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JUDGE HOPKINS: For the record, this is

Finance Docket 30400, Santa Fe, Southern Pacific

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Transportation Company.

I have set this prehearing today merely on the question of discovery matters that seem to have arisen. I know the parties seem to have been working very well in cooperating with each other in handling the discovery matters, and that is the way I would like this case to continue.

As I pointed out to more than one of you,
I think on telephone conversations, et cetera, I
think most of the discovery matters can be handled
without the necessity of the Judge putting out any
orders or without any formal motions.

We are going on probably for a year or so with this case and I know the record is going to get tremendous and let us not add to it when we don't have to.

I know all of the sides probably, from what I can see so far, are willing to cooperate in that way. I know there are some matters that probably will have to be argued out but I am certain even those, most of them, can be handled by

1	cooperation between the parties.
2	Just for the record I would like you to
3	announce your names so that I will know everybody
4	and in the future be able to recognize everybody
5	when I see them.
6	MR. SMITH: Your Honor, my name is Michael
7	Smith. I am representing one of the Applicants,
8	Southern Pacific Transportation Company.
9	MR. WILSON: Your Honor, my name is Dennis
10	Wilson. I am representing Applicant Santa Fe
11	Southern Pacific Corporation and the Atchison,
12	Topeka & Santa Fe Railway.
13	MR. REMES: Your Honor, David H. Remes,
14	Covington & Burling, representing Union Pacific and
15	Missouri Pacific Railroad.
16	MR. ROACH: Arvid Roach, also with
17	Covington & Burling representing the same party.
18	MS. MAHON: Kathleen Mahon with Galland,
19	Kharasch, Morse & Garfinkle representing the
20	Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway.
21	MR. KHARASCH: Robert Kharasch, same firm,
22	representing the M-K-T.
23	MR. RAKER: Morris Raker with the firm of
24	Sullivan & Worcester in Boston. I am representing
25	the Kansas City Southern Railway.

1	MR. WHITE: Your Honor, my name is Charles
2	White with the law firm of Arnold Golden & Gregory,
3	Washington, D.C., representing Texas-Mexican
4	Railway.
5	MR. LEARY: Your Honor, my name is Tom
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7	Grande Western.
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9	firm, same topic.
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12	Grande.
13	MS. REED: Your Honor, Mary Reed appearing
14	on behalf of the U.S. Department of Transportation.
15	MR. EVANS: William C. Evans, Verner,
16	Liipfert, Bernhard and McPherson, representing
17	Chicago Northwestern.
18	MR. GELTMAN: Your Honor, Ed Geltman
19	appearing on behalf of Mazda Motors of America,
20	Centrals.
21	JUDGE HOPKINS: Is that everybody?
22	Anybody who hasn't given the reporter his name,
23	would you give it to him afterward?
24	What matters in particular would anybody
25	like to bring up at the present time?

1	MR. KHARASCH: Your Honor, the M-K-T had a
2	number of discovery matters pending with the
3	Applicant. Through the courtesy of Mr. Smith and
4	Mr. White we had extensive telephone discussions
5	last Friday I am sorry, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Smith,
6	we had extensive telephone discussions last Friday.
7	We have prepared and I would like to
8	submit for the record a Memorandum of Discussions
9	and Agreements with respect to the M-K-T discovery
10	requests. May be that marked as a prehearing
11	exhibit?
12	JUDGE HOPKINS: I will mark it prehearing,
13	PHC, Prehearing Conference Exhibit No. 1.
14	(The document referred to
15	was marked PHC Exhibit
16	No. 1 for identification.)
17	JUDGE HOPKINS: Any of you that have
18	exhibits for today, would you also remember to give
19	one to Ellen Goldstein too? She is over in the
20	corner here hiding out I think, but she is there.
21	MR. KHARASCH: Your Honor, we have to
22	report the matters covered here. We have discussed
23	the diversion study. Mr. Wilson has very kindly
24	agreed to produce what I think is going to be
25	escential and will be helpful in the whole case. a

statement of procedures for the rail traffic
diversion study. That is expected about July 3.

I have to report to you, Your Honor, that we are having some trouble with the tapes and the production o evinace that is still going on today, but the Applicants say they have been working on it.

One of the tapes turned up. Apparently there are certain problems you will be hearing about, Your Honor, with respect to these computer tapes and the computer study which may be insoluble because of the nature of the study. Some things are not apparently available.

At this time we have noted on pages 9 and 10 of Prehearing Conference Exhibit 1 that we have some matters which we will request you rule on today if such order is your wish, Your Honor. We have a question of payment of costs for producing data and we have a question of M-K-T Request 40 and 41 if there is a Santa Fe objection which we are to hear this morning from Mr. Wilson.

We would like to discuss, Your Honor, and it would be helpful to the Applicant and everyone, the distribution of responses to the discovery requests. The Commission's Order Number 7 says that responses should be shipped to everybody in

1 the case.

