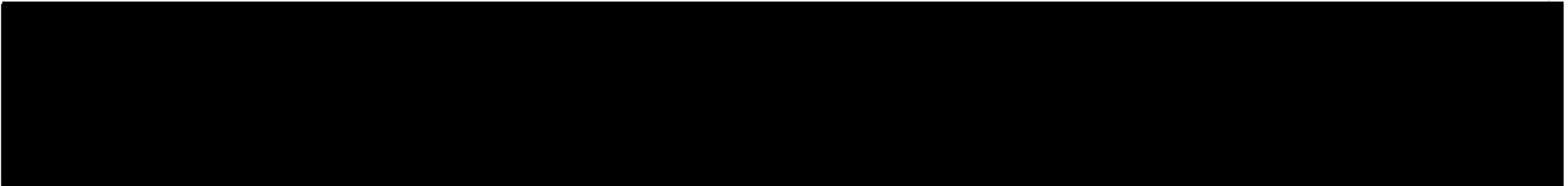


CEO Competitive Market Pricing

CEO Competitive Market Pricing

Methodology

- To conduct the competitive market pricing for the CEO position, a peer group was developed reflecting:



- Survey source: Willis Towers Watson's *2018 Energy Services Industry Executive Compensation Database*



CEO Competitive Market Pricing

Market Pricing Details

Chief Executive Officer		Competitive Market Data ⁽⁵⁾		
Pay Component	Data Perspective	25th %ile	50th %ile	75th %ile
Base (\$000s)	Combined Peer Group			
	Investor Owned Utility Peers			
	Public Power Peers			
Target Bonus % ⁽¹⁾	Combined Peer Group			
	Investor Owned Utility Peers			
	Public Power Peers ⁽³⁾			
Target TCC (\$000s)	Combined Peer Group			
	Investor Owned Utility Peers			
	Public Power Peers			
LTI % ⁽²⁾	Combined Peer Group			
	Investor Owned Utility Peers			
	Public Power Peers			
Target TDC (\$000s)	Combined Peer Group ⁽⁴⁾			
	Investor Owned Utility Peers			
	Public Power Peers			

"—"= Data not available.

(1) Target bonus percentages are represented as a percentage of base salary.

(2) Long-term incentive (LTI) percentages are represented as a percentage of base salary. LTI figures are based on ASC 718 (FAS 123R) "accounting values".

(3) Target TDC for the Combined Peer Group perspective is built up by using Base Salary, Target TCC, and LTI % data.

(4) Market data greater than \$100,000 rounded to the nearest \$5,000.

Compensation Benchmarking Summary

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Methodology

- The following page contains a summary of WTW's review of JEA's competitive market data for its Appointed population (including 13 executives)
- WTW reviewed the most current incumbent and market data provided by JEA
 - Market data for the positions below the Director-level reflect a -5% geographic differential to account for the cost of labor of Jacksonville, FL vs. the US national average
 - Analysis of competitive positioning focused on market data at the 50th percentile

Compensation Benchmarking Summary

Appointed Population vs. Market 50th Percentile Variances By Job Level

- The following exhibits summarize variances comparing incumbent pay data with market data from job weighted and incumbent weighted perspectives for the Appointed population only
- Variances are similar for both perspectives, and are lower to market for executives and directors at target bonus %, target TCC, and target TDC compared to the other job levels

Job Weighted:

Level	Average Base Salary Variance	Average Target Bonus % Absolute Variance	Average Target TCC Variance	Average Long-term Incentive % Absolute Variance	Average Target TDC Variance
Executive	-12%	-33%	-28%	--	-42%
Director	-1%	-10%	-8%	--	-13%
Manager	-2%	-5%	-6%	--	-6%
Individual Contributor	-1%	-2%	-1%	--	-1%
Total	-2%	-7%	-6%	--	-7%

Incumbent Weighted:

Level	Average Base Salary Variance	Average Target Bonus % Absolute Variance	Average Target TCC Variance	Average Long-term Incentive % Absolute Variance	Average Target TDC Variance
Executive	-12%	-33%	-28%	--	-42%
Director	0%	-10%	-7%	--	-12%
Manager	-3%	-5%	-6%	--	-6%
Individual Contributor	0%	-2%	1%	--	1%
Total	-2%	-5%	-4%	--	-6%

Short-Term Incentive Plan Practices

Short-Term Incentive Plan Practices

Introduction

- JEA re-instated a broad-based short-term incentive plan several years ago, both to address competitive pay levels, as well as to reinforce specific messages related to performance expectations
- The following pages summarize market practices related to short-term incentive plan design
 - As appropriate, JEA may consider these practices as they continue to evolve their incentive plan design
 - Key design features covered include eligibility, target award opportunities, payout ranges, bonus pool funding, performance measures and performance range
- The market practices information has been summarized from survey research, as well as our consulting experiences

Short-Term Incentive Plan Practices

Eligibility

- Eligibility for short-term incentive plans is typically broad for both the Utility and General Industries, with prevalence actually higher in the Utility Industry (particularly at the lower job levels)
- Over 60% of organizations extend eligibility to the lower exempt and non-exempt roles
 - Lower roles may not have an expressed target opportunity, but they may be part of a “sharing program” based on organizational performance
 - In some cases, overall funding and participation at lower levels may be discretionary

Short-Term Incentive Plan Practices

Target Incentive Award Opportunities

- Target incentive opportunities typically increase with job level, and are relatively similar in both the Utility and General Industries
- Note that we have recommended STI targets as part of our analysis to “close the gap” between market and JEA’s desired competitive positioning

Target Incentive Award Opportunities – By Job Level

Role/Career Level	Target STI Opportunities	
	Utilities	General Industry
Senior Directors		
Managers		
Supervisors		
Senior Level Professionals		
Entry-Mid Level Professionals		
Non-exempt		

Source: Willis Towers Watson 2018 General Industry and Energy Services MMPS Compensation Survey Reports – U.S.

Short-Term Incentive Plan Practices

Payout Ranges

- Payout ranges reflect the total award opportunity as a percentage of the target award, and represent the minimum award opportunity if threshold performance is achieved, and the maximum opportunity if maximum performance is achieved
- Payout ranges are typically 50% of target at threshold performance and 200% of target at maximum performance
- [REDACTED]
- In most cases (and based on the specific performance standards), organizations will interpolate actual performance between threshold, target and maximum to provide appropriate incentive to improve performance at every possible increment
- Note that it is important to calibrate the payout range with the performance range to ensure that the awards are aligned with the probability of achievement

Short-Term Incentive Plan Practices

Bonus Pool Funding

- There are two primary approaches to determine bonus pool funding:
 1. Sum-of-targets: specific target opportunities are defined (typically by role or grade) and the sum of these targets determines the bonus “pool” (the aggregated award which would be generated at target performance)
 2. Financial results-based formula: typically a financially-driven formula (e.g., bonus pool equals 10% of profits above a specific threshold)
- The sum-of-targets approach is typically the most common in both the Utility and General Industries
 - Prevalence for financial results-based formulas increases slightly for broad-based plans that are separate from executive plans because there is often a greater requirement that they be self-funding
- Particularly for sum-of-target plans, circuit breakers are a common design feature
 - A circuit breaker represents a single performance measure (typically a financial measure) that must be reached before any incentive award is paid regardless of performance in other measures
 - In other words, if the circuit breaker financial performance isn’t achieved, it shuts down the entire plan regardless of performance on other performance measures
 - Note that a financial circuit breaker may be set at levels below threshold levels for payout
- Another design feature is a modifier, which can be used to adjust the initial funding up or down based on another important measure (e.g. determine pool based on financial performance, and then modify by operational or customer performance measures)

Short-Term Incentive Plan Practices

Performance Measures

- Performance measures send an important message about what an organization must achieve, and how individual employees can contribute to those objectives
- We consider it a best practice to have a portfolio of performance measures to balance expectations across financial, operational and customer service categories
 - However, in order to ensure appropriate focus, we typically see 4-6 performance measures, with each measure having at least a 10% weight
- It is typical for organizations in both Utility and General Industry to include at least one profit or income measure, with profit/operating income being the most common in both industries
- For non-financial performance measures, environmental health and safety, as well as operating/strategic measures are the most common in the Utility Industry
- Individual performance measures are also common in the Utility and General Industries
 - These measures help create line-of-sight to broader corporate measures

Short-Term Incentive Plan Practices

Performance Range

- Performance ranges reflect the minimum acceptable performance as a percentage of target performance, and the maximum performance recognized as a percentage of target performance
- Narrow performance ranges are typically used for measures where results are not expected to vary significantly from target (e.g., revenues)
- Wider performance ranges are typically used for measures where performance can fluctuate significantly year to year (e.g., profitability)
- In the Utility Industry, performance ranges for profitability at minimum is typically set to be 90% of target and for maximum is typically set to be 115% of target
- An important consideration in establishing the performance range is the probability of achievement
 - A best practice is to set threshold performance goals where the probability of achievement is 80-90% to ensure appropriate motivation
 - Similarly, probability of achievement for target performance should be 50-60% and 10-20% for maximum performance
 - As noted earlier, it is important to calibrate the performance range with the payout range

Long-Term Incentive Plan Design

Long-Term Incentive Plan Design

Introduction

Why Companies Have Long-Term Incentive Plans	Factor Driving JEA Inclusion of LTI
Focus on long-term performance and align performance to long-term business strategies	✓
Necessary component of a market competitive compensation program for investor owned utilities	✓
Aligns the interests of employees with stakeholders	✓
Fosters long-term retention	✓
Encourages teamwork and collaboration across groups, functions, businesses, etc.	✓
Rewards for long-term shareholder/stakeholder value creation	✓
Balances focus on short-term results that are driven by annual incentives	✓

Long-Term Incentive Plan Design

Market Practices Summary

Design Aspect	Public Power Utilities	Investor Owned Utility (IOU) Peer Group	Broader Utility Industry
Prevalence	LTI plans are uncommon, but used selectively	All 13 IOU peers have an LTI plan	LTI plans are very prevalent with almost all IOUs using an LTI plan
Eligibility	For those Public Power Utilities with an LTI plan, eligibility typically limited to select executives	Typically executives down to director level positions	Typically executives down to director level positions
Target Opportunity (% of Base Salary)	Varies widely based on the organization, but targets will be lower than IOU levels	Median for CEOs: 230% Median for NEOs*: 110% Median for Directors: NA	
Award Frequency	Annual awards with overlapping cycles are most common	All 13 peers grant annual awards with overlapping cycles	

NEOs* = Named Executive Officers, as disclosed in the IOU's proxy statement.

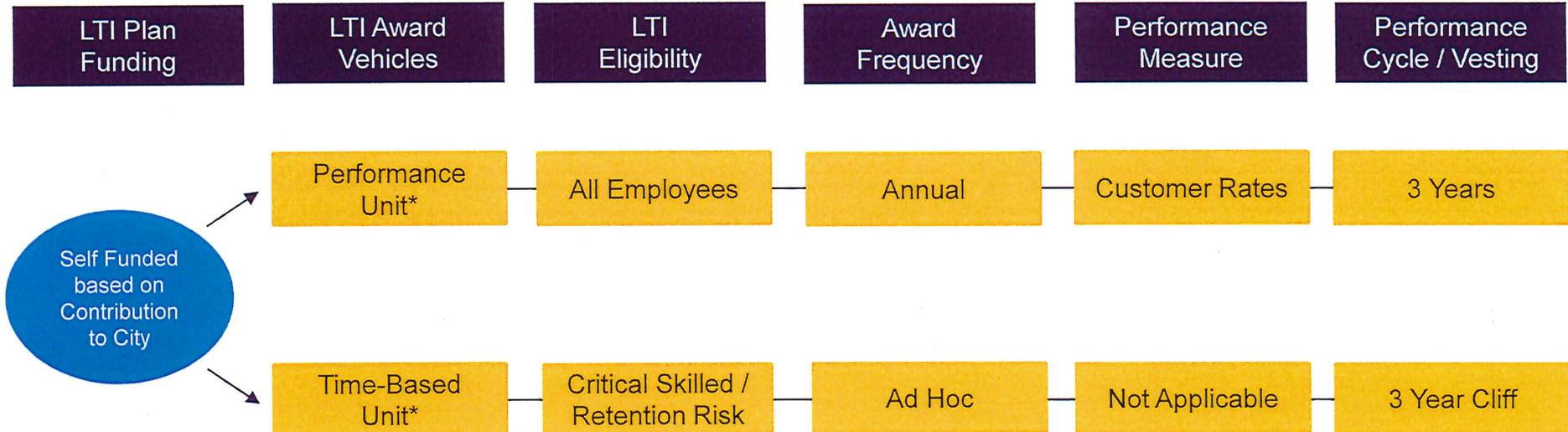
Long-Term Incentive Plan Design Market Practices Summary (continued)

Design Aspect	Public Power Utilities	Investor Owned Utility (IOU) Peer Group	Broader Utility Industry
Award Vehicles	Cash-based performance plans	100% of peers use performance plans 69% use restricted stock No peers use stock options	
Performance Metrics	Financial and operational	TSR (100%) EPS (38%) Operational (15%)	
Performance Metrics Weights	Operational metrics weighted more heavily than financial metrics	TSR and financial metrics weighted more heavily than operational metrics	Not available
Performance Range	More conservative compared to IOUs	Relative TSR: 28 th %ile at threshold, 50 th %ile at target, and 90 th %ile at maximum	
Payout Range	Threshold: 50% of Target Maximum: 150% of Target	Threshold: 0-50% of Target Maximum: 150-200% of Target	

Long-Term Incentive Plan Design

Proposed Design

- Given consideration of the overarching goal to allow all employees the opportunity to share in the long-term success of the company, we propose a multi-pronged LTI design approach below:



* Value of units tied to JEA Net Book Value.

Long-Term Incentive Plan Design

Proposed Design Details: Performance Unit

Performance Unit

Plan Design Element	Plan Design Details
Award Vehicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance Unit: value of unit tied to JEA Net Book Value; unit valuation formula to be determined
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All employees would be eligible in order to drive collective focus on JEA long-term performance
Target Award Opportunity (as % of base salary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Award opportunities vary based on level in the organization (see page 31 for proposed targets); intent is to close competitive gap to market for LTI over 2 to 3 years. Proposed targets are intended to keep JEA compensation competitive with market 50th percentile
Award Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual
Circuit Breaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defined level of contribution to the City will be established for each award cycle; intent is for contribution level to ensure LTI plan is self funded
Performance Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Net Book Value: used to determine Performance Unit value Customer Rates: performance measure used to modify the number of Performance Units earned; performance goal to be determined
Performance Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-year performance cycle with overlapping cycles due to annual grant frequency
Payout Range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Threshold: 50% of Target Maximum: 150% of Target
Estimated Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated cost of annual Performance Unit awards to all employees based on current incumbent base salaries* is \$4M

*Bargaining Unit costs calculated based on step structure data if incumbent data are not available.

