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IN THE UNITED S	TATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF	UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. RAPOWER3, LLC, INTERNATIONAL)) Deposition of:)) KENNETH W. BIRRELL)) Time on record: 4 Hours,) 31 Minutes)) Case No. 2:15-cy-00828 DN
AUTOMATED SYSTEMS,)
INC., LTB1, LLC, R.) Judge David Nuffer
GREGORY SHEPARD,)
NELDON JOHNSON and)
ROGER FREEBORN,)
Defendants.)
February 14,	2017 * 9:06 a.m.
Location: United States Attorney's Office	
111 South Main Street, Suite 1800	
Salt Lak	e City, Utah
	wn M. Perry, CSR
Notary Public in an	d for the State of Utah

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APPEARANCES FORTHE PLAINTIFF: Christopher R. Moran Erin Healy Gallagher Erin R. Hines (Telephonically)	 Exhibit 359 Letter dated August 8, 2012, to 76 Potential RaPower3 Customer from Anderson Law Center
United States Department of Justice Trial Attorneys, Tax Division P.O. Box 7328 Washington, D.C. 20044	 Exhibit 360 Undated letter to Dear Client 79 from Bryan S. Sorenson Exhibit 361 E-mail dated October 30, 2012, 82
(202) 307-0834 (Moran) 7 (202) 353-2452 (Healy Gallagher) (202) 514-6770 (fax)	to jason@orangeinsure.com from Ken Birrell, with attachments Exhibit 362 E-mails dated October 30 and 31, 94
 ⁸ christopher.r.moran@usdoj.gov erin.healygallagher@usdoj.gov ⁹ FOR THE DEFENDANTS, RAPOWER3, LLC, INTERNATIONAL 	 2012, between Ken Birrell and Jason Clement, with attachments Exhibit 363 E-mail dated November 9, 2012, 101
AUTOMATED SYSTEMS, INC., LTB1, LLC, AND NELDON JOHNSON:	to jason@orangeinsure.com from Ken Birrell, and attachments Exhibit 364 Invoices 106
Christian D. Austin Attorney at Law Heideman & Associates 33 2969 No. University Avenue	 Exhibit 365 E-mail dated January 9, 2013, to 117 Ken Birrell from iason@orangeinsure.com Exhibit 366 E-mail dated January 14, 2013, 120
Suite 180 14 Provo, Utah 84604 (801) 472-7742 15 (801) 374-1724 (fax)	 Exhibit 366 E-mail dated January 14, 2013, 120 to Ken Birrell from Jill Cottam Exhibit 367 E-mails dated January 14, 2013, 123
FOR THE WITNESS:	 and attachments Exhibit 368 E-mails dated January 14, 2013, 125 and October 30, 2012, with
Christopher S. Hill Attorney at Law Kirton McConkie	 attachments Exhibit 369 E-mail dated October 15, 2013, 130 with attachment
19 50 East South Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 20 (801) 328-3600 (801) 212-2019 (fax) 21 chill@kmclaw.com	Exhibit 370 Letter dated January 10, 2014, 146 to Neldon Johnson and Greg Shepard, with attachments
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¹ I N D E X ² KENNETH W. BIRRELL PAGE ³ Examination by Ms. Healy Gallagher 6	¹ PROCEEDINGS ²
5 E X H I B I T S 6 NO. DESCRIPTION PAGE	³ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Good morning. We ⁴ are on the record in the case of the United States
Exhibit 89 E-mail dated January 17, 2014, 149 with attachment Exhibit 143 E-mail chain, December 2013 132	 versus RaPower3, et al., on February 14th, 2017. My name is Erin Healy Gallagher of the United States Department of Justice from the tax.
 Exhibit 231 E-mail dated December 11, 2013, 137 to numerous recipients from Greg Shepard Exhibit 202 E-mail dated luke 2, 2013 to 126 	division, appearing on behalf of the United States.
 ¹² Exhibit 293 E-mail dated July 8, 2013, to 126 pgregg@bsfmail.com from Greg ¹³ Shepard, with attachments ¹⁴ Exhibit 353 E-mail dated December 1, 2016, 34 	 ⁹ Counsel, would you please make your ¹⁰ appearances? ¹¹ MR. AUSTIN: Christian Austin for
to Tate Bennett, Donald Reay and Justin Heideman from Christopher R. Moran, with attachments	 defendant RaPower3, et al., and Happy Valentine's Day.
Exhibit 354 Answer 35 Transformed August 15, 2012, to 64	 ¹⁴ MR. HILL: Christopher Hill, Kirton ¹⁵ McConkie, appearing on behalf of the witness,
¹⁸ Ken Birrell from jason@orangeinsure.com	 Ken Birrell. MR. MORAN: And Christopher Moran for the
Exhibit 356 E-mail dated August 15, 2012, to 68 Ken Birrell from jason@oranginsure.com, with	 ¹⁸ United States. ¹⁹ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Erin Hines, also for
 attachments Exhibit 357 E-mail dated August 20, 2012, to 70 Ken Birrell from jason@orangeinsure.com, and 	 the United States, is on the phone. Counsel for R. Gregory Shepard and Roger
attachments 24 Exhibit 358 Letter dated August 24, 2012, to 74	 Freeborn is not in attendance. That is Donald Reay. This deposition will be governed by the Eaderal Rules of Civil Procedure and the local rules
 ²⁵ Neldon Johnson from Kenneth W. Birrell ²⁵ Birrell 	 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the local rules of the District of Utah.

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1	All exhibits will be marked and kept by me	¹ to rephrase.
2	for this week, and then we'll hand them off at the	² Will you do that?
3	end of the week to the court reporter.	³ A. I will.
4	Any other stipulations will be addressed	⁴ Q. And, of course, sometimes it will happen
5	as the need arises.	5 that you'll give an answer as completely as you can
6	KENNETH W. BIRRELL,	⁶ but later on you may remember something that could
7	called as a witness, being first sworn,	⁷ amplify it, change it, things like that. If that
8	was examined and testified as follows:	⁸ happens, just let me know and we can clarify or
9	EXAMINATION	⁹ correct the record immediately.
10	BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER:	¹⁰ Will you do that?
11	Q. Let's see. Mr. Birrell, you've been sworn	¹¹ A. I will.
12	in, correct?	¹² Q. Also, if you're answering a question and
13	A. Correct.	¹³ you think the document might help refresh your
14	Q. Would you please state and spell your name	¹⁴ recollection, just let me know, we may have it here,
15	for the record?	¹⁵ and we can help you with that.
16	A. Kenneth, K-e-n-n-e-t-h, Birrell,	¹⁶ A. Okay.
17	B-i-r-r-e-l-l.	¹⁷ Q. I will try to remember to take a break
18	Q. And, Mr. Birrell, what's how are you	¹⁸ every 90 minutes or so. I can get tunnel vision in
19	employed?	¹⁹ depositions, so if at any time you need a break, just
20	A. I am an attorney for the law firm Kirton	²⁰ let me know and we can take one.
21	and McConkie.	²¹ A. Okay.
22	Q. Okay. Mr. Birrell, have you ever been	²² Q. I will ask, though, if there is a question
23	deposed before?	²³ pending, that you finish the answer and then we can
24	A. I have.	²⁴ go on the break.
25	Q. About how many times?	²⁵ A. Sure.
1	7 A. Once.	9 ¹ Q. Similarly, if for any reason you would
2	Q. Okay. And of course you're an attorney,	² like to talk to your attorney, again, I would ask
3	so I'm sure you have an understanding of how this	³ that you finish the question and then you can step
4	goes, but I'd like to cover the ground rules just for	⁴ outside to confer with Mr. Hill.
5	us just so we're all on the same page.	⁵ All right. So, Mr. Birrell, we're here to
6 7	So, obviously, I will ask questions in the	get as accurate a record as we can of the facts of
	deposition. My questions and your answers will be	uns case, so i nave to ask il ulere is anyuning ulat
8	recorded by the court reporter, who is here. Please	would prevent you norm insterning to and understanding
10	speak loudly enough for her to hear you and answer	The desirence of your ability locay.