I must tell you the service list is a terrible mess. I think today there are 180 odd people on it. Some of them are rather odd; they are not parties in this case. I can't imagine that the Applicants want to bail up every piece of trivia that has been sent or specific to one party or another.

On the other hand, there are certain answers which are quite interesting to all of us dealing with general subjects, and those should be distributed.

We suggest to Your Honor that should be discussed and we ought to have a little cooperative effort also on cleaning up the service list so we all can go about serving people.

JUDGE HOPKINS: Off the record a minute.

(Discussion off the record.,

JUDGE HOPKINS: On the record

MR. WILSON: Your Honor, with regard to KATY Request 40 and 41, Santa Fe has no objection to the request on relevancy grounds, but since we are still conducting our search of those documents I would like to preserve possible objections on attorney-client privilege grounds.

Not having seen the documents yet as the search is underway, I can't address what objection I might raise when I do review the documents. Other than that though, I have no general objection against these two requests. MR. KHARASCH: Mr. Wilson, I don't quite understand how there could be an attorney-client question. Our Request 40 and 41 deal with specific situations in Southwest Kansas and examining the 10 market there. 11 The question is what, I would call, tying 12 agreements exist? That is, contracts between the 13 Applicants and shippers that tie their traffic 14 moving in Southwest Kansas to traffic moving 15 elsewhere on the Applicant. 16 Number 41 asks for the traffic movement 17 and traffic moving under this. I had offered to 18 Mr. Wilson and Mr. Smith that, since I do consider 19 this is business information which is pretty sensitive, that that would be produced only through 20 outside counsel and then we will try to produce it 21 22 in some aggregate form. 23 I don't really understand why there would 24 be an attorney-client privilege here. We are

talking about contracts Letween two business

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1	entitles.
2	JUDGE HOPKINS: I think he is just
3	protecting himself.
4	MR. WILSON: That's right. I haven't seen
5	the documents yet. You are talking about contracts
6	And occasionally our Traffic Department seeks legal
7	assistance on the contracts they write, not perhaps
8	as often as we would like.
9	JUDGE HOPKINS: You are not objecting to
10	producing the data on any relevancy basis?
11	MR. WILSON: That's correct, subject of
12	course to the procedures you outlined in your
13	stipulation.
14	MR. KHARASCH: If you would like me to go
15	on with the cost and present you with the cost
16	question?
17	JUDGE HOPKINS: Yes, go ahead.
18	MR. KHARASCH: Here is the problem. The
19	Applicant as part of their affirmative case by some
20	highly complex computer massaging, the computer
21	massaging and I am just giving you my basic
22	understanding at this time they would start with
23	a base case. That would be 1982 data which would
24	be brought from the 1 percent waybill sample and

from a 10 percent sample of the Applicant's

1 movements of 1982.

That base case then was treated by rather elaborate means and became an adjusted base case in which they made certain adjustments in 1982. We will surely be hearing a lot about this later on.

Then the adjusted base case was subjected to a computer treatment which purports to compute diversion from the grant, traffic diversion from the grant of the application.

That produced a third set of data that tells you that that the M-K-T will lose so much, by their calculations, the K-C-S will lose so much, the Union Pacific will lose so much by the calculations of the Applicant.

Now, we began by the minute we had read the application by saying we don't understand precisely what you did here at all; please give us quickly some examples. And we chose Kansas City South and said show us how you computed impedances and how you did your diversion matrix, what all of this means precisely.

The Applicants provided the fourth of June some examples. Four examples were worked. And then they asked us to pay \$1300 to give us 13 other routings of Kansas City South for which they would

compute impedances by their model.

We also asked, Your Honor, would the

Applicants give us their data showing before and

after they did their calculations of diversion what

the traffic that they said the M-K-T had before and

after was, that is, sort of the base case, adjusted

base case and the diversion for the M-K-T, if they

had a figure to give us that.

In response the Applicants provided, again in June, a set of tapes. The set of tapes was for all of the traffic, the base case, the adjusted base case and the post-diversion case, and produced a set of tapes for all traffic.

We said that is very interesting, but that didn't answer our question. How can we get the KATY out of this and find out what you say you are doing to us? They said that would be \$2500 to have the Applicant's experts extract from all diversions the diversions of the KATY. We agreed to pay that.

We then received a bill addressed to

Kathleen Mahon, and that is attached to your

Prehearing Exhibit 1. They say here is a bill for

\$9,000 for sending you tapes. We were a little bit

shocked on that one. It said the ICC waybill data

\$300, the Santa Fe traffic sample \$100, and then

approximately \$3,000 each for producing the base
case, the adjusted base case and the post-merger.

We said tapes don't cost that much and copying is mechanical. We object to that.

It is our position, Your Honor, that the case is like this: If the Applicant chooses to make a computer study, send a computer study, they must produce data that they use in a copiable form. We then, of course, must pay for the cost of copying. That is, we will pay for the tape, we will pay for the fellow that copies the tape and pay for expressing it to us.