Long-Term Incentive Plan Design

Proposed Design Details: Time-Based Unit

Time-Based Unit

Plan Design Element	Plan Design Details
Award Vehicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time-Based Unit: value of unit tied to JEA Net Book Value; unit valuation formula to be determined
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All employees eligible, but awards targeted to critically skilled employees or employees viewed as retention risk; awards generally intended for Manager level positions and below in order to enhance employee retention Target 10% of employees below the Director level (approximately 1,500 including Bargaining Units) or approximately 150 employees below the Director level to receive awards each year
Target Award Opportunity (as % of base salary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retention award values range from 10% to 20% depending on criticality of role and/or retention need
Award Pool Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defined level of contribution to the City will be established each year with intent for contribution level to ensure LTI plan, covering both Performance Unit and Time-Based Unit awards, is self funded
Award Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ad hoc awards
Vesting Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-year cliff vesting period
Estimated Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated cost of annual Time-Based Unit awards to employees below the Director level based on current incumbent base salaries* is \$1.2M

*Bargaining Unit costs calculated based on step structure data if incumbent data are not available.

Proposed Compensation Adjustments

Proposed Compensation Adjustments

Competitive Pay Gaps to Market by Pay Element

- The following exhibit summarizes the current gaps to market for JEA's population (excluding the M&C roles due to lack of incumbent data) by each pay element:
 - JEA's base salary, target TCC, and target TDC show variances comparing incumbent pay to market for the Appointed population
 - Bargaining Units' pay elements and JEA target bonus % are based off of pay structures (many of the Bargaining Units are in step structures)
- Gaps to market exist at target bonus % and long-term incentive %, particularly for the executives and directors, which lead to higher variances to market at target TCC and target TDC

Job Weighted:

Level	Average Base Salary/Midpoint Variance	Average Target Bonus %		Average Target TCC Variance	Average Long-term Incentive %		Average Target TDC Variance
	JEA	JEA	Market	JEA	JEA	Market	JEA
Executive	-12%	10%		-28%	--		-42%
Director	-1%	8%		-8%	--		-13%
Manager	-2%	7%		-6%	--		-6%
Individual Contributor	-1%	6%		-1%	--		-1%
Bargaining Units	11%	2%		8%	--		8%
Total	3%	5%		-1%	--		-2%

Note: Market data provided by JEA.

Proposed Compensation Adjustments

Proposed Base Salary, Target Bonus and Long-Term Incentive Adjustments

- **Base Salary:** assess individual competitive position to market; for individual positions well below market, JEA should bring positions to within the competitive range of the market median within two to three years, assuming that performance expectations are being met
- **Target Bonus % and LTI % (as % of salary):** the tables below summarize JEA's current average target bonus and LTI incentive opportunities and WTW's proposed target values
 - The proposed incentive adjustments are intended to partially close the gap to market with the intent of moving to market within two to three years, depending on market movement

Level	Target Bonus %			LTI Opportunity %			Total At Risk Compensation		
	Current	Market	Proposed	Current	Market	Proposed	Current	Market	Proposed
Executive	10%		20%	--		30%	10%		50%
Director	8%		10%	--		15%	8%		25%
Manager	7%		7%	--		3%	7%		10%
Individual Contributor	6%		7%	--		3%	6%		10%
Bargaining Units	2%		--	--		1%	2%		3%

- **Estimated Cost Impact:** the estimated incremental cost impact of the proposed target bonus and LTI adjustments are as follows:
 - Target Bonus Cost: \$400K based off current incumbent base salaries
 - LTI Cost: \$4M based off current incumbent base salaries for performance unit award (\$5.2M if time-based unit award is included)

Note: Market data provided by JEA.

Proposed Compensation Adjustments

Market Positioning Based on Proposed Pay Adjustments

- The following exhibit summarizes the competitive position of JEA pay based on WTW's proposed target bonus % and LTI % adjustments
 - JEA's competitive position to market improves at all levels with Executive level competitive gap to market target TDC cut in half
 - While a competitive gap to market for executives at target TCC and target TDC still exists, applicable base salary adjustments and multi-year approach for adjusting target bonus and LTI plan will close the gap
 - All levels except for executives at target TCC and all levels at target TDC fall within the competitive range of market (defined as +/-15% for target TCC and +/-20% for target TDC)

Job Weighted:

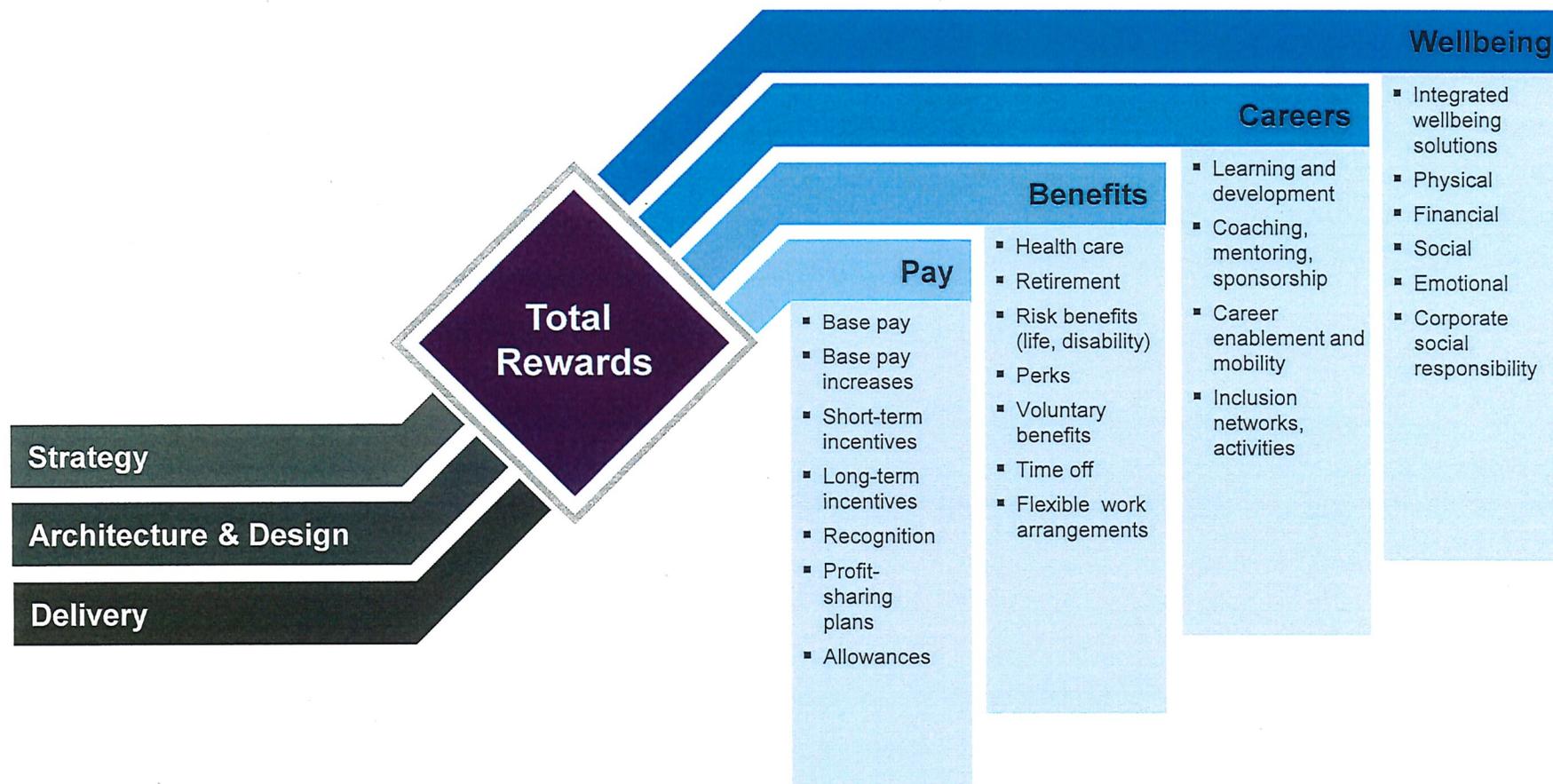
Level	Average Base Salary/Midpoint Variance	Average Target Bonus %		Proposed Target TCC Variance	Average Long-term Incentive %		Proposed Target TDC Variance
	JEA	JEA Proposed	Market	JEA	JEA Proposed	Market	JEA
Executive	-12%	20%		-22%	30%		-20%
Director	-1%	10%		-6%	15%		1%
Manager	-2%	7%		-6%	3%		0%
Individual Contributor	-1%	7%		-1%	3%		5%
Bargaining Units	11%	2%		8%	1%		9%
Total	3%	6%		0%	4%		4%

Note: Market data provided by JEA.

Modernizing Total Rewards

Modernizing Total Rewards

Integrated Total Rewards strategy, architecture & design and delivery for a superior Talent Value Proposition



Source: 2018 Willis Towers Watson Modernizing Total Rewards Survey

Modernizing Total Rewards

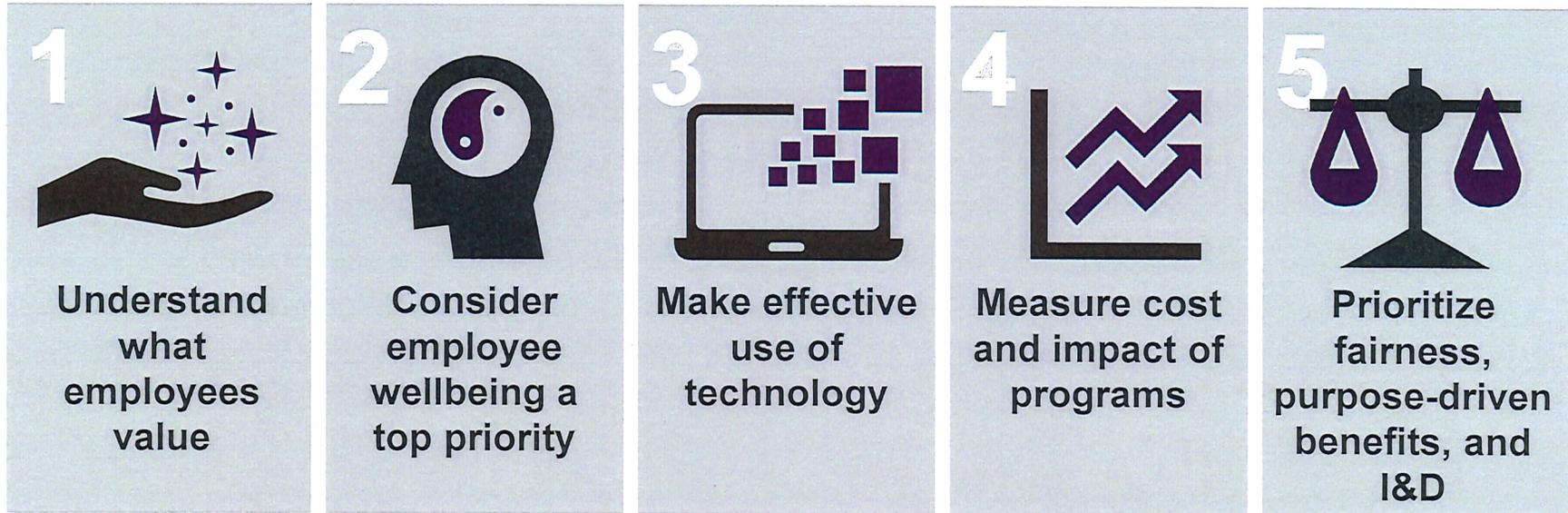
Key themes emerging in the market with implications for Total Rewards

1. Future focused Emerging work dynamics and skills and multi-generational workforce re-write the deal 	2. Technology Advancements Expansion of <i>digitization</i> of the Total Rewards delivery and experience 	3. Optimising cost and risk of TR Analytics and data measurement 
4. Segmentation More tailored Total Rewards with increased choice 	5. Consumerism and flexibility Expansion of worker choice and <i>voluntary benefits</i> 	6. Transparency Legislative and social media increase public scrutiny 
7. Inclusion and diversity Total rewards that enable an inclusive culture and diverse workforce 	9. Talent experience Emphasis on <i>workplace differentials</i> that enhance the environment and Talent Value Proposition 	10. Good governance Being <i>agile and nimble</i> to adapt to changing, fast-moving business strategies 
8. Wellbeing Holistic <i>physical, financial, social and emotional health</i> 		

Source: 2018 Willis Towers Watson Modernizing Total Rewards Survey

Modernizing Total Rewards

Our findings identify five areas critical to meeting employees' Total Rewards expectations and delivering a consumer-grade experience

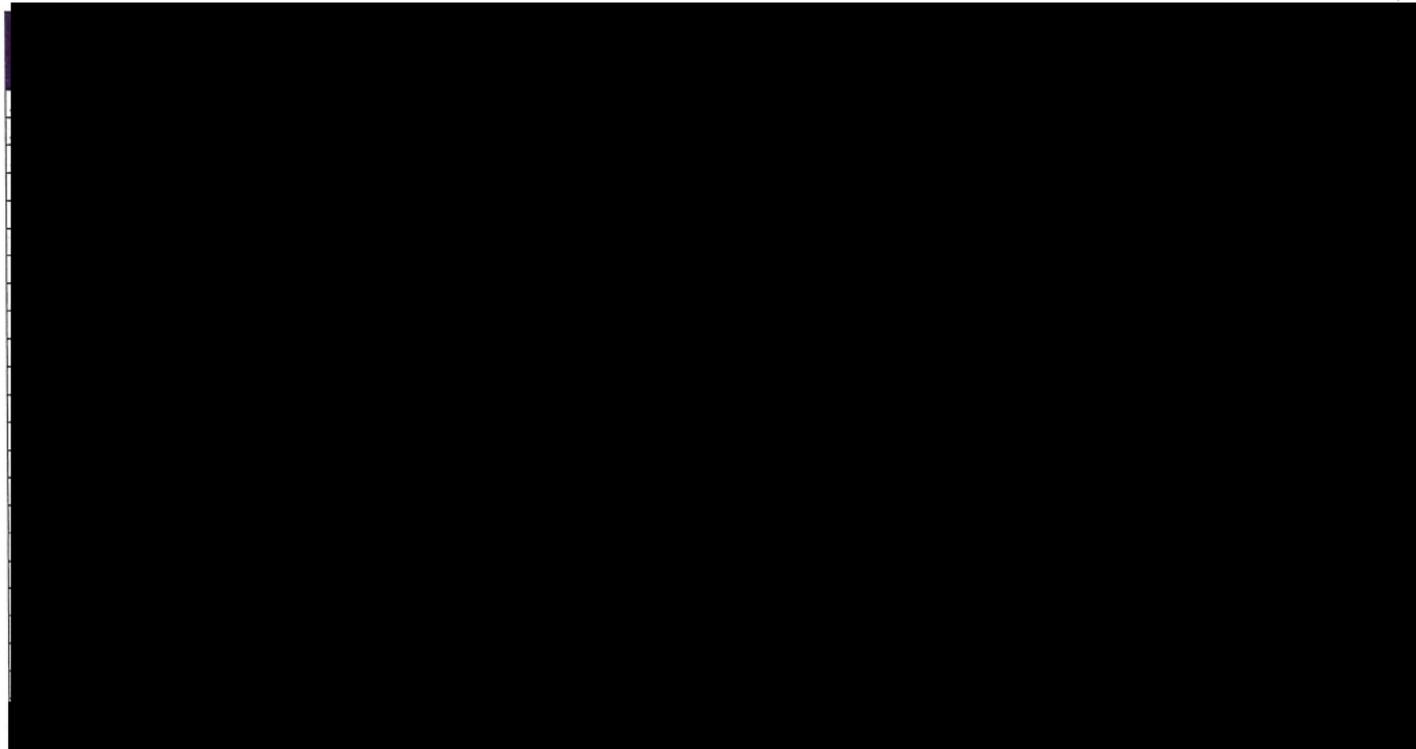


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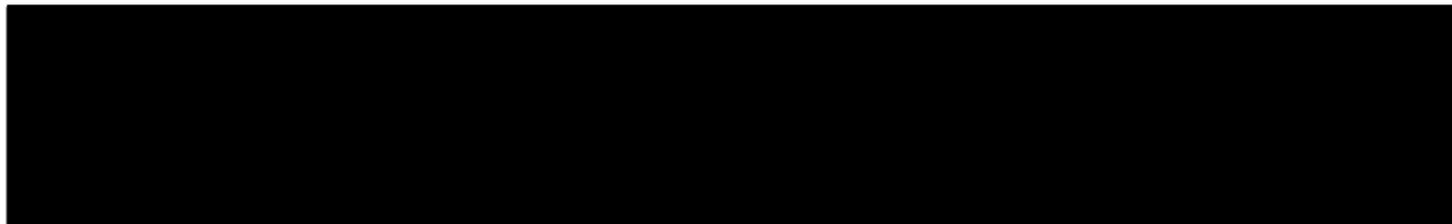
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CEO Competitive Market Pricing Utility Peer Group



