

NON-BINDING ARBITRATION BEFORE
JEFFREY C. FEREDAY, ARBITRATOR

INITIATED PURSUANT TO FINAL SETTLEMENT STIPULATION
Kansas v. Nebraska & Colorado
NO. 126, ORIG., U.S. SUPREME COURT
DECREE OF MAY 29, 2003, 538 U.S. 720

N-CORPE AUGMENTATION PLAN
(Arbitration Initiated July 10, 2013)

DEPOSITION OF DICK WOLFE, P.E.

PURSUANT TO NOTICE, the above-entitled
deposition was taken on behalf of the State of
Kansas at 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado
80203, on February 20, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., before
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P R O C E E D I N G S

1 WHEREUPON, the following proceedings
 2 were taken pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil
 3 Procedure:
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5 (Deposition Exhibits 1 and 2 were
 6 marked for identification.)
 7 DICK WOLFE, PE,
 8 having been first duly sworn to state the whole
 9 truth, testified as follows:
 10 EXAMINATION
 11 BY MR. GRUNEWALD:
 12 Q Good morning, Mr. Wolfe.
 13 A Good morning.
 14 Q And we're here to do a deposition, in
 15 large part, connected to a joint expert rebuttal
 16 report that was prepared by you and Dr. Schreuder.
 17 MR. GRUNEWALD: I'm going to ask that
 18 maybe we just deal with spelling of names and
 19 cleanup after the deposition.
 20 Q (By Mr. Grunewald) And that report was
 21 filed on February 7, 2014; is that right?
 22 A That is correct.
 23 (Mr. Don Blankenau telephonically
 24 joined the deposition.)
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1 Q (By Mr. Grunewald) Mr. Wolfe, is there
 2 any reason why you can't give complete and truthful
 3 answers here this morning?
 4 A No.
 5 Q This is a phone deposition. I'll do
 6 my best to not talk over you. Please feel free to
 7 let me know if you need to clarify or expand or if
 8 you're having trouble hearing me. Is that okay?
 9 A Okay.
 10 Q Now, there are two authors for the
 11 joint report; is that right?
 12 A Correct.
 13 Q And I should follow up. The
 14 deposition notice asked for any backup materials
 15 that were not previously provided for the report.
 16 Is there anything that falls in that
 17 category?
 18 A I have no other materials here with me
 19 today.
 20 Q Do any exist that you didn't bring
 21 with you that haven't been disclosed?
 22 A No other materials exist.
 23 Q Thank you. So there were two primary
 24 authors.
 25 Did anyone else, besides you and

6	<p>1 Dr. Schreuder, write the text of the report?</p> <p>2 A As I recall, I believe Mike Sullivan,</p> <p>3 my deputy, had reviewed this at some stage and may</p> <p>4 have provided some comments on what we had prepared.</p> <p>5 As well as my counsel, Scott Steinbrecher, also</p> <p>6 reviewed the report before we finalized it.</p> <p>7 Q So am I right, no one else drafted the</p> <p>8 text, you just got some editorial comments?</p> <p>9 A Correct.</p> <p>10 Q And besides you and your co-author,</p> <p>11 did anyone else -- and the people that you just</p> <p>12 listed, is there anybody else that you consider to</p> <p>13 have assisted you in preparing the report?</p> <p>14 A I don't recall anyone else being</p> <p>15 involved.</p> <p>16 Q Does the report contain all of your</p> <p>17 rebuttal expert opinions for this arbitration?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q And for the record, I'll probably</p> <p>20 refer to the proposal. This is an arbitration about</p> <p>21 Nebraska's N-CORPE Augmentation Plan. N-CORPE is an</p> <p>22 acronym, and it stands for Nebraska Cooperative</p> <p>23 Republican Platte Enhancement.</p> <p>24 Who made the decisions of which</p> <p>25 opinions to include in your report?</p>	8
7	<p>1 MR. STEINBRECHER: I'll object to the</p> <p>2 form of the question. We're getting into draft</p> <p>3 report material.</p> <p>4 Q (By Mr. Gruenwald) You can answer.</p> <p>5 A Could you repeat the question again,</p> <p>6 just so I'm clear on what you were asking.</p> <p>7 MR. GRUENWALD: Sure. Can the</p> <p>8 reporter please read it back.</p> <p>9 (The question was read.)</p> <p>10 A As I recall, it was a joint decision</p> <p>11 between myself and Dr. Schreuder, on the sections</p> <p>12 that were included in the joint report.</p> <p>13 Q (By Mr. Gruenwald) Were there any</p> <p>14 opinions -- and I'm not asking for what they are,</p> <p>15 but were there any opinions that you rejected or did</p> <p>16 not include in the report?</p> <p>17 A I don't recall that we considered one</p> <p>18 and then rejected it.</p> <p>19 Q I'm going to refer to a couple of</p> <p>20 other acronyms here. So I'll put those on the</p> <p>21 record. One is the Republican River Compact</p> <p>22 Administration. And I may refer to that as the</p> <p>23 RRCA.</p> <p>24 The RRCA has an approved groundwater</p> <p>25 model; is that right?</p>	9