10	the questions verbally.	A. Not that I'm aware of. O Okay. Are you taking medications or drugs.
12	Will you do that?	Q. Okay. Are you taking medications of drugs
13	A. I will.	or any kind that might interfere with your memory?
14	Q. As you are already doing a great job of, recognizing the court reporter cannot record a nod or	
15	a shake of the head, and words like uh-huh are not	
16	clear on the transcript that will be created.	¹⁵ today? ¹⁶ A. No.
17	You're also doing a very good job so far	
18	of waiting until I finish asking the question before	¹⁷ Q. Great. Mr. Birrell, would you please tell ¹⁸ me the city and state where you live?
19	answering. If you could keep that up, that will be a	¹⁹ A. Holladay, Utah.
20	very clear record for everybody.	²⁰ Q. And do you work at Kirton McConkie in Salt
21	And if we end up talking over each other,	²¹ Lake City?
22	I'll just pause, we'll start it again so we can get a	²² A. I work in their Salt Lake City office.
23	clear record.	²³ Q. How old are you, Mr. Birrell?
24	If you don't understand a question that I	²⁴ A. I'm 41.
25	ask today, please just let me know; I'll do my best	²⁵ Q. You are an attorney, you said earlier?
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¹ A. Yes.	¹ Q. So what kinds of information is important
² Q. What's your formal education, college and	² for you to get from your client, for example, so that
³ law school?	³ you can give accurate advice?
⁴ A. I received my Juris Doctorate from the	⁴ A. You try to understand their their
⁵ University of Utah and then an LLM in taxation from	⁵ current situation. You try to understand what
6 New York University.	6 they're trying to accomplish. And understanding
⁷ Q. Where did you go to undergrad?	⁷ point A, where they currently are, point B, where
⁸ A. University of Utah as well.	8 they want to get to and discuss with them the
⁹ Q. When did you get your LLM?	⁹ alternative pathways of getting there, the pros and
¹⁰ A. 2004, I believe.	¹⁰ the cons of the different options available to them,
¹¹ Q. And your law degree?	¹¹ and let them make an informed choice.
¹² A. 2003, the year before.	¹² Q. Typically, in the course of your practice
¹³ Q. After you got your LLM, where did you go?	¹³ how do you go about making sure you understand the
¹⁴ A. I started at Kirton McConkie.	¹⁴ client's current situation when they come to you at
¹⁵ Q. Have you been at Kirton McConkie since	¹⁵ first?
¹⁶ 2004?	¹⁶ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Calls for expert
¹⁷ A. I have been. Actually started during my	¹⁷ opinion.
¹⁸ first year of law school, so	¹⁸ THE WITNESS: Discuss with them. In some
19 Q. Are you a partner?	¹⁹ situations you simply rely upon them to describe to
20 A. Lam.	²⁰ you what they have. Others, you ask follow-up
²¹ Q. When did you become partner?	²¹ questions. I mean, it varies from situation to
²² A. 2010 or 2011.	²² situation.
	Sidation.
Q. What's your practice area:	Q. (DI NO. TEALT OALLAOTER) DO you typically
A. 1dX.	
²⁵ Q. Do you have any particular specialties	²⁵ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Calls for expert
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¹ within that practice or	¹ opinion.
² A. Partnership and corporate transactions,	² THE WITNESS: Sometimes, but not always.
³ then employee benefits and executive compensation.	
⁴ Q. Have those areas always been your areas of	⁴ curiosity, you know, why might you not ask a client
⁵ practice?	⁵ for documents?
⁶ A. Primarily. I mean, different things come	⁶ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Calls for expert
⁷ and go as things come up, but that's been the primary	
⁸ focus throughout.	⁸ THE WITNESS: In certain situations there
⁹ Q. Can you tell me a little bit about your	⁹ may not be any documents that are relevant. For
¹⁰ practice? So what I'm asking is, generally, like,	¹⁰ example, if you have a client and you say, "What type
¹¹ I'm a litigator, cases are filed, I litigate the	¹¹ of entity are you," and they say, "Well, I'm a
¹² case, but it sounds like your practice is a little	¹² C corporation," I typically don't ask for documents
¹³ bit different than that.	¹³ to prove that they are a C corporation. I take them
¹⁴ A. So it's primarily transaction-based. A	¹⁴ at their word for it.
¹⁵ client will come in with something that they are	¹⁵ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) If you do get
¹⁶ wanting to do and we help them plan for the	¹⁶ documents from a client, do you have a particular
¹⁷ transaction or structure the transaction. I mean, it	¹⁷ place to store them within your office or on IT
¹⁸ varies widely from interaction to interaction.	¹⁸ infrastructure?
¹⁹ Q. And what sorts of things are important to	¹⁹ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Calls for expert
²⁰ you in the course of giving clients advice about	²⁰ opinion.
²¹ transactions they're interested in?	²¹ THE WITNESS: We do. I normally maintain
²² A. Accuracy of the advice. Taking into	²² a physical file for each client, and then we can also
²³ account all of the to the extent we can	²³ scan documents into our online document management
²⁴ anticipate, the important variables that would affect	²⁴ system.
²⁵ the outcome they're hoping to achieve.	²⁵ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Off the record for a

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¹ moment, please.	¹ been received on the system someplace.
² (Discussion off the record.)	² Q. That's helpful too, actually. So your
³ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Back on the record,	³ NetDocs, you said?
⁴ please.	⁴ A. NetDocuments is the document management
⁵ Q. We took a short break, Mr. Birrell.	⁵ system, yeah.
⁶ Before that we were talking about the way you manage	⁶ Q. Okay. And that's for documents other than
 ⁷ documents from your clients. 	⁷ e-mail?
⁸ If you keep a hard copy file for your	⁸ A. Yes. You can save e-mails into
⁹ clients, where do you typically keep that?	⁹ NetDocuments, but, yeah, they're separate systems.
¹⁰ A. Some of them are in my office. We also	¹⁰ Q. Okay. So then in addition to
¹¹ have storage space in the larger office. Mine's down	¹¹ NetDocuments, what I heard you say was on
12 the hall.	¹² A. Outlook we have Outlook and I
¹³ Q. Do you have a practice of sort of, you	¹³ normally I don't because to save every single
14 know, moving a hard copy file from your office to	¹⁴ e-mail you have to enter in all the information into
¹⁵ further away as time passes or do you generally keep	¹⁵ NetDocuments, I don't save every e-mail into
¹⁶ things pretty close?	¹⁶ NetDocuments; it takes too much time. And so I've
¹⁷ A. Yes, we also have off-site storage that	¹⁷ created folders within Outlook for each client and
periodically when the on-site storage space fills up	¹⁸ then I move the e-mails into that relevant client's
¹⁹ we move stuff to the off-site storage location.	¹⁹ folder as a way of kind of keeping my e-mails managed
²⁰ Q. And tell me about your IT a little bit.	²⁰ in that way.
²¹ How is it that you are able to track where you have	²¹ Q. So in responding to the subpoena that was
 saved electronic documents for a particular client? 	²² sent to you in this case, you searched your Outlook
²³ A. So our online document management system	²³ folder for the client, SOLCO, right?
²⁴ is called NetDocuments, and whenever a document is	²⁴ A. Right.
 saved you have to enter in the name of the document, 	²⁵ Q. And you also searched the NetDocuments?
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¹ the author of the document, a client number and a	¹ A. On the e-mail we have Mimecast, which is
² matter number, and then classify the type of	² a it's kind of an archiving. I'm not an IT guy,
³ document, whether it's notes or correspondence or a	³ but it's an archiving system that even if I receive
⁴ corporate document or something like that.	⁴ an e-mail in Outlook and delete it, it's still
⁵ And so every client has a client number,	⁵ maintained in Mimecast. And so if I go into Mimecast
⁶ and so my practice is, when I save a document, I put	⁶ and do a search for every e-mail I ever received from
7 it for that client under that client's matter	⁷ Jason Clements, it would come up in there, even if I
⁸ number client number.	⁸ hadn't saved it into the SOLCO client file.