JEA	Public Power	\$1,790	3,330	Diversified	X	X	X
Percentile Rank		60%	45%				



Appendix

Incentive Plan Review Methodology

- The competitive market review of short and long-term incentive plan design practices covered the following:
 - Utility and General Industry market best practices were considered
 - Peer group reflecting a mix of Public Power Utilities and comparably-sized IOUs was developed for the LTI plan design review
- Sources:
 - WTW's *2018 General Industry and Energy Services Executive Compensation Survey Report*
 - WTW's *2018 General Industry and Energy Services MMPS Compensation Survey Report*
 - WTW's *2018 Long-Term Incentives Policies and Practices Survey Report – General and Utility Industries data cuts*
 - WTW's *2018 Global Executive Incentive Design Survey*
 - Consulting experience with broad-based and executive compensation practices in both the Utility and General Industries

Appendix

LTI Plan Design Review Utility Peer Group

IOUs (13 Companies)

- ALLETE
- Alliant Energy
- Avista
- Black Hills
- El Paso Electric
- Hawaiian Electric Industries
- NorthWestern Energy
- OGE Energy
- Otter Tail
- Pinnacle West Capital
- PNM Resources
- Portland General Electric
- Vectren

Public Power Utilities

- *Six public power utility clients*
- *Anecdotal consulting experience*



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Total Market Compensation Strategy

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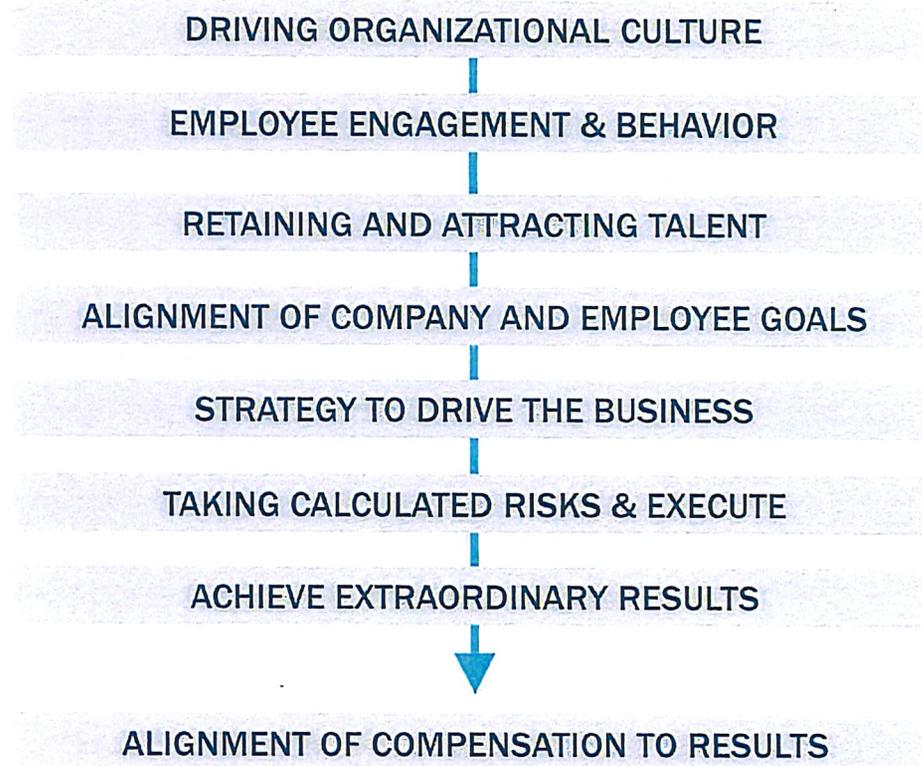

**COMMITMENT TO
RESULTS & VALUE**



Company Culture and Strategy Driven by Good Well Aligned "Total Compensation Program"

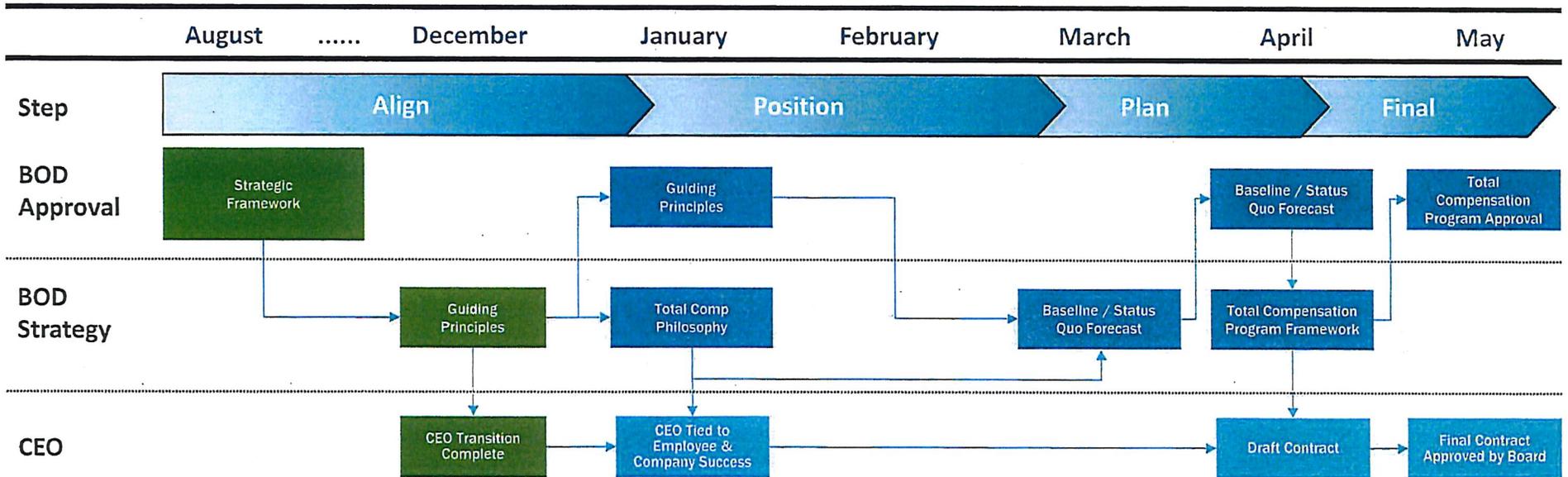


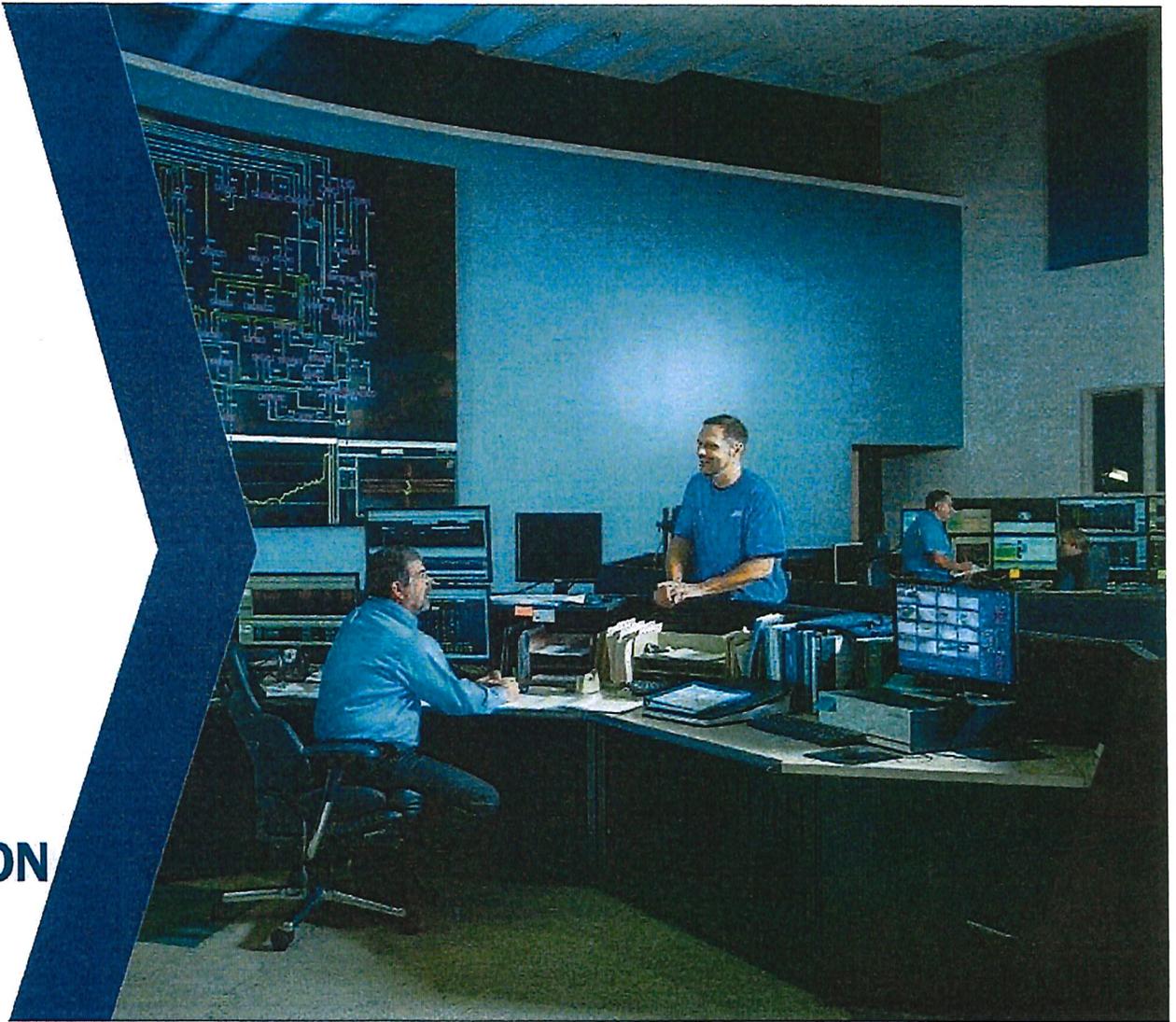
LEADING BY EXAMPLE



ALIGNING TO RESULTS & VALUE

- Board wants all employee compensation to be aligned with: 1) Total Compensation Philosophy; and 2) driving Results vs. Baseline
- Board to agree on TC Philosophy and Baseline before finalizing Total Compensation Program for all employees

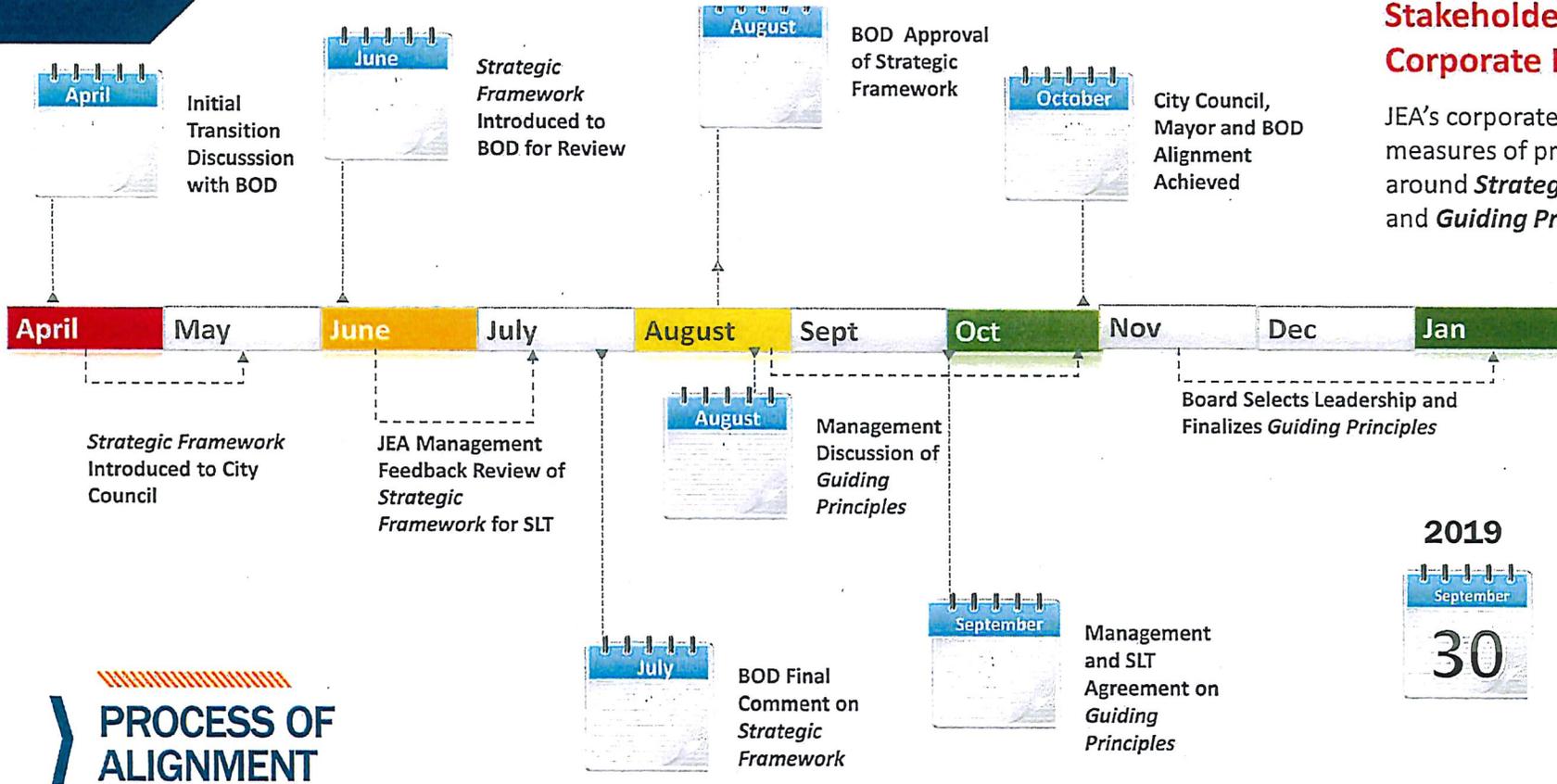




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**TOTAL COMPENSATION
PHILOSOPHY**