<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>1 questions. I understand how you asked the 2 consideration of transit losses. We've stated the 3 FSS does not define transit loss and is not 4 currently considered in any of the accounting 5 procedures in the current version. 6 So I'm trying to answer your question. 7 I'm trying to make sure what context you're asking 8 that. If it's hypothetically, if we were to 9 consider transit loss, and that was part of the 10 equation that was included in the computed water 11 supply, if that would have an impact on the 12 allocations. 13 I'm just trying to make sure I 14 understand the context in which you're phrasing your 15 question to me. Just so I understand it and can 16 answer it accurately. 17 Q Sure. I'll do my best to see if I can 18 do that. 19 Are you aware that Kansas' expert 20 reports address the issue of accounting for transit 21 losses to augmentation water as it travels 22 downstream from the discharge point? 23 A Yes. Each of the expert reports 24 address this transit loss issue. They've each 25 approached it in a different way, as we've described</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>1 the calculation with losses? 2 A With Nebraska's. 3 Q So is it your opinion that the states 4 receive larger allocations under Nebraska's credit 5 calculation than adjusting for losses that might 6 occur in the sub-basin? 7 A I guess I'd have to work through an 8 example with some numbers in it to answer your 9 question. I'm just trying to think through that and 10 determine whether that results in a greater or less 11 allocation. 12 Q So I just want to see if I understand 13 your position, as you sit here today. If you have 14 two situations that you're comparing and one is that 15 you use the Nebraska credit calculation and the 16 other is that you make an adjustment in that 17 calculation for transit losses -- and this is the 18 calculation of the virgin water supply -- you're not 19 sure whether or not transit losses have an impact on 20 that? 21 A And, again, I think to convince myself 22 in terms of answering that statement, I'd have to 23 run through an example there. In reflecting back on 24 your question, I may have misunderstood your first 25 question when you asked about whether it affected</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>1 in the report. But they are describing this concept 2 of transit loss and how they believe it should be 3 considered as an adjustment to the credit allowed 4 for the augmentation water supply. 5 Q And under the proposal by Nebraska, 6 the full amount of augmentation discharge is 7 subtracted from the virgin water supply 8 calculations, right? 9 A Correct. 10 Q If some of that water is lost, as it 11 moves down to the accounting point on Medicine 12 Creek, do you agree that that has an impact on the 13 allocation? 14 A Well, I don't agree that transit loss 15 should be considered as a reduction in the 16 augmentation water supply. But if you're asking me 17 hypothetically if we were to adjust the augmentation 18 water supply by a transit loss and reduce that 19 amount, certainly that computation would result in a 20 change in the computed water supply, which would 21 then affect the allocations. 22 Q Comparing the two scenarios, the 23 hypothetical Nebraska credit calculation and the 24 hypothetical adjustment for losses, are the 25 allocations higher under the Nebraska proposal or</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>1 the allocation. I was thinking about the total 2 amount of credit that was -- in terms of received by 3 the augmentation water, would have been greater in 4 Nebraska's example than the other one, was what I 5 was thinking of when you asked that question. 6 What it does to the allocation, by 7 considering the transit loss in that computation, 8 I'd have to run through an example for the specific 9 basin that you're referring to, because I'm more 10 familiar with the computations for virgin water 11 supply and computed water supplies as it relates to 12 Colorado's determinations. 13 I don't run those in any particular 14 frequency or for any reason for Nebraska or Kansas. 15 So I'd have to step through an example of some 16 numbers to make sure I can accurately answer your 17 question about what that ultimate change in 18 allocation would be by considering a transit loss. 19 And the reason I'm answering that way 20 is because I'm -- in reviewing the three reports 21 that were done, they each approach that 22 determination or adjustment in different ways. So I 23 just want to make sure I understand which approach 24 you're talking about and what that ultimately would 25 do to a computation that you're trying to present to</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>1 me.