We do not wish to pay and do not think it fair to ask us to pay for the production of data which the Applicants say at great length we are using. We have an adjusted base case and we are using that adjusted base case.

That is our position. That is our position generally. It is going to come up before on many times here. When we ask for a specific study and say, all right, take your universe that you had and break it out, and we will pay \$2500 bucks as quoted for breaking out the KATY, but will not pay, I hope, for the Applicants producing what they used.

Now, the answer that we got, and we will
hear from Mr. Wilson at length on this, the answer
is, well, we didn't really have this. We used the
data but we didn't keep it in tape form.

I say that is no answer. If they are going to produce this giant study, which is one of the hearts of the case, then they better give us the tapes. If it is not in copiable form, I am sorry, they will have to produce it so that it can be copied. That is our position, Your Honor.

Mr. Raker indicates he has the same point pending.

MR. RAKER: We received the same tapes, as I understand, and the same bill. Just let me give you some additional background if I may.

What we are talking about here is simply an attempt to receive the same data that would have been received in a normal hand analysis that one would have received in the form of study movement sheets; in other words, what are the movements of the K-C-S or any other railroad of the Applicant's study? What determination did they reach as to each movement, as to whether the movement would be diverted or not diverted and, if diverted, what would be the percentage diversion?

We also were furnished with the sets of
tapes. There were nine in total that we received.

As I have previously indicated in some written
filings with Your Honor, these tapes were received
in a very strange format.

Rather than a sort of horizontal file which took each traffic record individually, this had 40 vertical files. There were 295,000 movements, and that is what I understand is approximately the number, and then each of these 40 vertical files, 40 characteristics, as they say, each one of those had 295,000 entries.

So in order to be able to determine what were the movements that they concerned themselves with, we then had to redo, reformat these tapes to take these 40 files and produce from each of them the 295-296,000 records.

Part of the problem was that even though we received the tapes initially at the beginning of June, we found as we were running them that there were a number of errors in the tapes. And corrected tapes were substituted. We finally received the last substituted tape on June 20.

I understand that as of yesterday our programmer believes that he will be able to

assemble the data. Although, I must say, that even now we will not be able to have what one would normally have on a study movement sheet because, even assuming that we know what movements were studied and what happened to those movements, we do not have on the tapes any indication of the reason why a movement was or was not diverted in the sense that normally under study movement sheets the evaluators would indicate the reasons.

But, in any event, we think we will be able to assemble within the remainder of this week the movements, but I think that it is relevant to this issue of cost, and we take the same position on that that Mr. Kharasch takes.

I think it is relevant to note that just to reassemble this data into a readable form we have consumed over 20,000 hours of computer time, and we are buying this time from an outside service. This doesn't include the programmer's time. And I am advised that over two-thirds of that 20,000 hours is related to the errors that were in the tapes that we received because we have to redo the work.

We are willing to assume that expense, but we agree with Mr. Kharasch that we should not be

1	required to pay the approximatery \$9,000 to receive
2	the data diversion study.
3	JUDGE HOPKINS: What are you people
4	willing to pay of this \$9,000? Nothing?
5	MR. RAKER: No, sir, I think we can fairly
6	be required to pay whatever might have been the
7	cost of the tapes and whatever might have been the
8	normal cost of copying those tapes.
9	I am assuming that when I see that they
10	charge approximately \$300 for the ICC waybill data,
11	that that is probably an approximation of what each
12	of these tapes should have cost. And if there are
13	nine tapes that we received, then each of them
14	should have cost us \$300, and we are talking about
15	approximately \$2700.
16	JUDGE HOPKINS: And you are willing to
17	work that out with them?
18	MR. RAKER: Absolutely.
19	MR. WILSON: May we respond?
20	JUDGE HOPKINS: Surely.
21	MR. WILSON: First, with regard to some of
22	Mr. Raker's observations, first, what we performed
23	was not old-style traffic diversion studies. The
24	equivalent for study movement sheets that exist in
25	our depository cover about 4500 movements and were

1 made available to the KATY in, I believe it was May
2 16 -- I am sorry, to the K-C-S on May 16 for their
3 inspection and review.

That is all that our evaluators reviewed to satisfy themselves that the traffic diversion study was making the judgments that they felt were reasonable and that is all that we believe the Commission or the parties need to review to satisfy themselves on the questions of the traffic diversion study.

So as far as Mr. Raker's inference that there might be some obligation on our part to produce additional support data that we did not produce to create this additional data, which I agree is legitimate discovery for K-C-S and KATY to seek to have this data created so that they can analyze it if they want, I certainly question the likelihood that it will help them in light of the fact that we have already produced complete information on 4500 movements, which is obviously a substantial number, but if K-C-S and KATY seek to have this additional data created, since we did not create it as part of our case, it seems to us appropriate that they should pay the BNS charges for creating these tapes.

