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- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Is anyone currently filling Mr. Billinger's
10 vacated spot?
- 11 A. Not yet.
- 12 Q. Do you intend to fill that spot if you can?
- 13 A. At some point.
- 14 Q. Have you ever attended any NRD meetings in the
15 last five years?
- 16 A. Not to my recollection.
- 17 MR. WILMOTH: For the record, NRD is
18 an acronym for Natural Resources District which
19 we have in the State of Nebraska.
- 20 Q. (BY MR. WILMOTH) Have you had an opportunity
21 to review any of the integrated management
22 plans or IMPs generated by the State of
23 Nebraska at the NRDs?
- 24 A. I've perhaps-- I've given cursory review to one
25 or more of them.

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- 1 Q. In the last few years?
- 2 A. Uh-huh. Yeah, we were obviously discussing
3 them during the RRCA dispute, you know,
4 attempts to resolve the disputes, and at least
5 summaries of them were reviewed and discussed.
- 6 Q. Have you seen the latest draft or the latest
7 versions of the IMPs? These would have been
8 late 2007, early 2008.
- 9 A. I have not personally reviewed them in any
10 depth. I've relied on, I think, Nebraska's
11 characterization and staff characterizations of

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- 12 those for the most part, but I have some
13 general knowledge about their contents. I've
14 reviewed specific pieces of them.
- 15 Q. Does the State of Kansas have any comparable
16 management plans to deal with groundwater,
17 surface water interaction?
- 18 A. We have groundwater management-- a groundwater
19 management district within the basin, Northwest
20 Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4.
21 For the most part, there is not very strong
22 linkage between the Ogallala portions in Kansas
23 and the stream systems. So that groundwater
24 management district, or GMD, as we call them,
25 doesn't have any sort of integrated

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- 1 groundwater, surface water plan. You know, we
2 closed our basins at least in Northwest Kansas
3 other than the South Fork in 1984, recognizing
4 the need to-- you know, to-- recognizing that
5 these basins were fully appropriated at that
6 time.
- 7 Q. Closed them to new groundwater and surface
8 water appropriations?
- 9 A. Yes, that's correct, within the alluvials.
- 10 Q. But not outside the alluvial area?
- 11 A. Outside they were not closed. Again, we have
12 pretty restrictive policies and have had very
13 restrictive policies in place, but they weren't
14 strictly closed.
- 15 Q. Does that have something to do with the