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. Thanks. I'd like you to turn</p> <p>3 to your expert report, which is Exhibit 2.</p> <p>4 A Okay.</p> <p>5 Q There on page 1 under the heading</p> <p>6 Transit Loss, do you see the last sentence on that</p> <p>7 page?</p> <p>8 A Uh-huh.</p> <p>9 Q And it refers to the RRCA Groundwater</p> <p>10 Model, and says it's not informed of several things</p> <p>11 there regarding surface water. Do you see that?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q There's currently an approved --</p> <p>14 temporary approval, I should say, for Colorado's</p> <p>15 compact compliance pipeline; is that right?</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q Does the accounting that's approved</p> <p>18 for that temporary approval include informing the</p> <p>19 groundwater model of the pipeline discharge?</p> <p>20 A Yes, it does in that case.</p> <p>21 Q Is that the sort of thing that this</p> <p>22 sentence was directed at?</p> <p>23 A This sentence was directed at the</p> <p>24 context of the N-CORPE Augmentation Plan.</p> <p>25 Q So do you still agree that it's not</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>1 Q Are you saying, under the stipulated</p> <p>2 Colorado pipeline proposal, that the model is not</p> <p>3 informed of the augmentation water?</p> <p>4 A No, that's not what I said.</p> <p>5 Q I'm trying to get at whether it's true</p> <p>6 or not that the model is informed of surface water</p> <p>7 operations, if surface water operations are</p> <p>8 including augmentation pipeline discharge.</p> <p>9 A The only situation I'm aware that it's</p> <p>10 been informed is in the temporary approval for the</p> <p>11 CCP.</p> <p>12 Q So as I hear you this morning, you're</p> <p>13 saying that is the one time it is informed?</p> <p>14 A Correct.</p> <p>15 Q Would you like to correct your</p> <p>16 statement in the report?</p> <p>17 A No, I think this statement is</p> <p>18 accurate.</p> <p>19 Q I don't quite understand how. If we</p> <p>20 just had an agreement that it is informed in one</p> <p>21 situation, and your statement says it's not</p> <p>22 informed, it doesn't have any qualifications.</p> <p>23 A I guess I'm confused about your</p> <p>24 question then.</p> <p>25 Q Okay. Let's move on. Does the FSS</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>1 informed of any other surface water operations, or</p> <p>2 did you mean to limit your statement to it's not</p> <p>3 informed of N-CORPE operations?</p> <p>4 A Well, it's our position that the</p> <p>5 groundwater model is not to be used or be informed</p> <p>6 of any surface water activities. It handles</p> <p>7 groundwater in the baseflow in the streams.</p> <p>8 It was only by a stipulated agreement</p> <p>9 that Colorado decided to inform the groundwater</p> <p>10 model for purposes of settlement and agreeing to the</p> <p>11 one-year approval. But it's our position that</p> <p>12 that's not a requirement of the FSS or the compact.</p> <p>13 And that's the general basis of making that</p> <p>14 statement.</p> <p>15 Q Okay. I just want to understand. It</p> <p>16 seems like it's a factual statement here that it's</p> <p>17 not informed. And I think I just heard you say it</p> <p>18 is informed under that settlement.</p> <p>19 I'm just trying to get clear on what</p> <p>20 you mean by informed in that statement, whether it's</p> <p>21 happening or not.</p> <p>22 A Yes, in the context of this plan, in</p> <p>23 general, it's our position that it is not to be</p> <p>24 informed. And Nebraska has not presented, in their</p> <p>25 proposal, that it be informed of that outflow.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>1 prohibit an augmentation plan that accounts for</p> <p>2 transit losses?</p> <p>3 A I'm not aware that it prohibits, but</p> <p>4 it does not require it.</p> <p>5 Q Thank you. Can you turn to page 5,</p> <p>6 please. And if you could look at the last paragraph</p> <p>7 on page 5, it begins, "If Nebraska had." Do you see</p> <p>8 that?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q And could you review that first</p> <p>11 sentence, please, for me. You can read it to</p> <p>12 yourself or aloud, whichever you prefer.</p> <p>13 A Yes, I've read it.</p> <p>14 Q There's a part of that sentence that</p> <p>15 says "there is no doubt that 100% of the pipeline</p> <p>16 would have been considered imported water."</p> <p>17 Do you see that?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q Is that a statement that's based on</p> <p>20 the negotiations of the FSS?</p> <p>21 A No. That's a statement of myself and</p> <p>22 Dr. Schreuder.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. I just want to understand what</p> <p>24 the basis for it is. How is it you know there is no</p> <p>25 doubt that that hypothetical situation would have</p>