⁹ Q. And, Mr. Birrell, you received a subpoena	⁹ Q. And do you recall which names you searched
¹⁰ from the United States in this matter for the	¹⁰ in Mimecast?
¹¹ production of documents.	¹¹ A. I remember doing Neldon Johnson, his
¹² A. I did.	¹² wife's name. I can't remember what her name is.
¹³ Q. So how did you go about searching for	¹³ Jason Clements. All the names that showed up inside
¹⁴ documents responsive to that subpoena?	¹⁴ the SOLCO folder. There weren't that many people I
¹⁵ A. So I retrieved the physical file for the	¹⁵ interacted with, so
¹⁶ client, SOLCO. I did a review of our document	¹⁶ Q. Does the name Glenda Johnson ring a bell?
¹⁷ management system. I also have a practice of saving	¹⁷ A. That sounds right.
¹⁸ my e-mails into separate client files, and I pulled	¹⁸ Q. Okay. So that was your search for e-mail.
¹⁹ all of the e-mails from that.	¹⁹ And then in terms of the hard copy file, I think you
²⁰ Then we have a system as part of our	²⁰ said you what did you do with that?
²¹ e-mail called Mimecast that you're able to do a query	A. I photocopied it.
²² of everything that was received or sent. And so I	²² Q. And produced it to the United States?
²³ did a search for Neldon Johnson and Jason Clements	²³ A. Yeah, the entire folder. Everything that
²⁴ and the names that were involved to see if there were	²⁴ was in there.
²⁵ any e-mails that weren't in my SOLCO file that had	²⁵ Q. And then what about the NetDocuments?

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¹ A. So I did the NetDocument	search and ¹ at all.
² everything that was in NetDocum	
³ attachment to an e-mail. And so t	
 4 didn't produce multiple copies of 	
 ⁵ everything that was on there was 	
⁶ it.	6 to SOLCO?
⁷ Q. Okay. Did you withhold a	
⁸ the well, actually, let me ask this	
⁹ first.	⁹ and kind of like the marketing arm.
¹⁰ You mentioned that your cli	
¹¹ client matter that you saved things	
¹² A. (Witness nods head.)	¹² A. I think he may have been an independent
¹³ Q. Is that the name of the clie	
¹⁴ McConkie's recordkeeping purpose	person, kind of like a fie fils business before
¹⁵ A. Yes.	was ne nau a company caneu, nke, Orange insure
¹⁶ Q. Did you withhold any docu	or something like that, using insurance sales. And i
 had in your possession related to S A. Not that I'm aware of. 	and was involved in doing solar tenses for them. And
A. Not that the aware of.	r don't know the full hatter of the relationship
Q. Do you have any reason to	between nim and reading of and the other people,
documents that were once in your	
to SOLCO may have been desiroy	
	Wit. Clements, who, if anyone else, did you tak to
A. Tuo not.	
Q. All right. Mr. bineli, help i	
²⁵ understand how you first came to e	ven initiate a 25 A. All my phone calls were with Mr. Clements.
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¹ client matter at Kirton McConkie r	elated to SOLCO. I talked with Neldon Johnson and Glenda Johnson maybe
² A. So Jason Clements read	
³ attorney at our firm and asked if	
⁴ in the firm that could help with a	
⁵ It was referred to me and so I 1	
⁶ initial phone call or something.	
⁷ exactly how we started talking, I	
⁸ referral through another attorney	
⁹ Q. What's the name of that	
¹⁰ A. Randy Austin.	¹⁰ Mr. Clements?
¹¹ Q. Is that last name A-u-s	¹¹ A. I do not.
¹² A. A-u-s-t-i-n.	¹² Q. So even if regardless of what Mr.
¹³ Q. Do you happen to know v	
¹⁴ relationship Mr. Clements and Mr	
¹⁵ A. I believe they've lived in	
¹⁶ neighborhood, but I don't know	
¹⁷ exactly what relationship.	¹⁷ provided drafts of documents to. He was the one
¹⁸ Q. Once the matter was refe	
¹⁹ you talk with Mr. Austin at all about	-
²⁰ Mr. Clement or the content of the	
²¹ A. No, not that I recall.	²¹ Q. What understanding, if any, did you have
²² Q. Was Mr. Austin involved	
²³ with the SOLCO matter going for	about where will clements was getting the information
²⁴ A. No. Mr. Austin's practice	
²⁵ all tax-related, so he didn't he	

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1	from Neldon Johnson and the SOLCO folks, but I didn't	¹ confidential communications that may or may not
2	ask exactly where the stuff was coming from.	² relate to the creation or production of the letter,
3	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) And what	³ since those are often produced by attorneys for
4	understanding, if any, do you have about what he did	⁴ various business purposes.
5	with the information that you gave him?	⁵ MR. HILL: We don't take a position either
6	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Foundation.	⁶ way, whether the privilege is maintained or has been
7	THE WITNESS: My expectation was that he	⁷ waived. We just need to make sure that the privilege
8	was sharing it with Neldon Johnson, but I did not	⁸ is is not being asserted in order to permit the
9	know.	⁹ testimony to go forward so that we don't
10	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Do you remember	¹⁰ MR. AUSTIN: And it is being asserted, and
11	approximately when in the course of your	¹¹ every attorney has a duty to maintain the
12	representation I'm sorry in terms of the SOLCO	¹² attorney-client privilege unless it has been waived.
13	client matter you did speak to Neldon Johnson?	¹³ The privilege belongs to the client. And regardless
14	A. It was towards the end when we had kind of	¹⁴ of whether or not there's some affirmative
15	the documents all prepared. That was the only time.	¹⁵ representation, I would expect an attorney to
16	Q. And what about your conversation with	¹⁶ understand that the privilege must be maintained
17	Glenda Johnson?	¹⁷ unless there's an express waiver.
18	A. There was some e-mail correspondence. I	¹⁸ And, for the record, I think you can
19	don't know if there was ever a telephone	¹⁹ certainly ask him about the if you're going to ask
20	conversation. She was at that same meeting towards	²⁰ him about statements made in an opinion letter, you
21	the end with with Neldon. They were both there.	²¹ can certainly ask him questions about those to the
22	Jason.	²² extent that they don't encroach upon the privilege,
23	Q. Oh, okay. So that was a meeting?	²³ but beyond that I would certainly object.
24	A. Uh-huh (affirmative).	²⁴ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Mr. Austin, do you
25	Q. Yes?	²⁵ have an understanding of the confidentiality with
1	A. Yes. Sorry.	 which the Kirton McConkie memorandum that Mr. Birrell
2	Q. That's okay. All right. We'll circle	² wrote has been made public?
3	back to that meeting in a couple minutes.	³ MR. AUSTIN: I don't know if you listened
4	So what, Mr. Birrell, did you understand	⁴ to what I just said. I think that to the extent that
5	from Mr. Clements in your first contact with him?	⁵ you want to maintain the I don't think this is a
6	What did you all talk about?	⁶ letter that was ever intended to be a confidential
7	MR. HILL: I need to be sure raise an	⁷ attorney-client communication necessarily.
8	objection preliminarily. Ordinarily the question	⁸ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: And confidentiality,
9	you've asked would be protected by the	⁹ correct, is
10	attorney-client privilege. We don't continue to	¹⁰ MR. AUSTIN: Pardon?
11	represent that client. We understand that client has	¹¹ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: is the key to
12	separate representation. And we have a duty as the	¹² maintaining the attorney-client privilege, correct?
13	attorneys for that client to maintain that privilege	¹³ MR. AUSTIN: What are we are you
14	unless and until it has been waived or is not being	¹⁴ deposing me now, because I can cross-examine you too,
15	asserted by that client. And we're not parties to	¹⁵ but if you want to have an actual conversation, that
16	the lawsuit, so we look to counsel for the our	¹⁶ would work a little differently.