As I understand the situation at BNS, the actual cost of producing the data for the last three tapes that have been referred to here, the input tape, the adjusted base case tape and the post-SFSP merger tape, was \$36,000.

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Those tapes were requested by four different parties and the costs were allocated among the parties to come out with the figure of approximately, well \$9,000 per party.

As people have suggested, probably \$8,000 of that \$9,000 represents their cost of actually creating these tapes.

The reason for the cost again, according to my understanding, is that the information while it was contained within the computer itself had to be converted to universal machine, readable language with numbers and letters that other computers could understand and placed on the tape.

It is not easy to do that. We are dealing with massive data bases here and the storage space is high and the ability to manipulate the data is a little bit strange. It is not easy to create these tapes in a file of 400,000 movements that have been reduced to 295,000 records.

25 As Mr. Raker suggescs, there are actually,

as I understand it, 60, rather than 40, vertical
files of data that have to be reorganized for these
tapes to come into existence.

BNS only charged, as they told me, their cost. They did not charge a profit margin on this particular thing since it came out so high. They were surprised at the size, and they suspected that the parties would object to the bill which, of course, they have.

But our position on that, I suppose the position of BNS on that, is that the party seeking the discovery should be required to pay for this study which was undertaken at their request. We didn't object to the discovery request, but it was not an easy matter. It required quite a bit of programming work and quite a bit of effort by BNS and they are simply charging the parties their cost of creating these tapes.

Now, on the other point that Mr. Kharasch raises where he states that KATY is willing to pay \$2500 for the KATY traffic data to be segregated, I understand from Hugh Stewart, who has been working on this at BNS, that actually this initial step of creating the vortical files, for which KATY was build \$9,000, is a substep on the way toward

creating the file which would segregate out the KATY traffic.

So that if these tapes had not been created and KATY had asked to have KATY's traffic segregated in a horizontal file format, which is the project that Mr. Kharasch has indicated it would be appropriate for KATY to pay for, the cost of that would be about \$11,500, the \$9,000 plus the \$2,500.

So it seems to me that KATY more or less by its own admission here is indicating that it is appropriate for them to pay for this entire cost of assembling the data in the manner in which they directed BNS to assemble it.

Of course other parties can assemble it themselves. And I understand that that is the option that K-C-S has chosen. Mr. Raker's comments on that should be noted because I understand that BNS offered to create these horizontal filings for a charge of about \$2500 for K-C-S too. Mr. Raker perhaps could have saved his client \$17,500 if he would have accepted the BNS offer.

JUDGE HOPKINS: I think Mr. Raker wants to say something about that.

MR. RAKER: A couple of points. First of

all, we were told that they would do the work for us, we didn't learn this at the outset, but only if we agreed never to attack the BNS model. That was the condition that our people were told.

This was not from Mr. Wilson. These were conversations between BNS and our consultants. We felt that we could not agree on that basis. In any event, we had spent most of the money before we were told about it.

Secondly, Your Honor, as far as this concept of being satisfied with a certain number of sample movements that are in the depository, even assuming that it is practical to go through 1500 pages, I believe it is, of record, maybe it is 900 pages, and pick out individual movements, as I understand it, that is wholly inadequate from the Commission's standpoint.

We have to cost the traffic that we are going to lose. This is part of our opposition case. The only way we can cost the traffic we are going to lose is to know what the specific movements are that we would lose in connection with the proposed transaction and it is determined what the Applicants said would be the specific movements that we were going to lose. That is the whole

l purpose of this project.

Let me add, Your Honor, that I think that
there is no question about the fact that if the
Applicants had done this work in-house, whether
they used a computer or whether they used human
beings to do it, clearly there wouldn't be a charge
of this sort for us to be able to learn what
movements they say we are going to lose.

That is really what the whole matter boils down to.

MR. KHARASCH: Your Honor, I just point out that the Applicants produced a rail traffic diversion study saying this is what the merger will result in. We are told that proceeded on a data base, an adjusted data base and then a diversion calculation by a diversion matrix.

Now, when a party puts in an exhibit like that we are entitled to the backups. And all I am saying is the backups, if they weren't in copiable form, if they were residing in the computer's electronic memory, you have to produce something that can be copied so that can be tested.

If you do a computer study, you have to give a statement of procedures, that is agreed, and you have to produce the data.