“Guiding Principles” More Than Talk



Result: Alignment of Stakeholders to JEA Corporate Initiatives

JEA’s corporate initiatives and measures of progress aligned around *Strategic Framework* and *Guiding Principles*

PROCESS OF ALIGNMENT



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

ACCELERATING UTILITY INNOVATION

Vision

Why we exist and who we want to be in the future

Improve lives by accelerating innovation

Mission

How we are going to pursue our vision and what we need to do today to get there

Provide the best service by becoming the center of our customers' energy and water experience

Corporate Measures

Our mission will be guided by and evaluated against how we as employees drive these four basic Corporate Measures of JEA's value

The fundamental goal is to maximize each value both now and in the future:

1) Customer value

What a customer expects to get in exchange for the price they pay

2) Financial value

The monetary value and risk profile, both today and tomorrow, of JEA as it relates to the City

3) Community impact value

Improving the quality of life through innovative and cost-effective service offerings, employee volunteerism and ambassadorship, relevant and timely communications, and support of economic development and job growth throughout JEA's service territory; foster a collaborative and respectful corporate culture that provides exceptional employee value to equip the JEA team to deliver outstanding service and value to its community

4) Environmental value

Ensuring a sustainable environment for future generations

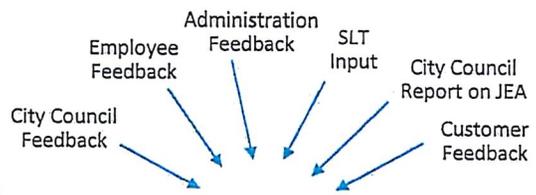
Core Competencies

The things we need to be exceptionally and uniquely good at in order to yield better and better results of our Corporate Measures which drive our Mission to demonstrate our Vision

- Deliver an unparalleled positive customer experience
- Work together to elevate the entire team
- Innovate and evolve to match our customer's needs with market trends

STAKEHOLDER ALIGNMENT

Alignment logic of *Strategic Framework* and *Guiding Principles* through day-to-day actions of employees



Employee behavior tied to driving metrics that measure the 4 values outlined in the Guiding Principles:

- 1) Customer
- 2) Financial
- 3) Environmental
- 4) Community impact

See Dashboard & supporting metrics

Employees aligned to Board and COJ



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

ACCELERATING UTILITY INNOVATION

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- 2) Financial Value**
- 3) Environmental Value**
- 4) Community Impact Value**

Employee behavior key to maximizing value



GUIDING PRINCIPLES
ACCELERATING UTILITY INNOVATION

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Work together to elevate the entire team

Core competencies accelerate results



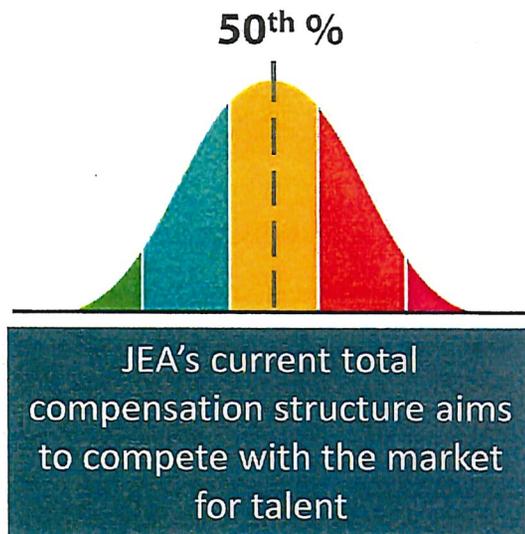
ELEVATE THE ENTIRE TEAM

1. Ensure JEA's corporate compensation philosophy is aligned with JEA's Guiding Principles
2. Encourage long-term culture of value creation
3. Establish formal compensation policy to align behavior to 4 Corporate Measures of Value and market based compensation
4. Ensure policy promotes collaboration to drive Vision and Mission

Employee incentives should drive "value" & "teamwork"

JEA Board Policy Manual

(Policy 2.7 adopted by JEA Board on June 17, 2014)



 JEA'S COMPENSATION PHILOSOPHY

“With respect to employment, compensation, and benefits to employees, consultants, contract workers and volunteers, the CEO shall not cause or allow jeopardy to financial integrity or to public image. Accordingly, the CEO will not:

Promote a compensation philosophy that is contradictory to JEA's philosophy of providing a total rewards package that encompasses salary/wages, retirement benefits, incentives and health and welfare benefits.

Salary/wages will meet the market (50% percentile), which is where the majority of companies in the geographical area reside. The 50th percentile pays competitively for behavior that meets expectations. Additional consideration will be given to behaviors that exceeds expectations which are typically rewarded at the 75th percentile. Internal equity will be achieved by evaluating differences in skill, effort, responsibility and working conditions among jobs.”

HOW DO WE DEFINE TOTAL COMPENSATION?

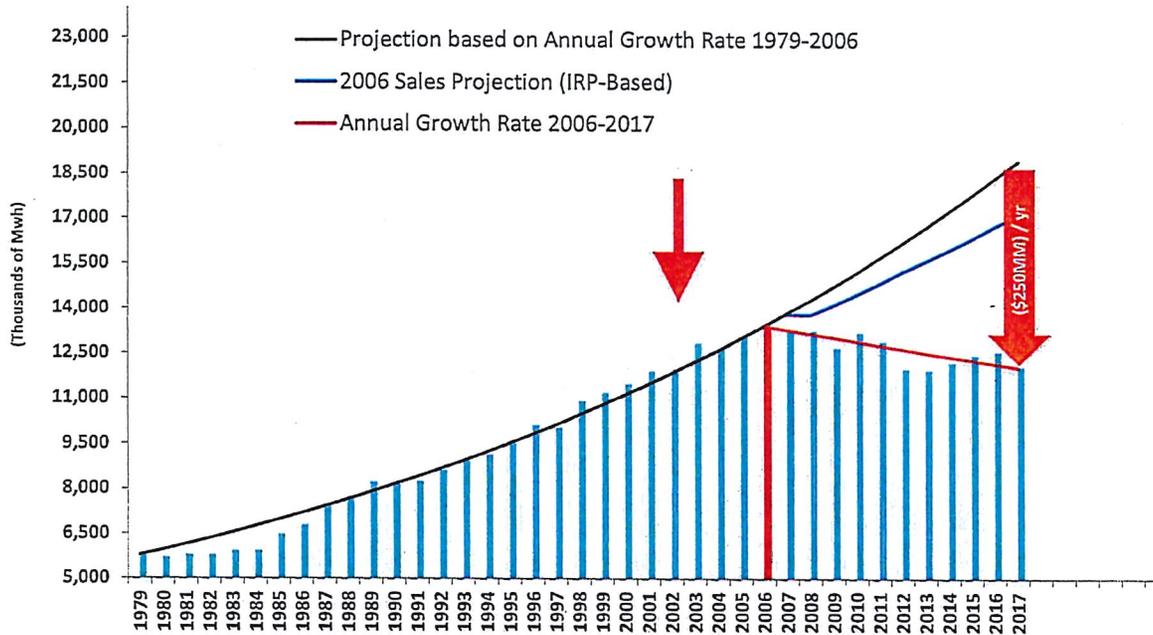
	BASE	+	SHORT TERM INCENTIVE	+	LONG TERM INCENTIVE
JEA	\$132.8		\$5.2		\$0.0
50% Percentile	\$124.9		\$10.5		\$5.5
DELTA ▲	\$7.9		(\$5.3)		(\$5.5)

Above numbers exclude healthcare and retirement

Dollars above are in millions

JEA's total compensation structure does not reward value creation

2007 to 2017 JEA lost Avg. of \$130 MM / yr in FCF (\$1.4B of cash) vs IRP Case



Industry Macro Trends Impacting JEA

Energy Efficiency (2000's tech trend)

- Mandates account for >90% of reduction in electric sales
- 30% lower sales in 2017 than forecasted back in 2006

Distributed Generation (2010's tech trend)

- Solar growth increasing in JEA territory 67% CAGR since FY 14
- >\$2.5MM of Net Income lost to distributed generation annually

Distributed Storage & iDER (2020's tech trend)

- Similar cost / performance trends to distributed generation being witnessed
- Storage will change the entire energy sector once cost parity with utility achieved

WHY FOCUS AND COMPENSATION ALIGNMENT MATTERS

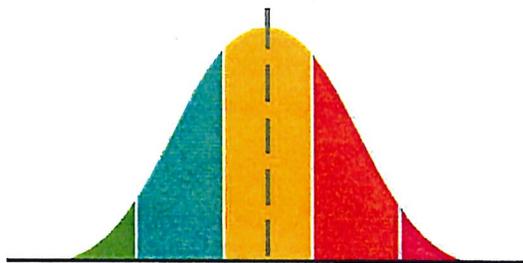
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~~Total compensation Salary/wages~~ will meet the market (50% percentile), which is where the majority of companies in the ~~industry and~~ geographical area reside. ~~Total compensation will include Base Salary, Short Term Incentives and Long Term Incentives.~~ The 50th percentile pays competitively for behavior that meets expectations. ~~Short term and long term incentives will align to and drive JEA’s Corporate Measures of Value.~~ Internal equity will be achieved by evaluating differences in skill, effort, responsibility and working conditions among jobs.”

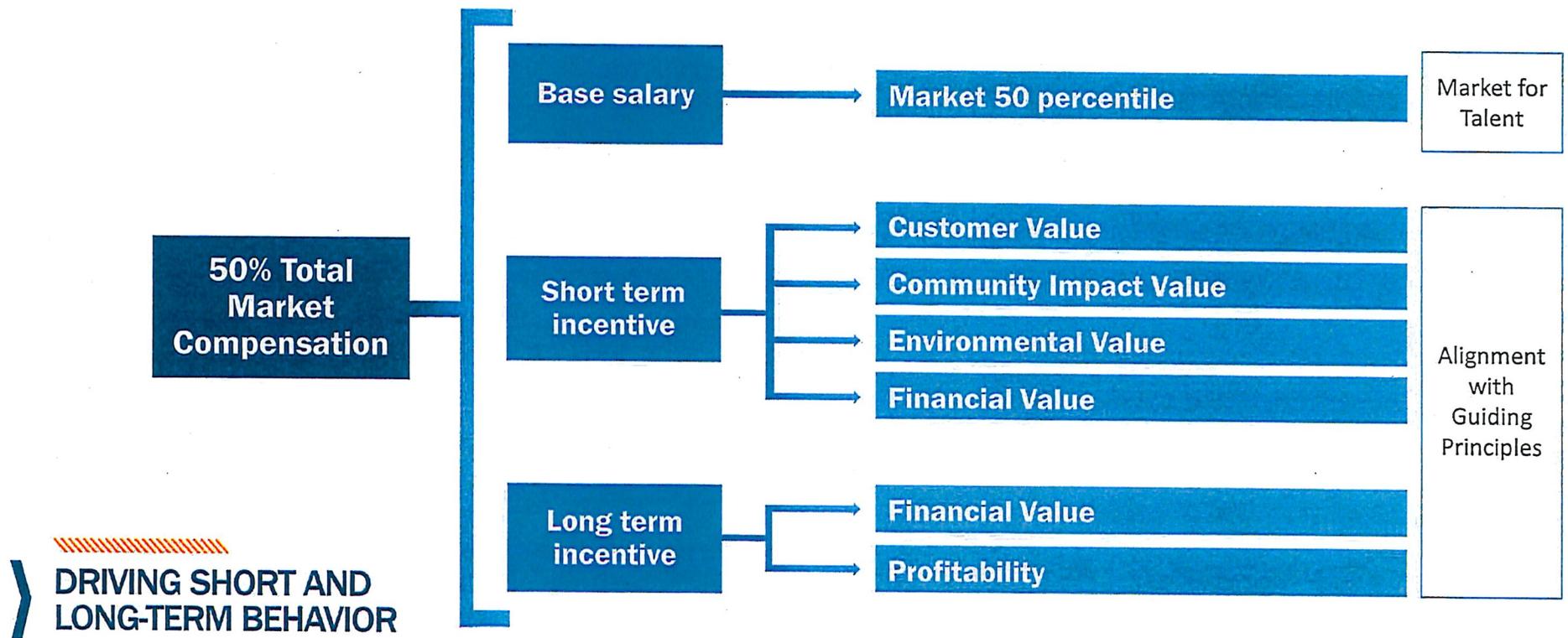
50th %



JEA’s total compensation structure should both compete with the market for talent & drive results aligned with “guiding principles”


JEA’S COMPENSATION PHILOSOPHY

Establish a Formal Compensation Policy to Align with: 1) Talent Market and 2) Guiding Principles




**ADAPTABLE
CULTURE**



Cultural Values

Safety

Service

Growth²

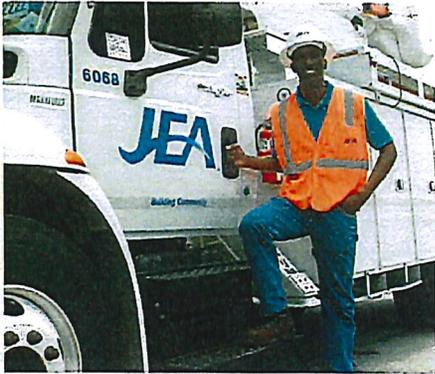
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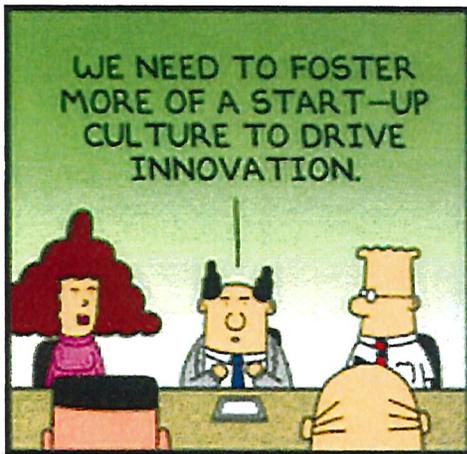
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**CULTURE EATS
STRATEGY**