17	former client to raise the issue of privilege that's	¹⁷ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Well, Mr. Austin,
18 19	going to be raised in this issue.	¹⁸ I'm trying to understand the basis for the assertion
	MR. AUSTIN: Yes, and to the extent that	¹⁹ of the privilege.
20 21	it's appropriate for us to raise it, we do. I don't	²⁰ MR. AUSTIN: I think I I have rarely
21	think you're entitled to know about their	²¹ been accused of speaking too little, but if you want,
22	attorney-client communications. I think that to the	²² me to wax more eloquent, I think I can.
23	extent you're going to question him about an opinion	 The assertion of the privilege, Miss Hines
25	letter, I think that the fact that an opinion letter	
	was issued does not, in and of itself, waive the	²⁵ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Healy Gallagher.

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1	MR. AUSTIN: Healy Gallagher, excuse me.	¹ says, "Click here for our tax attorney memorandum
2	is that the communications regarding	² from Kirton McConkie on 'tax issues relating to
3	the reasons, rationals, motivations, thought	³ purchase of solar lenses."
4	processes, advice, underpinning the issuance of an	⁴ Did I read that correctly?
5	attorney opinion letter that may or may not be	⁵ A. Yes.
6	intended to be made public, as is often done for	⁶ Q. Would you please click on the "click here"
7	multiple business purposes, does not render all those	7 hyperlink?
8	communications nonconfidential or waive the	⁸ Mr. Birrell, what document popped up after
9	privilege.	⁹ you clicked on that link?
10	If I produce, for example, Miss Healy	¹⁰ A. It appears to be a copy of the memorandum
11	Gallagher, a contract, that doesn't and I provide	¹¹ that we provided to SOLCO.
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13	it to another party to sign, that does not mean that	Q. Okay. The very top line of that document,
14	I can now depose the attorney for the party that	what upes it say?
15	drafted the contract and ask them about everything	A. KITOI MCCOIKIE.
16	that was discussed in the context of coming up with	
17	that proposed contract draft. The work product	A. OCIODEI 3151, 2012.
	itself does not waive the privilege with regard to	
18	the production of the work product.	A. SOLCO I, LLC, allention weldon Johnson.
	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell, do	
20	you mind if I come around to stand next to you to	A. Kenneur w. Dirreil, me.
21	give you some instructions about this laptop?	²¹ Q. And what is the subject line?
22	A. No.	A. Tax issues relating to purchase of solar
23	Q. Mr. Birrell, the laptop that's in front of	²³ lenses.
24	you is currently on a blank tab in Google Chrome; is	²⁴ Q. How many pages is this memorandum,
25	that correct?	²⁵ Mr. Birrell?
1	27 MR. AUSTIN: I'll object with regard to	¹ A. Thirteen.
2	foundation.	2 Q. Thank you.
3	Go ahead.	³ A. Can we take a break for a minute for me to
4	THE WITNESS: It appears so, yes.	⁴ talk with my counsel?
5	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Okay.	⁵ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: We may go off the
6	Mr. Birrell, would you please type into the URL	⁶ record.
7	bar no www, just rapower3.com?	⁷ MR. AUSTIN: Well, back on the record for
8	A. Okay.	⁸ one moment.
9	Q. And press enter. Okay. Did a website	⁹ I'm just going to renew my objection that
10	come up in response to that command?	¹⁰ the privilege has not been waived and, as I indicated
11	A. Yes.	¹¹ previously, the fact that a letter has been made
12	Q. What does this website look to be?	¹² public does not render anything related to the
13	A. The name at the top is RaPower3.	¹³ production of the letter waived and I think breaching
14	Q. All right. Would you please go to the tab	¹⁴ the attorney-client privilege and inviting counsel to
15	that says Tax Info and click on it?	¹⁵ do so could place him in peril legally.
16	MR. AUSTIN: If the point of this exercise	¹⁶ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: We can go off the
17	is to demonstrate that the letter is on the Internet,	¹⁷ record.
18	then I think you're not listening to me. And maybe	¹⁸ (A break was taken from 9:44 a.m. to
19	instead of talking to Chris while I'm speaking to you	¹⁹ 9:50 a.m.)
20	and making an objection you'd understand the basis of	²⁰ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: We're back on the
21		MIS. TILALI GALLAGIILIN. WEIE BACK OIT THE
22	my objection. It's not that the letter itself is not	
23	obtainable.	Air right, wir. Austin, you know, as you
24	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Would you please	agreed and as we established with the withess, the
25	take a look, Mr. Birrell, down actually to the last	
11 ⁻	sentence that's visible on the page right now? It	²⁵ made public, so the contents of that memorandum,

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2	confidentiality has been waived by the client. MR. AUSTIN: Are you arguing to me on the	 ¹ conversation with you or I could have a meaningful ² legal analysis with you, but I've also been to law
3	record?	 ³ school and I also have have read legal cases.
4	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: I'm asking you if	⁴ And I understand that your position is,
5	you agree with that.	⁵ like most people who want to get a document into
6	MR. AUSTIN: You know that I don't. And,	 ⁶ evidence and ask an attorney about a document that
7	you know, you're not a judge.	 they have access to, that waiver extends to anything
8	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: But the contents of	⁸ and everything under the sun that could or could have
9	the memorandum, though, right, they have been made	⁹ related to that document, and it's just not that
10	public?	¹⁰ broad, Erin.
11	MR. AUSTIN: So what's your question?	¹¹ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Mr. Austin, I'm
12	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Then my question and	¹² trying to understand the underpinnings for your
13	the conversation that we're having is the scope of	¹³ privilege objection here, because there is authority
14	the waiver so	¹⁴ that does provide for a broad waiver of the facts and
15	MR. AUSTIN: There is no waiver.	¹⁵ information underlying a document that could have
16	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Having having	¹⁶ been privileged and the privilege has been waived.
17	made the memorandum containing Mr. Birrell's analysis	¹⁷ So what I want what I want to understand is I
18	public, attorney-client privilege has been waived	¹⁸ would like to cite a case on the record
19	with respect to the memorandum.	¹⁹ MR. AUSTIN: No, I'm not going to listen
20	MR. AUSTIN: Yeah, and I don't I don't	²⁰ to citations of authority on the record.
21	agree with you the way you're using I don't want	²¹ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Well, we're going to
22	to get very Clintonesque here, but you're stating	²² put on the record
23	propositions of laws as conclusions as if you're a	²³ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Not a question.
24	judge who has decided what the scope of waiver is in	²⁴ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Mr. Austin
25	this case.	²⁵ MR. AUSTIN: Exposition.
	31	33
1	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Well, my question	¹ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Stop cutting me off.
2	MR. AUSTIN: I agree with you that the	² MR. AUSTIN: Exposition on the record
3	document speaks for itself and that it exists and	³ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Mr. Austin
4	that it has been apparently disclosed on the website	⁴ MR. AUSTIN: Exposition on the record is
5	and maybe other places. So if your question to me is	⁵ inappropriate, Miss Gallagher. You are not going to
6	may you ask him to read from it, sure. May you ask	⁶ argue your legal case here on the record. This is a
7	him to offer any other testimony regarding the	 ⁷ deposition. I'm not the witness, so please direct
8	method, manner or other features of its creation, no.	⁸ your questions to the witness and behave
9	That's privileged. And you shouldn't be asking for	⁹ appropriately.
10	privileged information when the privilege has been	¹⁰ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: I am offering to
11	raised.	¹¹ Mr. Austin United States versus Bernard
12	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: So, Mr. Austin, I'm	¹² MR. AUSTIN: I object to your speech.