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1 been considered imported water?
 2 A Well, I think just because of the
 3 physical situation. This is water that the
 4 Republican River Basin has never seen, and it would
 5 be a direct discharge to the stream. It would not
 6 be similar to how water may be imported now in and
 7 is used within the Republican River Basin. And the
 8 amount that makes it into the groundwater system and
 9 then shows up as a credit, there's that, as we
 10 describe in the report. The model is used for that
 11 situation.
 12 But because this is like -- we've
 13 stated in our report and numerous times that the
 14 model is not informed of these surface water
 15 deliveries. And in this case, these are waters that
 16 aren't even native to the basin in the Republican
 17 River. They're not even previously stored reservoir
 18 water that's released out. The model's not informed
 19 of those.
 20 So it's in that context why we're
 21 making that statement that we believe there's no
 22 doubt that that pipeline would have been considered
 23 imported water.
 24 Q And when you say "imported water,"
 25 here, do you mean imported water supply as defined

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1 MR. WILMOTH: No, Scott.
 2 MR. STEINBRECHER: Well, thank you,
 3 Chris.
 4 Colorado has no questions.
 5 (WHEREUPON, the deposition was
 6 concluded at 9:33 a.m.)
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1 in the FSS?
 2 A Well, I'd have to go back again just
 3 to confirm the exact definition in there. But the
 4 context as here is reflecting the physical nature,
 5 that it's imported water, that it's coming from the
 6 Platte River system and water that's not native to
 7 the Republican River Basin.
 8 Q Are you aware that imported water
 9 supply is a defined term in the FSS?
 10 A Yes.
 11 Q Are you aware that imported water
 12 supply credit is a defined term in the FSS?
 13 A Yes.
 14 Q When you wrote the words "imported
 15 water," did you mean imported water supply as
 16 defined in the FSS?
 17 A I believe here we were referring to it
 18 more in the generic sense of an imported water
 19 supply, not to confuse it with how the imported
 20 water supply credit is determined as defined in the
 21 FSS.
 22 MR. GRUENWALD: Okay. I don't have
 23 any more questions.
 24 MR. STEINBRECHER: Nebraska, do you
 25 have any questions this morning?

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1 I have read the foregoing transcript of my
 2 testimony and have indicated same by my signature.
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 6 DICK WOLFE, P.E.
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 8 STATE OF COLORADO
 9 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
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 11 Subscribed and sworn to before me by the
 12 said DICK WOLFE, P.E., this _____ day of
 13 _____, 2013.
 14 My commission expires: _____.
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6 I, Angela Smith, Professional Reporter
7 and Notary Public for the State of Colorado, do
8 hereby certify that previous to the commencement of
9 the examination, the said deponent, DICK WOLFE,
10 P.E., was duly sworn by me to testify to the truth
11 in relation to the matters in controversy between
12 the said parties.
13 I further certify that said deposition
14 was taken in shorthand by me and was reduced to
15 typewritten form by computer-aided transcription,
16 that the foregoing is a true transcript of the
17 questions asked, testimony given, and proceedings
18 had.
19 I further certify that I am not an
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21 any attorney or counsel for any of the parties to
22 said action or otherwise interested in its event.
23 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my
24 hand and notarial seal this 21st day of February
25 2014.

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