1 Now, the data must be in a copiable form. 2 After it is in copiable form, we would be glad to pay for any massaging of this. But all we say is give us data in copiable form that was done. JUDGE HOPKINS: Mr. Wilson, I have had trouble from the beginning when I have read letters back and forth on similar matters because I have the question that just because you hired an outside consultant to do this study for you, that they must 10 be paid and you don't have to worry about producing 11 this material or you want to get paid for it. 12 I question that and I don't see any reason 13 in the world why the Protestants should have been 14 paying these high figures. I really don't see it. 15 I think this material should be provided 16 and I don't see any reason why they should be 17 required because you have an outside consultant really doing the work for you. 18 19 You presented the evidence and they are trying to prove or disprove what you presented. I 20 21 just don't see it. 22 MR. WILSON: Well, I understand Your Honor and certainly for the actual data that we have that 23 24 we relied on and we produced as our case we are producing the information. 25

1	And whether it were an in-house study or
2	an outside consultant's study, when the other
3	parties suggest that an additional study should be
4	undertaken at whatever directions they desire
5	JUDGE HOPKINS: I think we are talking
6	about a different situation there. They are going
7	outside the normal situation when a diversion study
8	is presented.
9	If they asked for something more than that,
10	now, that is different. I don't think there is any
11	question about that and I think it is agreeable to
12	the other side, but I don't think these are. I
13	think these tapes should normally be presented
14	within the normal course of the diversion study.
15	And I don't think they should be charged these
16	figures.
17	I think you ought to work that out with
18	your consultant. If you have trouble with your
19	consultant, you ought to work it out with him.
20	MR. WILSON: Okay, Your Honor.
21	JUDGE HOPKINS: Thank you. Any other
22	matters?
23	MR. KHARASCH: No, I think we are through
24	with what we have to do today. There are some
25	questions that may be pending later on where we

were asking, well, this has to do with route 2 closings and such. 3 JUDGE HOPKINS: We have time on those. MR. KHARASCH: On those we are going to get the general policy and, if that is not sufficient, we will have to ask for specifics. 6 JUDGE HOPKINS: I think from what I have 7 seen so far the parties have been willing to work well together. And let us hope we continue like 9 this because I see no major problem that way. 10 11 MR. GELTMAN: Your Honor, Ed Geltman on 12 behalf of Mazda Motors of America, Central. I just 13 want to make one point. 14 We are appearing here today in this discovery conference, but we have just received the 15 16 initial response from both the Santa Fe and 17 Southern Pacific. 18 We have not had an opportunity to examine 19 the information that they are going to produce in 20 the depository, so at this point we are really 21 acting out of line in terms of any problems we 22 might have. 23 We would hope we could resolve them informally but, if we don't, we would like to be 24 25 able to come back to this forum.

JUDGE HOPKINS: This is no problem on that. 1 MR. LEARY: Your Honor, Tom Leary on behalf of the Rio Grande. We have one outstanding discovery dispute that does require a ruling today. This is our Request Number 8 which says: Please produce all copies of any documents or work papers involved in determining the fair market value of S-P-T Co. as a separate entity, including the fair market value of stock which was placed in an independent, irrevocable holding trust. 10 We got an answer that says that the 11 Applicants, S-P-T objects to this request on the 1.2 ground that the value of S-P-T's stock is not 1.3 relevant. The fair market value of stock as a 14 separate entity was not determined incident to the 15 creating of the holding trust. 16 Now, that may all be very well, but the 17 question goes beyond the value of the stock. The 18 question asks for any studies they may have or any 19 valuation they put on the railroad as a separate 20 21 asset. And we feel that in putting together this 22 deal they must have done some evaluation of the 23 railroad asset part of the overall entity that was 24 merged. And they have not objected to that. They 25

simply have not responded to that portion of the question.

The question goes beyond simply the

evaluation of the stock, and we have no response

right now.

JUDGE HOPKINS: I received a letter today,

June 25, is that it?

MR. SMITH: Yes, Your Honor. I don't know if you have seen my letter to Ken Sanford which I wrote on June 25. Ken Sanford is the in-house lawyer for D-R-G-W. He called me last week and mentioned that our response to their Item Number 8 wasn't what they really had in mind. He explained what they really wanted.

And I think we have answered it in our

June 25 letter. I still am not convinced that the

general subject is relevant, but the answer is that,

as explained to Ken, is that in reaching the

agreement between SP Company, the former parent of

S-P-T, and Santa Fe Industries, there was no agreed

value for any separate component parts of the

railroad or any other one.

The transaction was negotiated and consummated on the basis of the holding company as a whole.

1	JUDGE HOPKINS: I think, Mr. Leary, it
2	might be a good idea for you to get a copy of this
3	letter so that then, if you have any further
4	requests on that, I am perfectly willing to listen.
5	MR. LEARY: I don't believe that that will
6	answer the problem, because whether or not there
7	was an agreed upon, separate valuation of the
8	railroad assets as between the Southern Pacific and
9	the Santa Fe is not really what we are looking for.
10	What we are looking for is any internal
11	material that the Southern Pacific may have
12	generated for its own purposes in arriving at that
13	agreement.
14	Now, whether they secured the Santa Fe's
15	agreement to that valuation or not is another
16	matter.
17	JUDGE HOPKINS: Mr. Smith, do you know
18	whether there was any such papers?
19	MR. SMITH: Yes, I know that we looked in
20	negotiating the transaction at that subject. I had
21	understood Mr. Sanford's question to be whether the
22	agreed value is part of the purchase price that was
23	negotiated between the two companies.
24	On that basis I am not sure what the
25	relevance of the negotiation, of one party's

version of the negotiation to the holding company merger, what that has to do with any issue in this case regarding the railroad transaction, which is really a separate transaction.