13	going to point you to a Tenth Circuit opinion, United	¹³ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: 877 F.2d 1463 from
14	States	¹⁴ the Tenth Circuit. That's June 7, 1989.
15	MR. AUSTIN: Erin, I'm not going to I'm	¹⁵ MR. AUSTIN: I'm going to object to this
16	not going to I'm not going to do you want to,	¹⁶ entire speech on the record. I would refer you to
	like, Lexis bash here and I'll find a case that I	¹⁷ the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Speeches on
17		¹⁸ the record where you make I don't want to look at
18	mean, you're not a judge, so you can't sit here and	
18 19	tell the witness or instruct me with regard to the	¹⁹ it. Speeches on the record, where you make legal
18 19 20	tell the witness or instruct me with regard to the scope of waiver.	 it. Speeches on the record, where you make legal argument in an attempt to persuade a witness to
18 19 20 21	tell the witness or instruct me with regard to the scope of waiver. MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Mr. Austin	 it. Speeches on the record, where you make legal argument in an attempt to persuade a witness to breach the attorney-client privilege once an
18 19 20 21 22	tell the witness or instruct me with regard to the scope of waiver. MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Mr. Austin MR. AUSTIN: I know it would be great if	 it. Speeches on the record, where you make legal argument in an attempt to persuade a witness to breach the attorney-client privilege once an objection has been raised is beyond inappropriate.
18 19 20 21 22 23	tell the witness or instruct me with regard to the scope of waiver. MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Mr. Austin MR. AUSTIN: I know it would be great if you could but you I'm not going to argue, you	 it. Speeches on the record, where you make legal argument in an attempt to persuade a witness to breach the attorney-client privilege once an objection has been raised is beyond inappropriate. Please ask your questions to the witness
18 19 20 21 22	tell the witness or instruct me with regard to the scope of waiver. MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Mr. Austin MR. AUSTIN: I know it would be great if	 it. Speeches on the record, where you make legal argument in an attempt to persuade a witness to breach the attorney-client privilege once an objection has been raised is beyond inappropriate.

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1	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Let the record	¹ and reasonably investigated the facts and relied upon
2	reflect Mr. Austin was offered a copy of this	² the tax advice provided by defendants' attorneys."
3	opinion, printed out for him to review, and he	³ Did I read that correctly?
4	declined to accept that copy.	⁴ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Form.
5	MR. AUSTIN: Let the record reflect that	5 THE WITNESS: Yes.
6	Miss Healy Gallagher is inappropriately attempting to	⁶ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Mr. Austin, it's our
7	grandstand in a deposition and waste everyone's time	⁷ position that the defendants have placed the advice
8	arguing points of law with another attorney in an	⁸ of their attorneys at issue in this case, and that
9	effort to breach the attorney-client privilege once	 ⁹ waives the attorney-client privilege with response
10	it's been raised.	¹⁰ to or with respect to the memorandum that
11	(EXHIBIT 353 WAS MARKED.)	¹¹ Mr. Birrell wrote. And in doing that we rely on
12	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Further, I will	¹² United States v. Evanson 584 F.3d 904, Tenth Circuit,
13	place on the record Plaintiff's Exhibit 353.	
14	MR. AUSTIN: I object to its admission.	2009. Thi oliening you a copy of that case now.
15	-	MIR. AOSTIN. Thank you.
16	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: And, Mr. Birrell,	WIS. TEALT GALLAGHER. DO YOU Have a
17	I'm just going to hand this to you because this is	
18	your deposition. You can take a look at this.	MIN. AUSTIN. TES, TUISAGIEE WILL YOU
19	MR. HILL: Thank you.	position.
20	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: And I'm also handing	WIS. HEALT GALLAGHER. OII WHAT DASIS?
21	a copy of Plaintiff's Exhibit 353 to Mr. Hill and to	MIN. AUSTIN. TITTIOL being deposed loday.
21	Mr. Austin.	If you want to tak to the about that after the
	For purposes of the record, Plaintiff's	deposition, pernaps we can speak.
23	Exhibit 353 is 49 pages total. The cover page is an	MO. HEALT GALLAGHER. GO ON METEOOIU.
24	e-mail from Christopher Moran. It was sent on	²⁴ (Discussion off the record.)
25	Thursday, December 1, 2016, to Tate Bennett,	²⁵ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: On the record,
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1	Donald Reay, Justin Heideman, with cc's to Erin Healy	¹ please.
2	Gallagher, Erin Hines, Travis Sorenson,	² MICHELLE: Hi, you have reached Michelle,
3	Christian Austin, with the subject, USA v. RaPower3,	³ case manager for U.S. Magistrate Judge Brooke Wells.
4	et al.; letter regarding Todd Anderson's subpoena	⁴ Please leave a message and I will return the call as
5	response.	⁵ soon as possible.
6	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Not a question.	⁶ OPERATOR: Record your message at the
7	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Next I would like to	⁷ tone. When you are finished, hang up or press pound
8	mark Plaintiff's Exhibit 354.	⁸ for more options.
9	(EXHIBIT 354 WAS MARKED.)	⁹ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Good morning. This
10	Q. I'm handing you, Mr. Birrell, what's been	¹⁰ is Erin Healy Gallagher representing the United
11	marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 354. For the record,	¹¹ States in United States versus RaPower3, case number
12	Plaintiff's Exhibit 354 is the Answer filed by	¹² 15-cv-828 .
13	defendants RaPower3, LLC, International Automated	¹³ I'm here at a deposition. We have
14	Systems, Inc., LTB1, LLC, and Neldon Johnson.	¹⁴ opposing counsel present, along with counsel for a
15	Mr. Birrell	¹⁵ witness, and we were hoping to touch base with
16	Off the record for one second, please.	¹⁶ Judge Wells on an issue that has come up about
17	(Discussion off the record.)	¹⁷ objections based on attorney-client privilege.
18	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Back on the record,	¹⁸ I will also try the docketing clerk and, if possible,
19	please.	¹⁹ to have a return call.
20	Q. All right. Mr. Birrell, would you please	²⁰ What's your cell phone number? Sorry about that.
1	take a look at page 21 of Plaintiff's Exhibit 354?	²¹ MR. MORAN: (202).
21		²² MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Please contact
21 22	A. Okay.	
	 A. Okay. Q. About in the middle of the page, under the 	WIS. HEALT GALLAGHEN. Flease contact
22	Q. About in the middle of the page, under the	MG. HEALT GALLAGHEN. Hease contact
22 23	-	²³ (202).

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1	MR. MORAN: 5172.	¹ number of conversations between Mr. Birrell and
2	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: 5172. We'll do our	² Mr. Clements is protected by attorney-client
3	best to reach you and if we can't, we will carry on	³ privilege?
4	here. Thank you so much.	⁴ MR. AUSTIN: When the clients talked, how
5	MR. AUSTIN: We're still on the record.	⁵ often they spoke, the manner and method of their
6	I want to state for the record, I haven't	⁶ communications, all those things are, in my view,
7	instructed the witness not to answer. This is not my	⁷ protected by the attorney-client privilege.
8	client, and I haven't instructed him not to answer,	⁸ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell,
9	nor has his counsel. So it's up to the witness to	⁹ will you follow the advice of your attorney?
10	decide whether or not to answer.	¹⁰ A. I will .
11	If the witness decides to answer, then you	¹¹ Q. Mr. Birrell, did Mr. Clements send you
12	want to not to answer, then you want to call Judge	¹² documents?
13	Wells? That might make sense, but go ahead and do	¹³ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
14	what you're doing. Otherwise, I will just state for	¹⁴ MR. HILL: On the basis of the privilege
15	the record that my client objects on the basis of	¹⁵ being asserted by the former client, I must instruct
16	attorney-client privilege. And no no judge can	¹⁶ the witness not to answer.
17	order my client not to raise the attorney-client	¹⁷ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Mr. Austin, what's
18	privilege.	¹⁸ the basis for the privilege objection as to whether
19	MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection	¹⁹ Mr. Clements sent Mr. Birrell documents?
20	that has been raised by the former client of	²⁰ MR. AUSTIN: The nature and the method and
21	Mr. Birrell, as Mr. Birrell's counsel I have a duty	²¹ manner of communication between an attorney and his
22	to instruct Mr. Birrell not to answer the question	²² counsel and the specific bases for provision of legal
23	that is pending.	²³ advice is inherently a communication between the
24	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell,	²⁴ attorney and the client, and that information is
25	were you going to answer the questions pending?	²⁵ privileged, in my view.