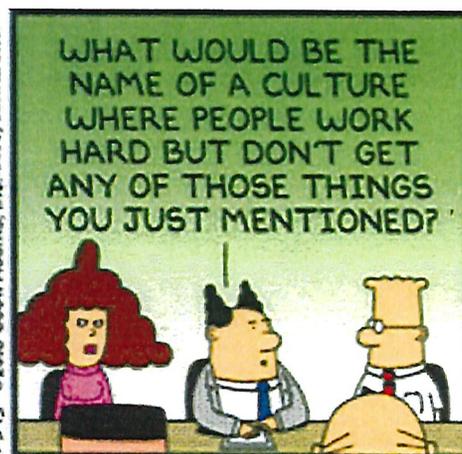




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 **CULTURE IS
CELEBRATED**

Driving Toward Success

Willing to take appropriate and calculated risks and fail from time to time in order to achieve extraordinary results



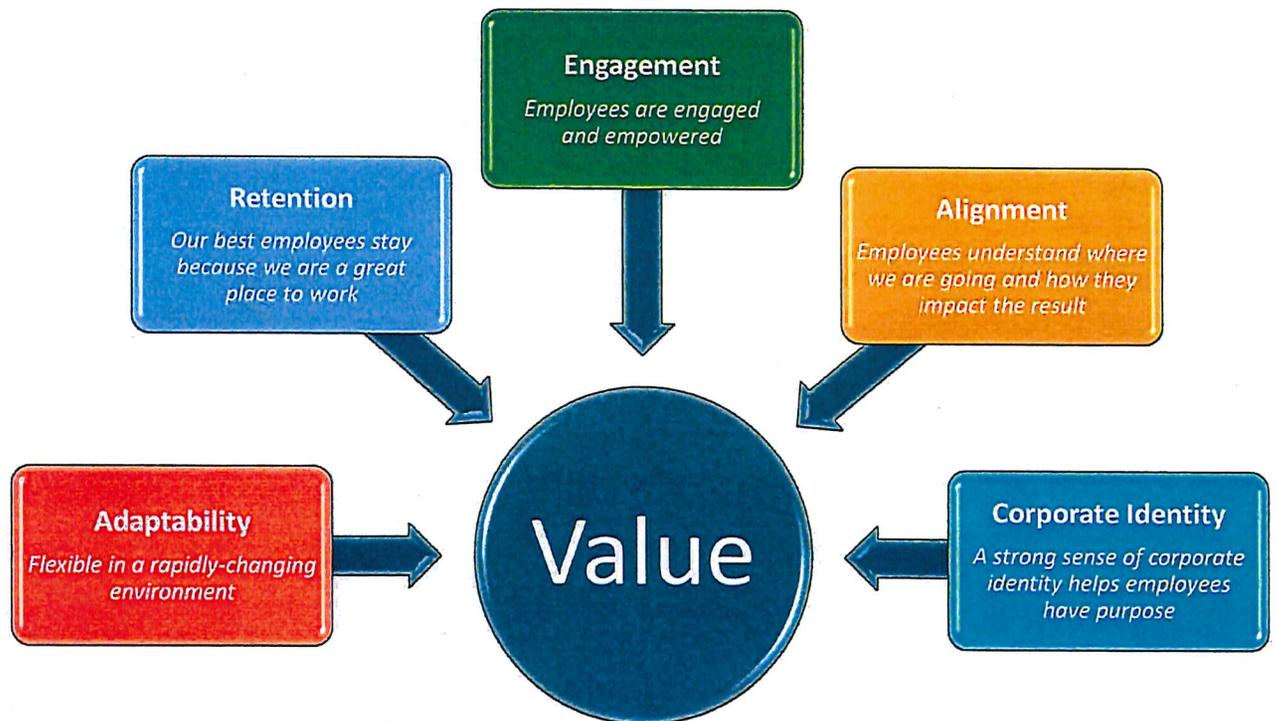
Working Not to Fail

Culture and individuals motivated by risk aversion striving not to fail rather than to succeed


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INNOVATIVE CULTURE

INTRODUCING THE 5 to 5 Innovation Incentive Program

- 5 to 5 is about culture
- Purpose of the **5 to 5 Innovation Incentive Program** is to encourage and reward employees for developing and submitting innovative *ideas* (*Ideas* being one of JEA's core values) that benefit JEA and our community.
- Employees who submit an *idea* that is implemented will be eligible for incentives ranging between **\$500 to \$5,000** depending on the scope, cost savings, and/or revenue generation associated with the submitted *idea* and corresponding results.
- *Ideas* will align with JEA's corporate measures:
 - *Customer Value*
 - *Financial Value*
 - *Environmental Value*
 - *Community Impact Value*

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Pat:

Updated report is attached. We incorporated all of the edits and added some clarifying points around the pay adjustments on pages 31 and 32. One question on Aaron's edits, on page 7, under 2019, the first bullet was changed to read, "Competitive market positioning continues to improve JEA value creation". How does the improved pay positioning drive value creation at the company? Improved attraction and retention? Better company performance? We were curious as to the context for this comment.

Also, we have the May 28 Committee meeting and June 25 Board meeting on our calendars.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks

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Hi David,

Aaron has reviewed and made some edits directly to the doc. Below is a summary of the pages changed (see attached):

Page 3 combined sub bullet 1 and 2 and removed specific reference to CEO analysis
Page 5 Target Competitiveness detailed the pay elements. Would it also be appropriate to add Total Cash and Total Compensation as well?
Page 7 2013 edited

2017 Added the reference to DC plan

2019 change the reference from the CEO to the Board

Page 30 – 32 Aaron is questioning why WTW did not provide the proposed at full market per page

30. Aaron is seeking to align with the Board's approve compensation philosophy – total compensation at 50th percentile. Suggest removing Proposed and perform the cost calculation based on delta between what we pay today and the market. The assumption should be adopting full market 50th. Please update to reflect this methodology.

I meet with Aaron on Thursday afternoon. He will then be on vacation until Wednesday of next week, and I am out on Monday and Tuesday. We are on schedule for the Compensation Committee later this month and the Board next month. Please confirm you have these dates and times.

Procurement is finalizing some details that I was not aware that Angie needed to do for payment (we set up PO's).

Pat

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Compensation Program Review – Discussion Document for Compensation Committee Meeting

Prepared for JEA

May 9, 2019

Discussion Draft

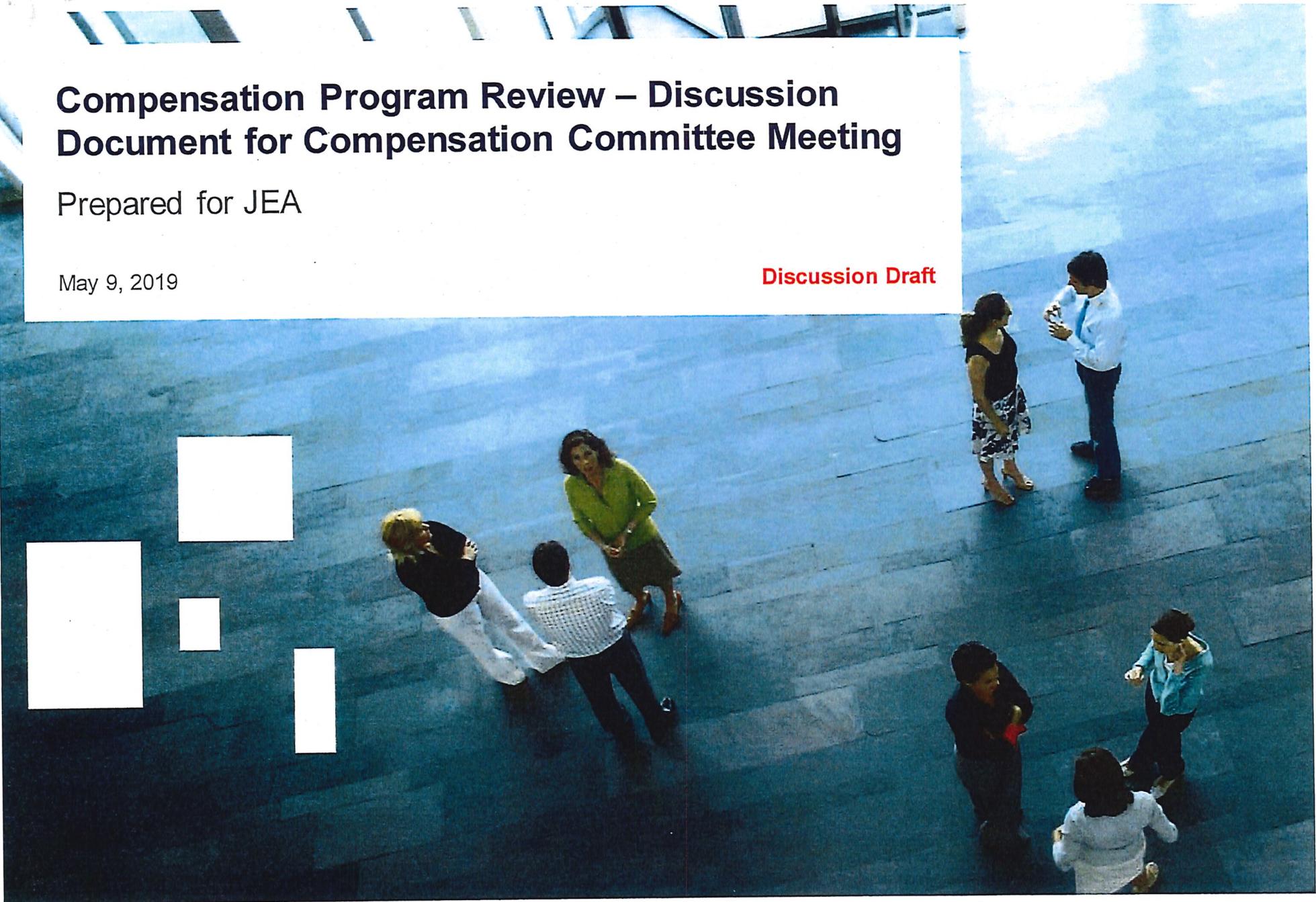


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Introduction

Introduction

Summary

- JEA engaged Willis Towers Watson (“WTW”) to complete the following:
 - Conduct a competitive market assessment for JEA’s entire employee population
 - Provide a summary of market practices related to short-term incentive plan design
 - Conduct a competitive market analysis of long-term incentive (“LTI”) plan design practices and develop a proposed design
- This report includes the following:
 - Confirmation of JEA’s current compensation philosophy
 - Review of the evolution of JEA’s compensation programs
 - Analysis of the compensation variances for JEA’s employee population
 - Analysis of the gaps to market for JEA’s Appointed population and Bargaining Units
 - Proposed LTI plan design
 - Total rewards market best practices

Compensation Philosophy Review

Compensation Philosophy Review

JEA's Current Compensation Philosophy

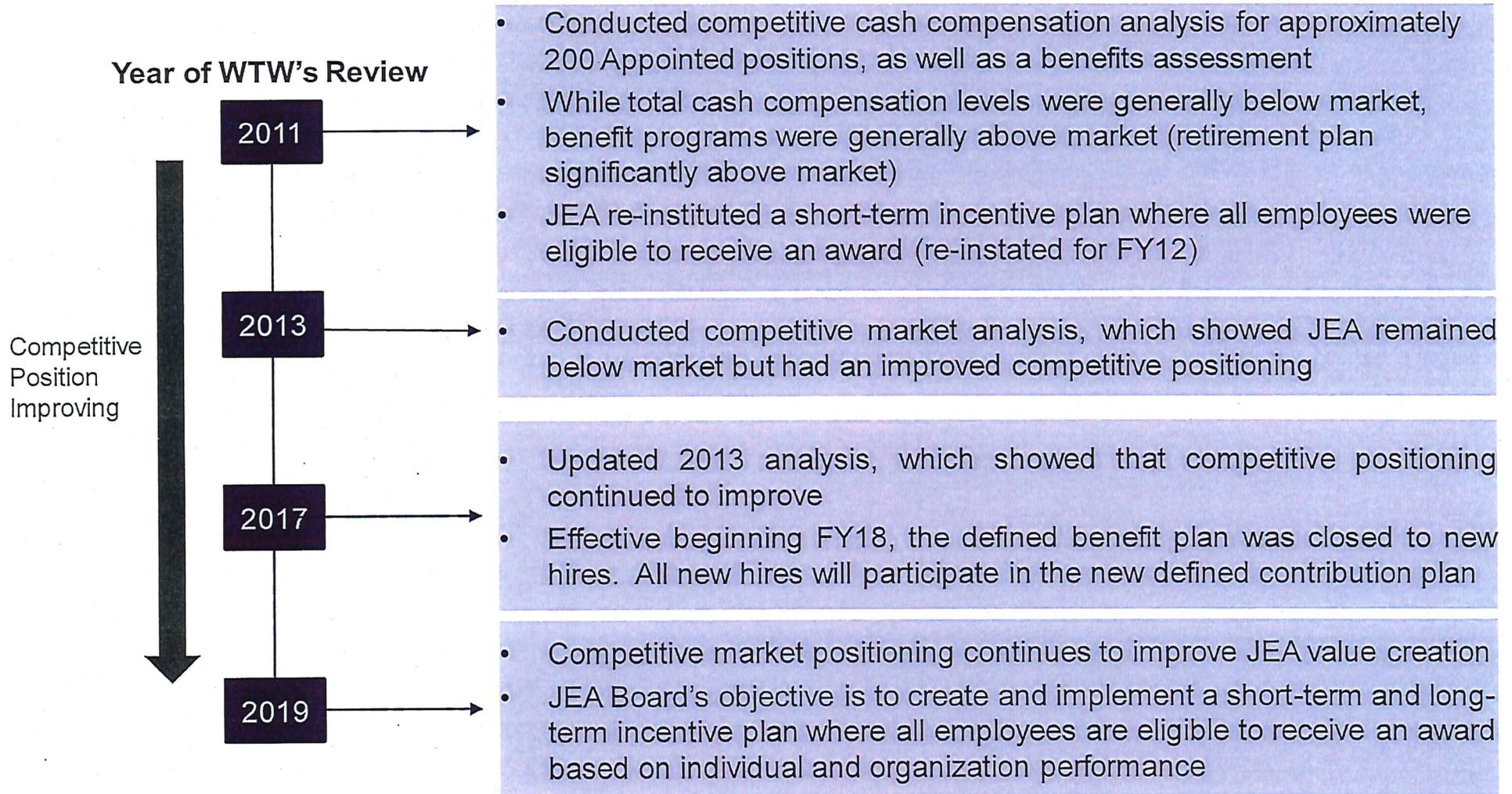
- The following table summarizes JEA's current compensation philosophy, which guided WTW's review of JEA's competitive market assessments:

Compensation Philosophy Element	Details
Alignment of Interest Between Employees, Stakeholders, and Organization	JEA's compensation philosophy should support the overall business and board strategy with the ultimate goal of driving performance of the organization
Market for Talent	JEA's geographic market for talent varies by job level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Individual Contributors/Managers</u> – local and regional scope • <u>Directors/Executives</u> – national scope
Target Competitiveness	Targets the market 50 th %ile for all pay elements (Base Salary, Short-Term Incentive, and Long-Term Incentive)
Pay Mix	JEA's pay mix currently consists of base salary and a short-term incentive award, but JEA is implementing a long-term incentive plan in 2020 to align the interests of employees to JEA's Guiding Principles and four (4) Corporate Measures of Value (Customer, Community, Environmental and Financial)
Industry Perspectives	For <u>functional roles</u> – a 50/50 weighted mix of Utility/General Industry market data For <u>operational roles</u> – only Utility Industry market data

Evolution of JEA's Compensation Program

Evolution of JEA's Compensation Program

Timeline of Goals and Major Changes

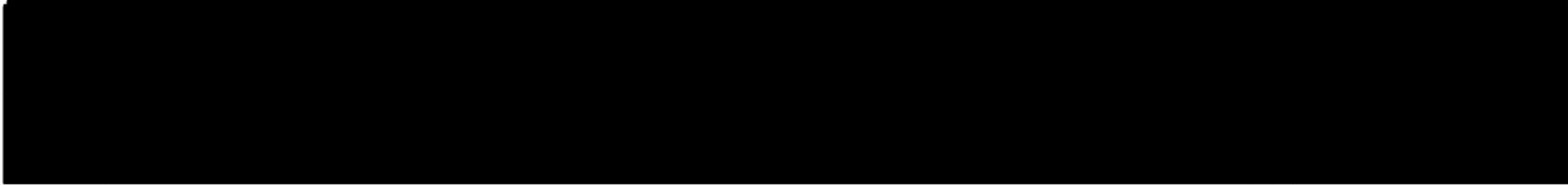


CEO Competitive Market Pricing

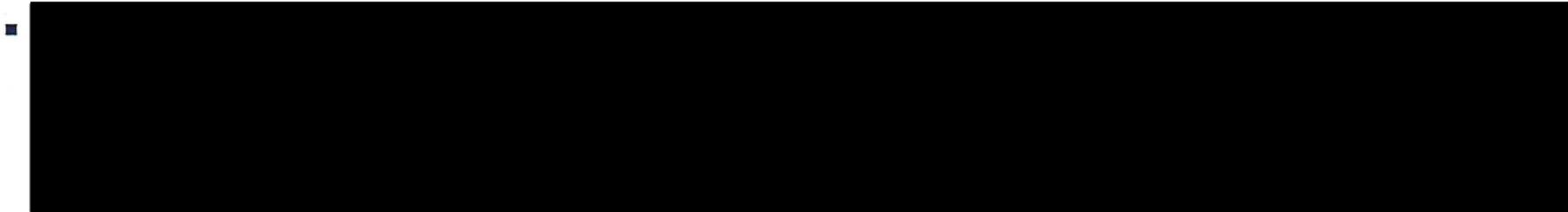
CEO Competitive Market Pricing

Methodology

- To conduct the competitive market pricing for the CEO position, a peer group was developed reflecting:



- Survey source: Willis Towers Watson's *2018 Energy Services Industry Executive Compensation Database*



CEO Competitive Market Pricing

Market Pricing Details

Pay Component	Data Perspective	Competitive Market Data ⁽⁵⁾		
		25th %ile	50th %ile	75th %ile
Base (\$000s)	Combined Peer Group			
	Investor Owned Utility Peers			
	Public Power Peers			
Target Bonus % ⁽¹⁾	Combined Peer Group			
	Investor Owned Utility Peers			
	Public Power Peers ⁽²⁾			
Target TCC (\$000s)	Combined Peer Group			
	Investor Owned Utility Peers			
	Public Power Peers			
LTI % ⁽²⁾	Combined Peer Group			
	Investor Owned Utility Peers			
	Public Power Peers			
Target TDC (\$000s)	Combined Peer Group ⁽⁴⁾			
	Investor Owned Utility Peers			
	Public Power Peers			

"—"= Data not available.

(1) Target bonus percentages are represented as a percentage of base salary.

(2) Long-term incentive (LTI) percentages are represented as a percentage of base salary. LTI figures are based on ASC 718 (FAS 123R) "accounting values".

(3) [Redacted]

(4) Target TDC for the Combined Peer Group perspective is built up by using Base Salary, Target TCC, and LTI % data.

(5) Market data greater than \$100,000 rounded to the nearest \$5,000.

Compensation Benchmarking Summary

Compensation Benchmarking Summary

Methodology

- The following page contains a summary of WTW's review of JEA's competitive market data for its Appointed population (including 13 executives)
- WTW reviewed the most current incumbent and market data provided by JEA
 - Market data for the positions below the Director-level reflect a -5% geographic differential to account for the cost of labor of Jacksonville, FL vs. the US national average
 - Analysis of competitive positioning focused on market data at the 50th percentile

Compensation Benchmarking Summary

Appointed Population vs. Market 50th Percentile Variances By Job Level

- The following exhibits summarize variances comparing incumbent pay data with market data from job weighted perspective for the Appointed population only
- Variances are lower to market for executives and directors at target bonus %, target TCC, and target TDC compared to the other job levels

Job Weighted:

Level	Average Base Salary Variance	Average Target Bonus % Absolute Variance	Average Target TCC Variance	Average Long-term Incentive % Absolute Variance	Average Target TDC Variance
Executive	-12%	-33%	-28%	--	-42%
Director	-1%	-10%	-8%	--	-13%
Manager	-2%	-5%	-6%	--	-6%
Individual Contributor	-1%	-2%	-1%	--	-1%
Total	-2%	-7%	-6%	--	-7%

Short-Term Incentive Plan Practices

Short-Term Incentive Plan Practices

Introduction

- JEA re-instated a broad-based short-term incentive plan several years ago, both to address competitive pay levels, as well as to reinforce specific messages related to performance expectations
- The following pages summarize market practices related to short-term incentive plan design
 - As appropriate, JEA may consider these practices as they continue to evolve their incentive plan design
 - Key design features covered include eligibility, target award opportunities, payout ranges, bonus pool funding, performance measures and performance range
- The market practices information has been summarized from survey research, as well as our consulting experiences

Short-Term Incentive Plan Practices

Eligibility

- Eligibility for short-term incentive plans is typically broad for both the Utility and General Industries, with prevalence actually higher in the Utility Industry (particularly at the lower job levels)
- Over 60% of organizations in the industry extend eligibility to the lower exempt and non-exempt roles
 - Lower roles may not have an expressed target opportunity, but they may be part of a “sharing program” based on organizational performance
 - In some cases, overall funding and participation at lower levels may be discretionary

Short-Term Incentive Plan Practices

Target Incentive Award Opportunities

- Target incentive opportunities typically increase with job level, and are relatively similar in both the Utility and General Industries
- Note that we have recommended STI targets as part of our analysis to “close the gap” between market and JEA’s desired competitive positioning

Target Incentive Award Opportunities – By Job Level

Role/Career Level	Target STI Opportunities
Senior Directors	
Managers	
Supervisors	
Senior Level Professionals	
Entry-Mid Level Professionals	
Non-exempt	

Source: Willis Towers Watson 2018 General Industry and Energy Services MMPS Compensation Survey Reports – U.S.

Short-Term Incentive Plan Practices

Payout Ranges

- Payout ranges reflect the total award opportunity as a percentage of the target award, and represent the minimum award opportunity if threshold performance is achieved, and the maximum opportunity if maximum performance is achieved
- Payout ranges are typically 50% of target at threshold performance and 200% of target at maximum performance
- [REDACTED]
- In most cases (and based on the specific performance standards), organizations will interpolate actual performance between threshold, target and maximum to provide appropriate incentive to improve performance at every possible increment
- Note that it is important to calibrate the payout range with the performance range to ensure that the awards are aligned with the probability of achievement

Short-Term Incentive Plan Practices

Bonus Pool Funding

- There are two primary approaches to determine bonus pool funding:
 1. Sum-of-targets: specific target opportunities are defined (typically by role or grade) and the sum of these targets determines the bonus “pool” (the aggregated award which would be generated at target performance)
 2. Financial results-based formula: typically a financially-driven formula (e.g., bonus pool equals 10% of profits above a specific threshold)
- The sum-of-targets approach is typically the most common in both the Utility and General Industries
 - Prevalence for financial results-based formulas increases slightly for broad-based plans that are separate from executive plans because there is often a greater requirement that they be self-funding
 - Particularly for sum-of-target plans, circuit breakers are a common design feature
 - A circuit breaker represents a single performance measure (typically a financial measure) that must be reached before any incentive award is paid regardless of performance in other measures
 - In other words, if the circuit breaker financial performance isn’t achieved, it shuts down the entire plan regardless of performance on other performance measures
 - Note that a financial circuit breaker may be set at levels below threshold levels for payout
 - Another design feature is a modifier, which can be used to adjust the initial funding up or down based on another important measure (e.g. determine pool based on financial performance, and then modify by operational or customer performance measures)

Short-Term Incentive Plan Practices

Performance Measures

- Performance measures send an important message about what an organization must achieve, and how individual employees can contribute to those objectives
- We consider it a best practice to have a portfolio of performance measures to balance expectations across financial, operational and customer service categories
 - However, in order to ensure appropriate focus, we typically see 4-6 performance measures, with each measure having at least a 10% weight
- It is typical for organizations in both the Utility and General Industries to include at least one profit or income measure, with profit / operating income being the most common in both industries
- For non-financial performance measures, environmental health and safety, as well as operating / strategic measures are the most common in the Utility Industry
- Individual performance measures are also common in the Utility and General Industries
 - These measures help create line-of-sight to broader corporate measures

Short-Term Incentive Plan Practices

Performance Range

- Performance ranges reflect the minimum acceptable performance as a percentage of target performance, and the maximum performance recognized as a percentage of target performance
- Narrow performance ranges are typically used for measures where results are not expected to vary significantly from target (e.g., revenues)
- Wider performance ranges are typically used for measures where performance can fluctuate significantly year to year (e.g., profitability)
- In the Utility Industry, performance ranges for profitability at minimum is typically set to be 90% of target and for maximum is typically set to be 115% of target
- An important consideration in establishing the performance range is the probability of achievement
 - A best practice is to set threshold performance goals where the probability of achievement is 80-90% to ensure appropriate motivation
 - Similarly, probability of achievement for target performance should be 50-60% and 10-20% for maximum performance
 - As noted earlier, it is important to calibrate the performance range with the payout range

Long-Term Incentive Plan Design

Long-Term Incentive Plan Design

Introduction

Why Companies Have Long-Term Incentive Plans	Factor Driving JEA Inclusion of LTI
Focus on long-term performance and align performance to long-term business strategies	✓
Necessary component of a market competitive compensation program for investor owned utilities	✓
Aligns the interests of employees with stakeholders	✓
Fosters long-term retention	✓
Encourages teamwork and collaboration across groups, functions, businesses, etc.	✓
Rewards for long-term shareholder/stakeholder value creation	✓
Balances focus on short-term results that are driven by annual incentives	✓

Long-Term Incentive Plan Design

Market Practices Summary

Design Aspect	Public Power Utilities	Investor Owned Utility (IOU) Peer Group	Broader Utility Industry
Prevalence	LTI plans are used selectively	All 13 IOU peers have an LTI plan	LTI plans are very prevalent with almost all IOUs using an LTI plan
Eligibility	For those Public Power Utilities with an LTI plan, eligibility typically limited to select executives	Typically executives down to director level positions	Typically executives down to director level positions
Target Opportunity (% of Base Salary)	Varies widely based on the organization, but targets will be lower than IOU levels	Median for CEOs: 230% Median for NEOs*: 110% Median for Directors: NA	
Award Frequency	Annual awards with overlapping cycles are most common	All 13 peers grant annual awards with overlapping cycles	

NEOs* = Named Executive Officers, as disclosed in the IOU's proxy statement.

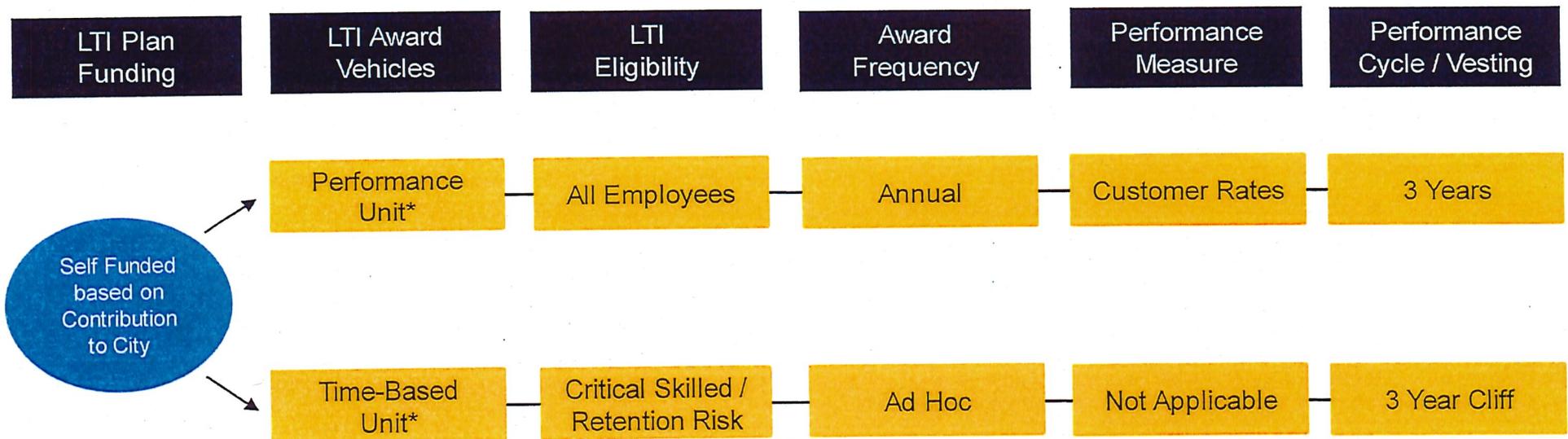
Long-Term Incentive Plan Design Market Practices Summary (continued)

Design Aspect	Public Power Utilities	Investor Owned Utility (IOU) Peer Group	Broader Utility Industry
Award Vehicles	Cash-based performance plans	100% of peers use performance plans 69% use restricted stock No peers use stock options	
Performance Metrics	Financial and operational	TSR (100%) EPS (38%) Operational (15%)	
Performance Metrics Weights	Operational metrics weighted more heavily than financial metrics	TSR and financial metrics weighted more heavily than operational metrics	Not available
Performance Range	More conservative compared to IOUs	Relative TSR: 28 th %ile at threshold, 50 th %ile at target, and 90 th %ile at maximum	
Payout Range	Threshold: 50% of Target Maximum: 150% of Target	Threshold: 0-50% of Target Maximum: 150-200% of Target	

Long-Term Incentive Plan Design

Proposed Design

- Given consideration of the overarching goal to allow all employees the opportunity to share in the long-term success of the company, we propose a multi-pronged LTI design approach below:



* Value of units tied to JEA Net Book Value.