MR. LEARY: Your Honor, it is an issue as we move along in this case because we are asking for purchase and for trackage rights over a portion of the Southern Pacific Railroad and we are going to, as we go down the road, get into a question of what that is worth.

JUDGE HOPKINS: I can see the relevance myself. I think it might be advisable for you to look over your records and see if you can come forward with anything that would fit what he is looking for.

MR. LEARY: Your Honor, I just raise one other question and I think today may not be the appropriate day, but we have been listening to this discussion of the matter of tapes and the confusion of the tapes and the errors in the tapes and so on, and we had a similar experience.

And our major concern at this point is not the cost but the time delay that has been involved in trying to massage these tapes and trying to deal with them.

We are now faced with the schedule. We

still don't have a ruling on the extension of time

to file a supplement to the July 19 filings and we

are looking at something that has to be filed three

weeks from today and we still do not have data that

we can use.

And so I just mention that now as a matter of concern for our next conference.

9 MR. ROACH: May I add my voice on behalf
10 of Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific to that
11 comment? The fact that we do not have any present
12 discovery disputes that need to be presented to you
13 is a very different proposition from the fact that
14 there have been delays and problems and we continue
15 to discover further problems.

Time is really the issue here. I could give a long speech about the delays.

JUDGE HOPKINS: There is no necessity. I understand that. That is one of the reasons why I actually called this prehearing conference. I think a lot of times a lot of matters can be brought forward in this and we can have discussions in somewhat of an informal method and I think face-to-face contact is a lot better quite often than this paperwork going back and forth.

And that is one of the rea ons why I
wanted this conference.

MR. KHARASCH: Your Honor, I must say I hate to have consultants in tears, and I don't say that Bill Anderson is not a manly guy, but when he called back and said to us the tage is dump and it is garbaye and we have to correct it, the problem we are facing is, and this is talking about preparing responsive applications at the same time one has to answer this enormous computer study and such, for the responsive application you have to get the traffic data that is on the lines that you want and then that has to be processed.

You have to make an estimate of the diversion on that, both diversion studies.

From that flow labor, how many trains a day, labor, all of the exhibits to labor, the economic and the exhibits. Shippers who are in support of these rights say, well, how many trains? Well, you know, about?

So, if I may, Your Honor, we are filing today on behalf of five parties a joint motion of the KATY, the K-C-S, the U-P, the Texas-Mexican, Mazda Motors, for a procedural order with the Commission setting a common date to complete the

1	responsive applications.
2	I have a copy for Your Honor.
3	JUDGE HOPKINS: Thank you.
4	MR. KHARASCH: I think we are trying to
5	work together.
6	JUDGE HOPKINS: There has been no decision
7	yet on the request for extension?
8	MR. KHARASCH: No decision. There have
9	been five different requests in and the Commission,
10	incidentally, has not even passed on the question.
11	There are certain technical things that have to be
12	addressed.
13	We are asking for a common date to file
14	the responsive application. The date that has been
15	requested is 90 days, that is the statutory limit,
16	90 days from the date we began to get these tapes,
17	which is June 12. So we are coming up to September
18	10. That is common.
19	This has been discussed with Mary Reed of
20	the Department of Transportation. I have also
21	discussed it with Burlington Northern. There are
22	no objections there. We had to get it on file. It
23	is about to be filed as soon as we leave here. I
24	will give you a copy, Your Honor.
25	After that we are indicating, if the

1 Commission will please decide on that, we will then 2 suggest the responsive applications come in, that a decent time be allowed for taking a breath so that the parties who are concerned with interaction of 5 the responsive applications can be ready -- we 6 suggest 20 days -- and then begin the hearing in an orderly manner and fight it out. 8 JUDGE HOPKINS: So you are saying we shouldn't have any hearing or anything until after 10 all of that is taken care of? 11 MR. KHARASCH: We are faced with a 12 practical problem, Your Honor. We are one group of 13 people. KATY is not a huge railroad but we have to have some coordination. 14 15 The first job seems to be to get the 16 responsive applications in if Your Honor is saying, 17 as the Commission says, get the responsive applications in. 18 19 JUDGE HOPKINS: I am not saying anything yet. I am waiting. Of course, all of the parties 20 21 aren't here, so I don't want to go into a discussion on when you will have the procedural 22 23 schedule, et cetera. That will have to be worked out when everybody is here. I will not say 24

anything about that.