	39	41
1	A. On the advice of counsel, no.	¹ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell, did
2	WENDY: Sorry. Wendy Bernack is not	² you get facts and information from Mr. Clements that
3	available. Record your message at the tone. When	³ helped inform your legal analysis for SOLCO?
4	you are finished, hang up or press pound for more	⁴ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
5	options.	5 MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Off the record.
6	' MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: I'll just leave it	⁶ (Discussion off the record.)
7	at that.	⁷ MR. HILL: Without taking a position as to
8	MR. MORAN: Okay.	⁸ the application of the privilege, the former client
9	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Go off the record.	⁹ has raised the attorney-client privilege, and on that
10	(Discussion off the record.)	¹⁰ basis I will instruct the witness not to answer the
11	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Back on the record,	¹¹ guestion.
12	please.	¹² MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Mr. Austin, what's
13	Q. Mr. Birrell, about how many actual	¹³ the basis for your objection?
14	conversations did you have with Mr. Clements?	¹⁴ MR. AUSTIN: The method and manner of
15	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Found or,	¹⁵ communication between an attorney and a client, the
16	pardon me, privilege.	¹⁶ nature of the information exchanged and their
17	MR. HILL: Without taking a position as to	¹⁷ communications, unless waived, is privileged,
18	the application of the attorney-client privilege in	¹⁸ particularly under circumstances where it is already
19	this instance or of any contended waiver thereof, the	¹⁹ being argued and may be argued that any the
20	privilege has been asserted by the former client and	²⁰ disclosure of any information that would otherwise be
21	on that basis I must instruct the witness not to	²¹ privileged acts as a comprehensive waiver of any and
22	answer the question regarding client communications	²² all information relating to a communication or to a
23	until the privilege dispute has been resolved.	²³ provision of advice as it relates to one or more
24	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Mr. Austin, what's	²⁴ specific issues.
25	the basis for your privilege objection that the	²⁵ Based on that, I think in order to
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2	preserve the privilege, it is incumbent upon the	being asserted by the former courser rin sorry
3	party raising the privilege to object to any attempt	
4	to breach the attorney-client relationship in	
5	communications between the attorney and the client,	Q. (DY MS. REALY GALLAGRER) MI. DITEII,
6	including, without limitation, the method, manner and	 will you answer? A. I will follow the advice of counsel.
7	basis upon which legal advice is rendered. Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell, in	A. I will follow the advice of courisei.
8	drafting the memorandum did you rely on facts and	 ⁷ Q. Mr. Birrell, what facts did you learn from ⁸ any source other than Mr. Clements did you rely upon
9	information given to you by Mr. Clements?	⁹ in drafting your memo?
10	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	¹⁰ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
11	MR. HILL: If I could have a moment.	¹¹ MR. HILL: To the extent that you can
12	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Take your time.	¹² answer that question without disclosing the
13	MR. HILL: Could you read the question	¹³ communications the content of any communications
14	back, please?	¹⁴ with a client, I will I will raise the limited
15	(Record was read as follows:	¹⁵ objection as to privileged communications and allow
16	"Mr. Birrell, in drafting the memorandum did you	¹⁶ the question to be answered.
17	rely on facts and information given to you by	¹⁷ THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the
18	Mr. Clements?")	¹⁸ question?
19	MR. AUSTIN: Again, same objection.	¹⁹ (Record was read as follows:
20	Again, the basis thereof being that once it begins	²⁰ "Mr. Birrell, what facts did you learn from any
21	you begin an examination of the foundation for an	²¹ source other than Mr. Clements did you rely upon
22	attorney's provision of legal advice to a client,	²² in drafting your memo?")
23	then it could be argued that the door has been opened	²³ THE WITNESS: I did independent legal
24	with regard to the remainder of the foundation and	²⁴ research.
25	basis for the provision of that advice and,	²⁵ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) So do I
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1	accordingly, the question, as phrased, is calling for	¹ understand correctly withdraw that.
2	the disclosure of protected attorney-client	² So putting your legal research to one
3	information.	³ side, Mr. Birrell, was Mr. Clements your only source
4	MR. HILL: The problem with this one is	⁴ for facts about the proposed transaction that you
5	that it may or may not be calling for the disclosure.	 were examining for SOLCO?
6	If the answer is no, then it opens a line of	⁶ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
7	questioning that's not privileged or protected.	⁷ Especially to the extent
8	However, if the answer is yes, then it	⁸ MR. HILL: Go ahead and continue.
9	falls within the disputed assertion of privilege	⁹ MR. AUSTIN: I was going to say,
10	without taking a position as to the scope of the	¹⁰ especially to the extent that your question, as
11	privilege, its application or the argued waiver of	¹¹ phrased, is so broad that it could include
12	that privilege. The privilege has been raised as	¹² appropriate agents and/or others to whom the
13	to with respect to the content of that the	¹³ privilege would extend.
14	provisional content of the answer to that question,	¹⁴ MR. HILL: And because the answer to that
15	and on the basis of the privilege being asserted, I	¹⁵ question could disclose information, by inference,
16	have to instruct the witness not answer the question.	¹⁶ that could only be asserted or obtained through
17	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell?	¹⁷ attorney-client communication on the basis of the
18	A. I will follow the advice of counsel.	¹⁸ dispute as to the application of the privilege and
19	Q. Mr. Birrell, what was your what did you	¹⁹ any waiver, I will assert the privilege and instruct
20	learn from Mr. Clements about	²⁰ the client not to answer the question.
21	MR. AUSTIN: Object.	²¹ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell,
22	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) anything to do	²² will you answer the question?
23	with the transaction that they proposed?	A. I will follow the advice of counsel.
24	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	Q. Mr. Birrell, the memorandum that we looked
25	MR. HILL: On the basis of the privilege	²⁵ at from the Internet has to do with solar lenses. Do

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1	you recall that?	¹ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: We'll go off the
2	A. Yes.	² record.
3	Q. Did you ever see the solar lenses?	³ (Discussion off the record.)
4	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	⁴ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Back on the record,
5	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: What's the basis for	⁵ please.
6	your objection?	⁶ Q. All right. Mr. Birrell, there did come a
7	MR. AUSTIN: The question, as phrased, is	⁷ point in time, correct, where you drafted a
8	so broad as to encompass attorney-client	⁸ memorandum, the memorandum that we saw online earlier
9	communications regarding the business and legal	⁹ this morning, correct?
10	advice rendered in this instance and, accordingly,	¹⁰ A. Correct.
11	it's protected by the attorney-client privilege.	¹¹ MS. HEALY-GALLAGHER: Off the record,
12	Particularly, given that counsel has taken	¹² please, for a moment.
13	the position that any waiver of the privilege, in any	¹³ (Discussion off the record.)
14	respect as it relates to all or a portion of legal	¹⁴ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Back on the record,
15	advice, acts as a waiver of the privilege as to all	¹⁵ please.
16	issues that are or could be related to that legal	¹⁶ All right. Miss Hines has rejoined us on
17	advice.	¹⁷ the phone.
18	MR. HILL: I'm not going to instruct the	¹⁸ Q. Mr. Birrell, to whom did you send the
19	client not to answer that question.	¹⁹ memorandum?
20	THE WITNESS: No, I did not.	²⁰ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
21	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell, did	²¹ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: What's the basis for
22	you ever visit any site at which one or more solar	²² your privilege objection?
23	lenses were purportedly placed in service?	²³ MR. AUSTIN: That the method and manner of
24	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege and	²⁴ communication between an attorney and a client in the
25	foundation.	²⁵ communication and provision of legal advice is, by
	47	49
1	MR. MORAN: What's the basis for your	¹ definition, axiomatically attorney-client
2	privilege objection?	² communication. It's protected.