Long-Term Incentive Plan Design

Proposed Design Details: Performance Unit

Performance Unit

Plan Design Element	Plan Design Details
Award Vehicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance Unit: value of unit tied to JEA Net Book Value; unit valuation formula to be determined
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All employees would be eligible in order to drive collective focus on JEA long-term performance
Target Award Opportunity (as % of base salary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Award opportunities vary based on level in the organization (see page 31 for proposed targets); Management and Board's intent is to close competitive gap to market for LTI in first year of grant and ensure JEA compensation is competitive with market 50th percentile
Award Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual
Circuit Breaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defined level of contribution to the City will be established for each award cycle; intent is for contribution level to ensure LTI plan is self funded
Performance Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Net Book Value: used to determine Performance Unit value Customer Rates: performance measure used to modify the number of Performance Units earned; performance goal to be determined
Performance Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-year performance cycle with overlapping cycles due to annual grant frequency
Payout Range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Threshold: 50% of Target Maximum: 150% of Target
Estimated Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated cost of annual Performance Unit awards to all employees based on current incumbent base salaries* is \$3.4M

*Bargaining Unit costs calculated based on step structure data if incumbent data are not available.

Long-Term Incentive Plan Design

Proposed Design Details: Time-Based Unit

Time-Based Unit

Plan Design Element	Plan Design Details
Award Vehicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time-Based Unit: value of unit tied to JEA Net Book Value; unit valuation formula to be determined
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All employees eligible, but awards targeted to critically skilled employees or employees viewed as retention risk; awards generally intended for Manager level positions and below in order to enhance employee retention Target 10% of employees below the Director level (approximately 1,500 including Bargaining Units) or approximately 150 employees below the Director level to receive awards each year
Target Award Opportunity (as % of base salary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retention award values range from 10% to 20% depending on criticality of role and/or retention need
Award Pool Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defined level of contribution to the City will be established each year with intent for contribution level to ensure LTI plan, covering both Performance Unit and Time-Based Unit awards, is self funded
Award Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ad hoc awards
Vesting Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-year cliff vesting period
Estimated Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated cost of annual Time-Based Unit awards to employees below the Director level based on current incumbent base salaries* is \$1.2M

*Bargaining Unit costs calculated based on step structure data if incumbent data are not available.

Proposed Compensation Adjustments

Proposed Compensation Adjustments

Competitive Pay Gaps to Market by Pay Element

- The following exhibit summarizes the current gaps to market for JEA's population (excluding the M&C roles due to lack of incumbent data) by each pay element:
 - JEA's base salary, target TCC, and target TDC show variances comparing incumbent pay to market for the Appointed population
 - Bargaining Units' pay elements and JEA target bonus % are based off of pay structures (many of the Bargaining Units are in step structures)
- Gaps to market exist at target bonus % and long-term incentive %, particularly for the executives and directors; which lead to higher variances to market at target TCC and target TDC

Job Weighted:

Level	Average Base Salary/Midpoint Variance (Median)	Average Target Bonus %		Proposed Target TCC Variance (Median)	Average Long-term Incentive %		Proposed Target TDC Variance (Median)
	JEA	JEA	Market	JEA	JEA	Market	JEA
Executive	-12%	10%		-28%	--		-42%
Director	-1%	8%		-8%	--		-13%
Manager	-2%	7%		-6%	--		-6%
Individual Contributor	-1%	7%		-1%	--		-1%
Bargaining Units	11%	2%		8%	--		8%
Total	3%	5%		-1%	--		-2%

Note: Market data provided by JEA.

Proposed Compensation Adjustments

Proposed Base Salary, Target Bonus and Long-Term Incentive Adjustments

- **Base Salary:** assess individual competitive position to market; for individual positions well below market, JEA could bring positions to within the competitive range of the market median within two to three years, assuming performance expectations are being met
- **Target Bonus % and LTI % (as % of salary):** the tables below summarize JEA's current average target bonus and LTI incentive opportunities and proposed target values
 - The incentive targets below are intended to close the gap to market for target total direct compensation within the first year in order to align with the Board's compensation philosophy
 - **Note:** when material gaps to market exist, typical market practice is to make incremental adjustments over a multi-year period (2 to 3 years) to close the gap to market. Company performance, cost considerations and stakeholder optics will influence the level of pay adjustment and the timeframe over which pay is brought to market

Level	Target Bonus %			LTI Opportunity %			Total At Risk Compensation		
	Current	Market	Proposed	Current	Market	Proposed	Current	Market	Proposed
Executive	10%		45%	--		40%	10%		85%
Director	8%		20%	--		5%	8%		25%
Manager	7%		10%	--		3%	7%		13%
Individual Contributor	6%		7%	--		3%	6%		10%
Bargaining Units	2%		2%	--		1%	2%		3%

- **Estimated Cost Impact:** estimated incremental cost impact of proposed target bonus and LTI adjustments to bring JEA compensation to the market median is **\$5.8M**; see details below for cost breakdown:
 - Target Bonus Cost: **\$2.4M** based off current incumbent base salaries
 - LTI Cost: **\$3.4M** based off current incumbent base salaries for performance unit award (total cost of **\$4.6M** if time-based unit award is included)

Note: Market data provided by JEA.

Proposed Compensation Adjustments

Market Positioning Based on Proposed Pay Adjustments

- The following exhibit summarizes the competitive position of JEA pay based on the target bonus % and LTI % adjustments needed to align pay with market median
 - All levels approximate or exceed the market median for target TDC, thereby aligning with the Board's articulated competitive compensation positioning
 - Proposed target bonus % and LTI % for executives bring target TDC to market competitive levels; therefore, material base salary adjustments are not required
 - Bargaining Unit variance exceeds market median target TDC due primarily to variances that are calculated based off of step structure base salaries

Job Weighted:

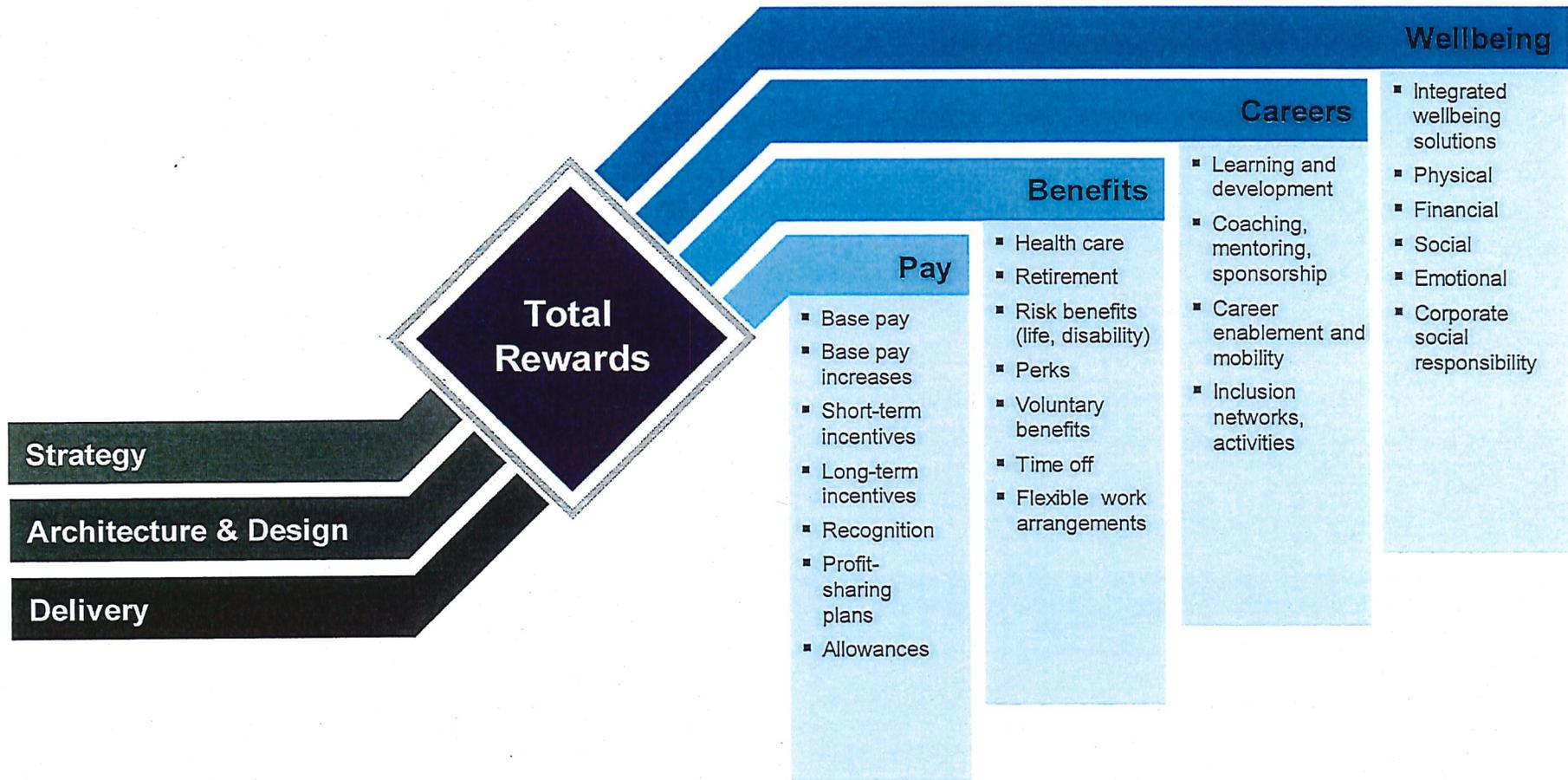
Level	Average Base Salary/Midpoint Variance (Median)	Average Target Bonus %		Proposed Target TCC Variance (Median)	Average Long-term Incentive %		Proposed Target TDC Variance (Median)
	JEA	JEA Proposed	Market	JEA	JEA Proposed	Market	JEA
Executive	-12%	45%		-6%	40%		-2%
Director	-1%	20%		2%	5%		1%
Manager	-2%	10%		-3%	3%		-1%
Individual Contributor	-1%	7%		-1%	3%		2%
Bargaining Units	11%	2%		8%	1%		9%
Total	3%	8%		2%	3%		3%

Note: Market data provided by JEA.

Modernizing Total Rewards

Modernizing Total Rewards

Integrated Total Rewards strategy, architecture & design and delivery for a superior Talent Value Proposition



Source: 2018 Willis Towers Watson Modernizing Total Rewards Survey

Modernizing Total Rewards

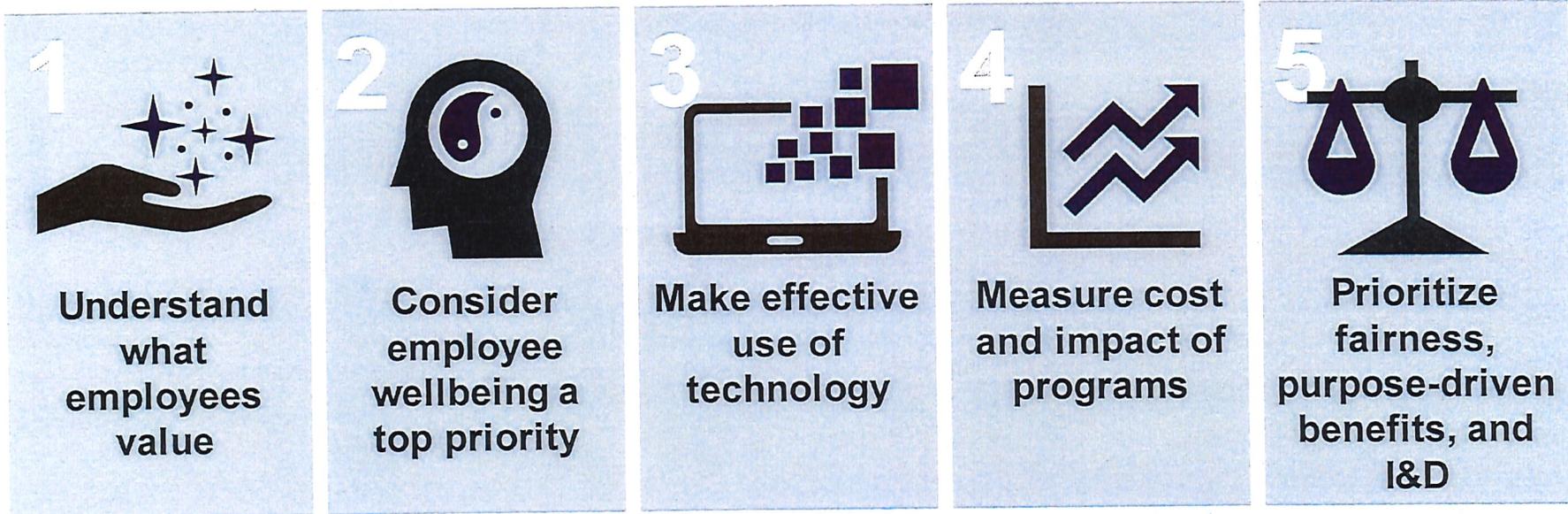
Key themes emerging in the market with implications for Total Rewards

1. Future focused Emerging work dynamics and skills and multi-generational workforce re-write the deal 	2. Technology Advancements Expansion of <i>digitization</i> of the Total Rewards delivery and experience 	3. Optimising cost and risk of TR Analytics and data measurement 
4. Segmentation More tailored Total Rewards with increased choice 	5. Consumerism and flexibility Expansion of worker choice and <i>voluntary benefits</i> 	6. Transparency Legislative and social media increase public scrutiny 
7. Inclusion and diversity Total rewards that enable an inclusive culture and diverse workforce 	9. Talent experience Emphasis on <i>workplace differentials</i> that enhance the environment and Talent Value Proposition 	10. Good governance Being <i>agile and nimble</i> to adapt to changing, fast-moving business strategies 
8. Wellbeing Holistic <i>physical, financial, social and emotional health</i> 		