1 MR. KHARASCH: We are filing this at least 2 to get the responsive application part out. We hope to keep working together, as Your Honor has suggested, and at least on the Protestant's side, or those other than the Applicant's side of the 6 table, try to give you a coordinated schedule we hope that would give you all of the input. 8 MR. LEARY: Your Honor, on behalf of the Rio Grande we are not mentioned as being party to this, but we also support and endorse the concept, 10 11 and particularly this concept of having a breathing 12 space of about 20 days between the filings of these 13 applications and the beginning of the hearing. 14 JUDGE HOPKINS: And the beginning of the 15 hearing, yes, sir. MR. KHARASCH: Our problem, Your Honor, if 16 you permit, is we physically can't meet July 19. 17 Everybody knows that. Until the tapes are ready we 18 really can't do any traffic studies or anything 19 else. 20 JUDGE HOPKINS: So if you only receive a 21 22 small time frame, a shorter time frame than you wish, it still wouldn't be sufficient, if the 23 Commission comes out with whatever time frame if 24

they allow it?

1	MR. KHARASCH: They say July 25. We say
2	we didn't even have the tapes in.
3	JUDGE HOPKINS: I have no idea what the
4	Commission is going to do on that. I don't want to
5	comment.
6	MR. KHARASCH: I hope they will act before
7	we meet Your Honor on July 25.
8	JUDGE HOPKINS: I believe they will.
9	MR. KHARASCH: We will do our very best to
10	coordinate on our side of the table with everyone.
11	JUDGE HOPKINS: I think that would be a
12	good idea. As I said in the order, that I would
13	like to have everybody cooperate in that way. It
14	works out better for everybody.
15	Mr. Raker.
16	MR. RAKER: Your Honor, I handed up to
17	Your Honor at the commencement of the hearing this
18	morning and I circulated amongst the parties here a
19	proposed form of procedural order relating to the
20	establishment of document depositories.
21	I don't feel strongly that it is something
22	which has to be taken up at today's hearing as
23	distinguished from the subsequent prehearing
24	conference that will deal with procedural matters
25	generally

I raise it today because it does have relevance to the depository which has already been established by the Applicants. And to the extent that the concepts expressed in this order are deemed to be meritorious, there does seem to be some reason to do it sooner rather than later.

Particularly what I have in mind, Your Honor, is the problem that when a party is told in response to a discovery inquiry, well, to the extent that there is anything relevant it is in the depository, that that kind of a response is essentially being told to go to the proverbial haystack and you are not even told how many needles there might be there.

added to the depository from time to time, to the extent that the documents may be out of the depository for copying, to the extent that we really don't know what the guidelines were, what guidelines were used in establishing the depository, what were the consultants and experts and witnesses told they were supposed to accumulate, what type of documents they were to accumulate and put into the depository, to the extent that these questions — at least the answer to these questions — are at

best vague, then it is very difficult to know how

much further one is to press when one doesn't find

anything directly responsible and when one finds

only certain things that seem to be responsive in

the depository.

Let me add, Your Honor, that it is my understanding that the whole concept of setting up a document depository stems from complex multi-district litigation where the concept is this would be something to facilitate a discovery.

I think that is the spirit with which we all hope -- and I believe that includes the Applicants -- that is the spirit which we hope is going to be used in this case. But I think that it would be awfully helpful if there were some guidelines.

Now, the proposed form of order indicates that the establishment of a depository would be optional with each party. I don't feel strongly about that. As far as I am concerned it could be compulsory. But the point is that if there is going to be one, we ought to know what is in the depository.

24 As to this, Your Honor, I understand that 25 there are something like 60 boxes in the depository in San Francisco. I think it is approximately half
that number in Chicago. We have now spent, K-C-S
has had personnel at these two depositories for a
total of approximately 15 man days and so far that
work has been essentially to try to catalogue what
is there.

We learned yesterday -- we had someone arrive in San Francisco yesterday -- to our pleasure there was what I am told is a reasonably detailed index of what is in the depository in San Francisco.

Unfortunately, the index for the Chicago depository, at least from what we saw last week and which, by the way, they refused to allow us to copy and so we copied it down by hand, that index is not nearly as detailed. It comes in a box-by-box basis and doesn't detail the individual documents that are in the box.

And it really does complicate things when that sort of thing takes place. I will not say that that is really very different from what the case was in the U-P-M-P case. What I am suggesting is we can do a lot better in this case.

JUDGE HOPKINS: Have you discussed this
with the Applicants? Have they seen a copy?