3	MR. AUSTIN: I think it's already well	³ MR. HILL: Without taking a position as to
4	stated on the record. But to the extent it would	⁴ the application of the asserted privilege,
5	help you, again, communications between the client	 attorney-client privilege or of any contended waiver
6	and the attorney regarding the lenses at issue,	⁶ thereof, the privilege has been asserted by the
7	whether or not they were quote, unquote, put in	 ⁷ client, and I will instruct the witness not to answer
8	service, the nature of that determination, all of	⁸ that question.
9	those are communications between the client and the	⁹ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell?
10	attorney that are directly related to the provision	¹⁰ A. I will follow the advice of counsel.
11	of legal advice, and that is protected by the	¹¹ Q. Mr. Birrell, other than the memorandum,
12	attorney-client privilege.	¹² did you draft any other documents for SOLCO?
13	MR. HILL: Can you read the question back,	¹³ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. May or may not
14	please?	¹⁴ call for the provision of information protected from
15	(Record was read as follows:	¹⁵ disclosure by the attorney-client privilege.
16	"Mr. Birrell, did you ever visit any site at	¹⁶ MR. HILL: To the extent you can answer
17	which one or more solar lenses were purportedly	¹⁷ the question without disclosing the content of
18	placed in service?")	¹⁸ communications with the client, I will allow you to
19	MR. HILL: Because the answer to that	¹⁹ answer the question.
20	question may implicate the issue of the disputed	²⁰ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell?
21	assertion of privilege, until the privilege issue is	A. On the advice of counsel, I will not
22	resolved, I'll instruct the client not to answer the	²² respond.
23	question.	²³ Q. Mr. Birrell, are you familiar with the
24	MR. AUSTIN: Let's go off the record for a	²⁴ name R. Gregory Shepard?
25	minute.	²⁵ A. Yes.

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1	Q. Who do you understand that to be?	¹ you receive any facts or documents from anyone acting
2	A. I understand that he is in some way	² on behalf of XSun Energy, LLC, in the course of
3	affiliated with SOLCO and Mr. Johnson, but I do not	³ preparing the memo for SOLCO?
4	know the details.	⁴ A. The documents that I received from
5	Q. Have you ever had any conversations with	⁵ Mr. Clements, I don't know if he was acting on behalf
6	Mr. Shepard?	⁶ of SOLCO or XSun or
7	A. Not to my recollection, no.	
8	Q. Have you ever had any other correspondence	Q. Do you have an understanding as to now, in
9		at all, Xouri Energy it into the transaction that you
10	or communication with Mr. Shepard?	
11	A. Not that I'm aware of, no.	
12	Q. How did you come to understand that he was	disclosure of protected attorney-client
13	connected with SOLCO and/or Mr. Johnson?	
13	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. May call for the	
	disclosure of information protected by the	understanding anses norm the content of
15	attorney-client privilege.	communications with the client of representative, r
16	MR. HILL: To the extent that you can	¹⁶ will instruct you not to answer, but allow you to ¹⁷ answer if you have knowledge independent of that
17	answer the question without reference to	answer if you have knowledge independent of that.
18	communication with a client, I'll allow the question.	
19	Otherwise, I will instruct the witness not to answer.	¹⁹ will not respond.
20	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell,
21	won't respond.	²¹ have you heard of an entity called RaPower3?
22	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) To your	²² A. Yes.
23	knowledge, Mr. Birrell, have you ever received any	²³ Q. What's your understanding of what RaPower3
24	information from Greg Shepard about SOLCO or the	²⁴ does?
25	transactions at issue in the memo?	A. I do not know. I did not hear about that
1	51 MR. AUSTIN: Objection. May call for the	53 ¹ entity during the representation of the client. I
2	disclosure of information protected by the	² only heard the name afterwards, when the lawsuit was
3	attorney-client privilege which, of course, extends	³ filed.
4	to agents of the client.	⁴ Q. What, if any, understanding do you have
	MR. HILL: To the extent you can answer	
6	the question without reference to a communication	 that you evaluated for SOLCO? MB_AUSTIN: Objection to the extent it
7	with a client or agent, I will allow you to answer	MIR. AUSTIN. Objection to the extent it
8	the question. Otherwise, I would instruct you not to	
9	answer.	THE WITNESS. Too hot have any.
10	THE WITNESS: I do not believe I have, no.	¹⁰ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell, do
	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell,	¹¹ you recognize the name Bryan Bolander?
12	have you heard of an entity called XSun Energy, LLC?	A. 163.
13	That's the letter X, capital S-u-n, space, Energy,	Q. What's the context that you have for
14	LLC.	
15	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. May call for the	A. My reconection is the is a i believe
10	disclosure of information protected by the	was a certified public accountant that had worked
18	attorney-client privilege.	with SOLCO of one of will Solinson's entities
19	MR. HILL: On the basis of privilege being	previously.
20	asserted, if you can answer the question without	
20	regard to communications with a client, former	A. Treceived communications from
22	client, I will allow the answer. Otherwise, I will	
23	instruct the witness not to answer.	Q. Did you ever speak with with bolander
24	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I will not respond	 23 yourself? 24 A. Not that I recall.
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1	Mr. Bolander in writing?	¹ will not respond.
2	A. Not that I recall.	² Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) At that meeting,
3	Q. What, if anything, did you get related to	³ Mr. Birrell, who, if anyone else, was also present?
4	Mr. Bolander from Mr. Clements?	⁴ MR. AUSTIN: Well, yeah, I'll object to
5	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Calls for	⁵ the extent that it discloses attorney-client
6	production of privileged information.	⁶ communications.
7	MR. HILL: On the basis of the asserted	⁷ MR. HILL: On the basis of the asserted
8	privilege, I will instruct the client not to answer	⁸ privilege raised by the prior client, I will instruct
9	to the extent it calls for the disclosure of	⁹ the witness not to answer the question until the
10	communications with the client regarding the subject	¹⁰ privilege dispute has been resolved.
11	matter of the representation. Otherwise, he is	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I
12	permitted to answer.	¹² will not respond.
13	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	¹³ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell,
14	won't respond.	¹⁴ what's your understanding of the use to which your
15	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell,	¹⁵ memorandum has been placed?
16	after you delivered your memorandum to Mr. Clements,	¹⁶ MR. AUSTIN: Objection to the extent it
17	was that the end of your client relationship with	¹⁷ calls for disclosure of privileged attorney-client
18	SOLCO?	¹⁸ communications.
19	MR. AUSTIN: Objection.	¹⁹ MR. HILL: On the basis of the asserted
20	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Actually, I'll	²⁰ privilege, I will instruct the client or the
21	withdraw that.	²¹ witness not to answer any portions or any portions of
22	Q. Once you delivered your memo to	²² the question which require the with reference to a
23	Mr. Clements, did you have any further correspondence	 ²³ communication with a client or agent. However, I
24	with him or anyone else on behalf of SOLCO?	 will allow the witness to answer any understandings
25	MR. AUSTIN: Objection, to the extent it	²⁵ he has independent of communications with the client
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2	communication.	² THE WITNESS: I understand that the
3	MR. HILL: To the extent you can answer	
4		³ memorandum has been posted on the website, posted by
	that question without disclosing a communication with	 ³ memorandum has been posted on the website, posted by ⁴ RaPower3.
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1	Did you talk to anyone about the content	¹ the C corp
2	of your testimony today other than discussing any	² A. An analysis
3	attorney-client privilege issues with your attorney?	³ Q. I'm sorry, let me finish the question.
4	A. No.	4 Which entity in the transaction did you
5	Q. All right. So, Mr. Birrell, what, if	 assume was a C corp?
6	anything, did you say to anyone asking or instructing	⁶ A. The purchaser of the lenses.
7	them to stop using your memorandum?	⁷ Q. And why was that important?
8	MR. AUSTIN: Objection to the extent it	⁸ A. Because the analysis is different based
9	calls for protected attorney-client information.	⁹ upon the type of taxpayer who purchases the lenses.
10	MR. HILL: On the basis of the asserted	¹⁰ Q. Why, Mr. Birrell, did you write this
11		
12	privilege, if your answer calls for the disclosure of	memorandum with the buyer as a C corp.