Source: 2018 Willis Towers Watson Modernizing Total Rewards Survey

Modernizing Total Rewards

Our findings identify five areas critical to meeting employees' Total Rewards expectations and delivering a consumer-grade experience



Source: 2018 Willis Towers Watson Modernizing Total Rewards Survey

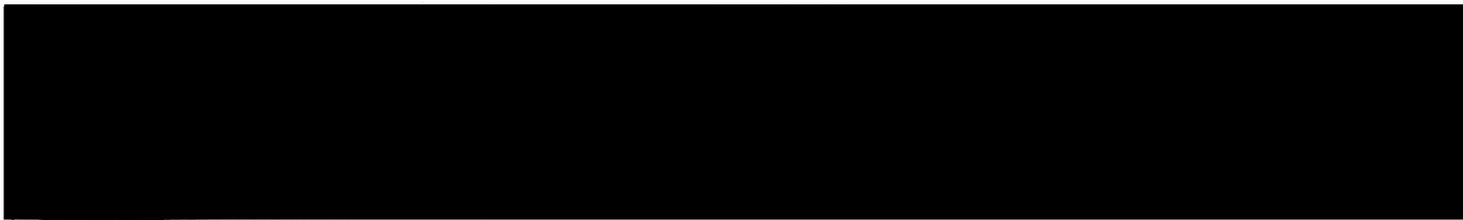
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Appendix

CEO Competitive Market Pricing Utility Peer Group



JEA	Public Power	\$1,790	3,330	Diversified	X	X	X
Percentile Rank		60%	45%				



Appendix

Incentive Plan Review Methodology

- The competitive market review of short and long-term incentive plan design practices covered the following:
 - Utility and General Industry market best practices were considered
 - Peer group reflecting a mix of Public Power Utilities and comparably-sized IOUs was developed for the LTI plan design review
- Sources:
 - WTW's *2018 General Industry and Energy Services Executive Compensation Survey Report*
 - WTW's *2018 General Industry and Energy Services MMPS Compensation Survey Report*
 - WTW's *2018 Long-Term Incentives Policies and Practices Survey Report – General and Utility Industries data cuts*
 - WTW's *2018 Global Executive Incentive Design Survey*
 - Consulting experience with broad-based and executive compensation practices in both the Utility and General Industries

Appendix

LTI Plan Design Review Utility Peer Group

IOUs (13 Companies)

- ALLETE
- Alliant Energy
- Avista
- Black Hills
- El Paso Electric
- Hawaiian Electric Industries
- NorthWestern Energy
- OGE Energy
- Otter Tail
- Pinnacle West Capital
- PNM Resources
- Portland General Electric
- Vectren

Public Power Utilities

- *Six public power utility clients*
- *Anecdotal consulting experience*

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Shawn,

Can you talk now?

Expectation set for this calls was always high level intro purposes and to get next steps into immediate action. We just met with Guari and a few key members last night so if we can discuss what you mean by detail rich that may help ensure we all have fair expectations

Meeting Agenda:

- Introductions
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Project Scope
- Status Updates
- Schedule Project Kickoff Meeting

Best,

Brian
904-710-8488

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OK, but I want this call to be action based and detail rich.

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For the call at 10:30 it should be primary executive sponsor(s). The wider call with both teams will follow.

Brian
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Should Jon and my leads join this call too? Robb and Sharon? They will be driving this aggressive project, so should they be on even these executive calls?

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Jon and Shawn,

Good evening!

Quick update... We just had our turnover call with some key members of your ADP implementation team.

We'll have some more details by the morning for tomorrow's call agenda but this will be mostly high level for introductory purposes and may only take 15 - 20 minutes.

On the call tomorrow will be Guari (pronounced Guadi) who is your ADP PM, myself and Cecilia. Normally, Robin Bullock (who is your RM - Relationship Manager) would join as well but due to conflicting schedules and in the interest to keeping this moving swiftly we wanted to keep the first available time on your end.

Looking forward to speaking tomorrow.

Best,

Brian

ADP to JEA Executive Sponsor Intro

Scheduled: Thursday, Oct 17, 2019 from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Location: 1-800-377-0237,,4707006#

Invitees: Prater, Cecilia (ES), Bullock, Robin (ES), 'Kendrick, Jonathan A. - VP & Chief Human Resources Officer', Dejesus, Guarionex (ES), Lau, Alexandra (ES), Eads, Shawn W. - VP & Chief Information Officer

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6/24 - not 3-4

XLM Jim ~~Lin~~

GLENN THOMAS 2

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No EMMIS

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to CO's~~

10/1/18 Valuation → Census

OPSP → it will be overstated

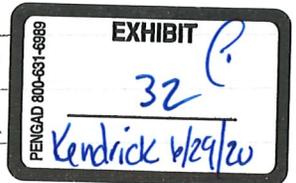
6/26 Meeting 2:00 PM
7/1 10:30

Talk to Glen re Call. Bargaining

↳ Jason Gabriel c 726-8191

Script - what & to whom

Order of meetings



6/27 - Met w/ Kevin Hyde

- call w/ Rizzo - how city will respond
concerned w/ OGC & contract atty

Free to speak re considerations?

Ex: Measuring value of benefit in proposed proposal

However, plan is not fully funded w/

scope assets to cover inactive

If JSA walks - ante up for some of the
unfunded liability. When you're gone we don't
have a way to cover - Pay forever or ante up
all at once.

W up

6/17

- JU MPP + Exec MPP
- Govt
~~St Savings~~

Jim Linn
M 850-443-0036
D 850-222-5702

Jim Rizzo GRS
954-699-4750

- Scope after NDA - 7/1
- Legislation

6/20

Melissa

Accelerated timeline - NDA must get done today.

Draft legis by 7/8 → structural

7/16 - everything final

Retention letters → must they be collectively barg
YES Wage show → economics

~~Sherry Hall - GRS
(234)
Safety equip
Julio → Aaron
HR Hiring
Use financial rpt
w/ HR Team
Kevin~~

Linn

Glenn Thomas - 4 yrs exp - familiar w/ JSA

6/21 below 3-4

JEA Notes

Melissa – 4/18/19

My Questions

- 1) Challenges
 - Labor Negotiations
 - RIF
 - Restructuring
 - Compensation
 - New Revenue Streams
 - Sale or Co-op or ?
 - New Building
- 2) Climate/Culture – I can do the job, but
- 3) Aaron Zahn – report to you
- 4) Leadership team and recent changes

Melissa

Priorities

- Strategic Planning
 - a. They measured cultural health/business health with McKinsey (2/19) w/ 90% participation rate. 37 practices. Be customer-centric (needs-based) & use competitive insights. Focus on 7 practices that include innovation, accountability and knowledge sharing
 - b. If no rules change and the charter stands – to the board in May
 - c. It will involve HR: headcount, civil service rules, contract, types of talent needed.
- Collective Bargaining – kicked off and discussing except comp
- Compensation Strategy – Board said move forward with market compensation. She's not optimistic on the ability to offer Long-term incentives.

Angie – 4/23/2019

- 1) Staff won't have an attitude because they know me, but didn't like the way Melissa handled the announcement within 24 hours of interviews for Interim – "Did she have someone in mind?" Pat is very upset. Trust issues.
- 2) Status Quo
 - a. What is the landscape for JEA?
 - b. What can JEA do to remain sustainable?
 - c. Charter change for new business or RIF, which may need to happen anyway.
 - d. Senior leaders have talked to directors re lean operations so the secret is out. Perception may be that I'm coming in to lay off people.
 - e. Meet with her and Julio re Status Quo 2 – WCS - never happened.
 - f. Robb Mack is putting numbers together
 - g. Civil service playbook for layoffs – different from bump and bid. Mary Anne can walk me through it.
- 3) Succession planning needed. Isabel Graff on staff to pull info and dust off succession planning. Revamp talent review form.
- 4) BU negotiations.



- a. CHRO is not supposed to be in; I can drop in. AH was requested at times when the pension crisis was occurring. She recommends I do not attend. Continue bi-weekly L/R meetings.
- 5) Director of Safety interviews may wrap up next week. John McCarthy and Karen Anders are interviewing. Sending top candidates to PSI. Paul Thomas is needy.
- 6) Report to Melissa, but it backfires. All directions comes from Adam; Melissa typically ^{uses} ~~has~~ no clue what AH is doing. AH recommends that CHRO reports to CAO.
- 7) Cost savings in HR of 10%. Lean on O&M this year, anyway – no conferences or training.
 - a. Pat says there are no savings in benefits, AH says yes. There are 3 people and a manager (because of retirees). AH – keep manager and one specialist
 - b. Termed a recruiter – Donte
 - c. Not filling two positions in Robb and Blake's areas
 - d. L/R is top-heavy with Eileen's promo. Cut one Specialist – Tawanna is in Eileen's old role
 - e. Eight Direct Reports
 - i. Mary Anne – Labor Relations Director
 - ii. Robb Mack – OD – backbone and prayer partner
 - iii. Blake – L&D
 - iv. Pat – Employee Services
 - v. Maria S, Carol H, and Paul McFadden = HRBP's
 - vi. Paul Thomas – Safety
- 8) Long-term incentive plan. Towers Watson tried to discourage them as most public utilities don't have them. Florida statues require everyone to be included. Herschel says JEA really shouldn't offer a short-term incentive. Ryan Wannamaker has numbers.
- 9) First week meet with team members and find out what they are working on.
It will be rough sledding – it's 24/7
Someone will have documents I need.

orgs I should be a part of?

Discussion Plan - Julio

Aaron

- Cut to the chase. Let Julio know he's being let go because he has failed to meet the clearly defined obligations you laid out for him when he came onboard. Have the document ready to provide examples of how he has failed to meet expectations.
- If he asks if we will hire a replacement tell him that, as he knows, we are in the midst of strategic planning and awaiting a formal direction from the board.
- Stress that we want to provide the best options we can for him under the circumstances and that Jon will provide the details.

You can step out at this point, if you'd like, and I'll handle the mechanics of the transition. This also gives Julio an opportunity to vent.

Jon

- Provide the agreement and briefly describe what's offered.
- Stress that we will cover the balance of his apartment lease and will not require repayment of the advance.
- Assure him that we'll take care of any outstanding expense reports, etc.
- Tell him we will carefully pack up his office and deliver everything to him.
- Answer any immediate questions he has and give him my number and stress that I am the POC for any questions or concerns he'll have.
- Collect his badge, desk keys, etc.

I don't know if you feel that Julio is a security risk, but I would prefer not to have Security escort him out. I can accompany him to the basement.



CAUSE
GOOD REASON

- Cause No written notice
- Gross negligence / neglect
 - Willful misconduct
 - Misconduct under Fla Statute 443.036(2)

- Good Reason - Employee
- material breach
 - upon 30 days of termination
 - JBA has 30 days to respond

Exhibit B into cause
12 mos consulting into cause

~~Ex A - release of records~~

Negotiation

- Ex B provisions 12 mos not likely
- 20 wks + COBRA
- Some period of Admin Pay

Revenue factored?
All items TCS recent Rev

\$20,395.20

Non TCS for Area

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
October 3, 2019

SUBJECT: Appointment of the Evaluation Committee for JEA ITN 127-19 Strategic Alternative

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TO: Shawn Eads, VP & Chief Information Officer
Jon Kendrick, VP & Chief Human Resources Officer
Joe Orfano, Treasurer
Juli Crawford, Director Financial Planning & Analysis
Jordan Pope, Dir Economic Development and Real Estate

CC: John McCarthy, VP & Chief Supply Chain Officer; Lynne Rhode, Chief Legal Officer

As a Procurement Designee for JEA ITN 127-19 Strategic Alternatives, I hereby appoint the following members to serve on the Evaluation Committee for the above referenced solicitation.

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Jenny McCollum
Chief Procurement Officer

10/3/19
Date



HR TEAM

- PAT MAILLIS - Comp/Bod
- ROBB MEEK - ADULTS ^{ERG/ST}
- BEAKS OSWALD - TRNG
- OPEN SAFETY
- MARY ANNE LAIBER ROLLS
- 3 HRBPS: CAROL, MARA, ^{PAUL} NEW
- SCOTT ^{LOW} - RECRUITING

CHARNA FLEMING

WALTER STANTON

TOM WIGGINS

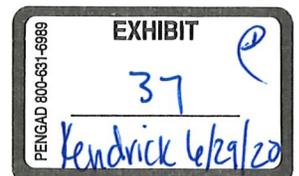
ANDY BEMIS

GILSON HILL

~~DANIEL~~

VICTORIA

SHEN



Not seen
I felt

Timing

- Daughter have an insurance
- Aaron a divorce - not okay

Context

- Don't expect to work a # of years
- Toxic environment
- Political

Sister's
Brother

- Aaron not a nice person (psychopath) - liar
- Papers are true
- 16th floor is miserable

McBry - not his idea

Aaron w/ Major - plot

We → contacted Bd members

April Green lied ab into Melissa

All workings of search firm 30K

Aaron - why looking for search firm

Lashed for attention to service

re internal transition - not

from board. Knew a search firm

"Russell Remolds" - they

incl. "Trans sue" John McLaughlin
thought it was odd. Howard
He accused her of getting to scars.

Peter got better

But tried to keep search
cent of press

Bob was interested in candidates
but turned them were told to
drop out.

Int's - 3 people in room:

Obs & Bob member, Angie, Judith
Herold (Chris Zoller people)

Angie had top candidate

"Not conf of that" - Bob member
went to chair of search comm.

Angie - not critical anything

Turn into a co-op.

Big RF

Latrice Buckley E.A. & Minister

Evil Don't pray for me.

+HR Staff someone volunteer for interview

AUG 15 4/15

- Why now?
- What have you told Melissa?
- Is ~~the~~ interview a done deal if I want it?
- How is she to work for?
- Challenges:
 - Contract negotiations
 - Move
 - Probable restructuring
 - Camp
- Team - who's good; who may leave.
- Process for permanent?
- My scores

Bad press

Ugly

Wearing one ready

4 AM + headaches

Retirement Start

My scores - in Field

Roll scores up typical

Not recommended

Teach Humanities at Trinity

4/18 MELISSA DYKES

- Interim or Permanent? 6-9 mos

- Challenges

- Negotiations

- Co-op

McKinsey 2/19

90% 39 practices

- RIF

- Sell

Be culture-cadre

- Restructuring

- Bldg

needs

compet. insights

- Compensation

- Revenue Streams

- Climate/Culture (I can do the job, but...)

- Aaron Zaban, although work for you

- Other Leadership Team - recent changes

PRACTICES (in flight)

- Strat Planning

measured culturally
via health

- if no rules changed

B. model \Rightarrow M. model

HR - background, diverse rules, contracts, types of talent

- Collective Barg.

to hold all except Comp

- Comp Strategy - bid sd more fund w/ what comp
not optimistic on LTI efforts

McK card

Customer-centric vs continuous jump

Small Energy - largest elec power gen 2030

Practicing is key

7 Practice - Innovation top 4 better

① Accountability

② Knowledge sharing