1	MD DAKED. I days it to them this morning
1	MR. RAKER: I gave it to them this morning
2	Your Honor. We did not have an opportunity before
3	the hearing this morning to discuss it.
4	JUDGE HOPKINS: I don't think this should
5	be decided upon today in view of what you said. It
6	might very well be that I think you ought to send
7	copies to the other parties in the case too.
8	I think this would be better if we could
9	work it out at the next prehearing conference.
10	MR. RAKER: Perfectly agreeable, Your
11	Honor. We will do that.
1.2	JUDGE HOPKINS: I will give it a document
13	number though. We will make it Prehearing
14	Conference Number 2.
15	(The document referred to
16	was marked PHC Exhibit No.
1.7	2 for identification.)
18	MR. SMITH: If I may comment on this, Mr.
19	Raker is right. At Southern Pacific we have a very
20	good paralegal in our depository and he has last
21	Friday completed a rather detailed index.
22	Since Mr. Raker's people were there, are
23	there today and yesterday, I gave him one. I will
24	have copies available for all of the other parties
25	immediately I don't have them with me but I can

1	get them to you by the end of the week.
2	We also have a list of documents that have
3	been placed in the depository since the first
4	visitors came. Primarily that is responses to
5	additional interrogatories that we have gotten and
6	that is the way we have handled that.
7	Even in the absence of this index, however,
8	I want to just say for the record that I think we
9	have bent over backwards to be cooperative in
10	trying to help people find individual documents on
11	any individual subject or request as we can.
12	And we are following the pattern that was
13	established in the U-P-M-P-W-P merger with the
14	depository concept, which I think is a very good
15	way to do it. It is a lot faster to put your
16	documents there so everyone can see them than it is
17	to try to make 40 different copies and send them
18	out.
19	JUDGE HOPKINS: I think you are all
20	learning from experience anyway.
21	MR. SMITH: That is true.
22	JUDGE HOPKINS: Some of these things will
23	be changed as we go along I know.
24	MD VUNDACCH: I have to say two things.

One, the idea of dual depositories is quite a

- 1 strain on the parties. I think one depository is 2 the better way to do it. If you have one depository you can go there and you can do your research, if that is it. 5 Second, a depository is no good if it is a haystack with no needles there. You really have to have a list of documents to prepare you to use it. 7 8 You have to consult with your consultants and 9 economists and here is the stuff, and they will 10 look at it and you can prepare it and be useful. I 11 like Mr. Raker's suggestion. 12 JUDGE HOPKINS: I understand. 13 MR. WILSON: Again, I would like to 14 respond in connection with the Chicago document 15 depository. I guess there are two things. We have 16 17 improved somewhat over the Union Pacific case where 18 there were three document depositories. The way 19 that we divided the documents was by subject matter 20 which we thought would be of assistance to the parties. 21
- In other words, we don't have the Santa Fe

 developed operations, rail operation study backup

 in Chicago. All of the rail operation study

 materials are in San Francisco.

1 And in a similar manner all of the traffic 2 flow participation study material is in Chicago. It is not that each railroad has maintained separate papers relating to the same subject. We have divided it on a subject matter basis which we 5 6 thought would facilitate the discovery to the parties. And on the other point, I am sorry about 9 the index not being provided. Our principal 10 paralegal was on vacation last week and I guess the 11 substitute paralegal did not understand that 12 procedure. But we normally, you know, hand over the 13 document and, of course, you can make copies of the 14 listings of materials in the boxes for those from 15 BNS and Reebie where there is a more detailed 16 listing. 17 So I think we have done quite a bit in 18 terms of what is necessary to facilitate discovery. 19 20

And I did make the offer, and I will make it on the record, that we will undertake to do additional labeling of some of the computer reports that has been raised by the KATY as something that they would like for further assistance.

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Certainly we do try to answer questions of

1 parties when they are in the document depository. 2 JUDGE HOPKINS: Everybody is nice guys 3 here, right? Everything is working out. That is all right. I am glad to see that. As I told you, that is one reason why I wanted everybody here today or anybody that wanted to come. 7 Are there any other matters? (Pause) 9 JUDGE HOPKINS: Nothing further? 10 MR. WILSON: I would say one other thing 11 on this, although this conference doesn't deal with 12 scheduling. 13 Applicants, of course, are opposed to any 14 extensions of time on any of these dates and we 15 were advised that it was not necessary to file any 16 more pleadings objecting to the extension of time 17 on the responsive applications. 18 We will, of course, be filing an 19 opposition to this motion after we know what it 20 says. 21 JUDGE HOPKINS: Excuse me. One thing I 22 would suggest before the next conference though, it 23 would be wise if the parties, Protestant and the 24 Applicant, have ideas as to scheduling to the total

proceeding, to send copies into me and copies to

1	the other parties in the case so we have something
2	before us before we even have the prehearing
3	conference.
4	MR. KHARASCH: Could we be off the record
5	for a moment?
6	JUDGE HOPKINS: Surely.
7	(Discussion off the record.)
8	JUDGE HOPKINS: Back on the record. This
9	prehearing conference will now be closed. I
10	appreciate everybody's cooperation and I hope it
11	will continue like this. Thank you very much.
12	(Thereupon, at 10:37 a.m., the prehearing
13	conference in the above-entitled matter was
14	adjourned.)
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