13	communication with a client, I'll instruct you not to	
14	answer. Otherwise, you may answer the question.	
14	THE WITNESS: I was contacted by a Special	communications.
16	Agent Lawson of the IRS who first informed me that	
10	the memorandum was available on the website. We	
18	discussed the fact it's a memorandum rather than an	
	opinion letter and that it was, by its very nature,	
19	addressed to the tax treatment of a C corporation,	wiii not respond.
20	purchaser of solar lenses, rather than an individual,	²⁰ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Very quickly,
21	and that it would not be applicable to somebody who	²¹ Mr. Birrell, we've mentioned Special Agent Lawson a
22	was an individual.	²² couple of times. Do you have an understanding of who
23	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Let's unpack	²³ Special Agent Lawson worked for?
24	that answer a little bit. Do you remember around	A. I believed for the IRS, but I'm not
25	when you first heard from Special Agent Lawson?	²⁵ certain.
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1	communications with him after the first meeting.	¹ Otherwise, if you have independent knowledge
2	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) With anyone at	² sufficient to answer the question, I'll allow it.
3	SOLCO?	³ THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of what their
4	A. Correct.	⁴ involvement was.
5	Q. Mr. Birrell, did you ever speak with any	⁵ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Please mark 355.
6	prospective buyers of the solar lenses?	6 (EXHIBIT 355 WAS MARKED.)
7	A. Shortly after we provided the memorandum	⁷ Q. Mr. Birrell, I'm handing you what has been
8	to them there was one caller. I spoke with them for	 ⁸ marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 355. Would you please
9	10 or 15 minutes. It wasn't a very long	⁹ take a look at this document, refresh your
10	conversation. I don't remember the details of	¹⁰ recollection of it and let me know when you're
11	whether it was an individual or an entity or what,	¹¹ finished.
12	but there was one conversation with somebody that was	¹² While you do that, for the record,
13	possibly interested.	 Plaintiff's Exhibit 355, it's Bates-marked KM00083
14	Q. Do you remember any of the content of that	¹⁴ through 90.
15	conversation?	¹⁵ A. It is an e-mail from Jason Clements to me.
16	A. They were aware of the opportunity, and	¹⁶ Q. And the date of this e-mail is Wednesday,
17	there was some limited discussion. When I entered a	¹⁷ August 15, 2012, correct?
18	time entry for that conversation, it was sent as part	¹⁸ A. Correct.
19	of the billing to the client, and they instructed me	¹⁹ Q. Mr. Birrell, what's the context for your
20	not to speak with anybody else without their prior	²⁰ having received this e-mail from Mr. Clements?
21	approval, and so I did not engage in any other	²¹ MR. AUSTIN: Objection to the extent it
22	conversations after that time.	²² calls for privileged communications.
23	Q. You said that someone instructed you not	²³ MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,
24	to speak with any other	²⁴ to the extent your answer with respect to the context
25	A. Glenda Johnson.	²⁵ implicates a communication with a client or agent,
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1	O Sorry Lot mo finish the question so that	¹ I'll instruct the witness pat to answer. Otherwise
2	 Q. Sorry. Let me finish the question so that it's clear for the record. 	
3	Who was it that instructed you not to	 you may answer only to the extent it's not implicating any such communication.
4	speak with anyone else or prospective buyers in the	⁴ THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I
5	future?	⁵ will not respond.
6	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privileged.	⁶ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell, do
7	THE WITNESS: Glenda Johnson.	⁷ you see the line that says, "Attachments: Info for
8	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) And forgive me	⁸ accountants_new2.pdf"?
9	if you may have already answered this. Do you	⁹ A. Ido.
10	remember anything about the prospective buyer that	¹⁰ Q. And in the body of the e-mail it says,
11	you spoke with?	¹¹ "Ken, we send out the attached document to clients to
12	A. I do not.	¹² help their accountants quickly understand what the
13	Q. Mr. Birrell, do you recognize the name	 program is and how to take care of accounting for
14	Sam Alba?	¹⁴ it."
15	A. I do not.	н.
16	Q. Or the law firm Snow, Christensen?	¹⁵ Did I read that correctly? ¹⁶ A. Yes.
17	A. I'm aware of the law firm.	¹⁷ Q. Do you have an understanding of who "we"
18	 A. The aware of the law firm. Q. Do you have any recollection of how Snow, 	¹⁸ is at the beginning of that sentence?
19	Christensen may have been involved, to any extent,	¹⁹ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
20	with the SOLCO client matter?	²⁰ MR. HILL: To the extent yeah, on the
21	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	²¹ basis of the asserted privilege, until the disputed
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23	MR. HILL: On the basis of the asserted privilege objection, to the extent any portion of	 privilege issue is resolved, I'll instruct the witness not to answer.
24	your answer would implicate communications with a	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I
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Q. (DT WO. TEALT GALLAGTER) Would you take a	¹ did you rely upon in drafting your memorandum?
look, please, sir, at Kivio4 tillough 90?	
A. Tes.	
Q. Those pages appear to be the title of	
 this appears to be Information for Accountants. Do you see that? 	
you see that:	
A. 165.	dispute privilege issue is resolved, i will instruct
Q. At the top of page (two+:	
A. Tes.	question.
¹⁰ Q. And this is a document on behalf of XSun	THE WITNESS. OIT the advice of coursel, i
Ellergy. Do you see that?	wiii not respond.
A. 163.	(EXHIBIT 330 WAS WARKED.)
Q. IVIT. DITTEIL, WHAL, IT ANYTHING, did you do	
with this document from ASun Energy:	Indiked as Fidintin S Exhibit 350. Flease take a
ININ. AUSTIN. Objection. Filvliege.	IOOK at that exhibit, and let the know when you are
WIN. THEE. TO the extent your answer on	
¹⁷ the basis of the asserted privilege, to the extent	
¹⁸ your answer would disclose a communication with a	Dates-marked Rivio0007 timough 02.
 client or its contents, I'll instruct you not to answer. Otherwise, if you can answer without 	A. It is an e-mail from Jason Clements to me,
answer. Otherwise, if you can answer without	with valious attaciments.
reference to such communications, you are permitted.	Q. Of the cover page for Fiantum s
THE WITHEOD. Treviewed the document.	Exhibit 550 is the e-mail that you mentioned. The
Q. (DI NO. HEALT GALLAGHER) DIG you use any	uale on that e-mail is August 15, 2012, conect?
information nom this document as any part of the	A. Coneci.
²⁵ factual basis for your legal analysis in the memo?	²⁵ Q. That's from Jason Clements to you, right?
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¹ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privileged.	¹ A. Correct.
² MR. HILL: I'd be interested in the	² Q. The e-mail lists a series of attachments
³ defendants' realms for the asserted privilege before	³ in that line. Do you see that?
⁴ I raise an instruction for my client on that point.	⁴ A. I do.
⁵ MR. AUSTIN: Well, yeah, I would just say	⁵ Q. And do you see the attachments actually in
⁶ that this is what happens when you start answering	⁶ Plaintiff's Exhibit 356 that are listed on the cover
⁷ potentially de minimus or harmless questions, because	⁷ e-mail?
⁸ now we're getting into the potential bases for the	⁸ A. Yes.
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² are allowed to answer. Otherwise, I would instruct	² at acknowledgement of client, in the "by" line there
³ the witness not to answer the question.	³ is a signature there. Do you know whose signature
⁴ THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	⁴ that is?
^₅ will not respond.	5 A. It appears to be Neldon Johnson.
6 (EXHIBIT 358 WAS MARKED.)	⁶ Q. And next to Mr. Johnson's name it says
⁷ Q. Mr. Birrell, I'm handing you what's been	⁷ International Automated Sys, Inc. Do you see that?
⁸ marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 358. Please take a look	⁸ A. Yes.
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¹² Mr. Birrell, what is Plaintiff's Exhibit	¹² by Mr. Johnson.
¹³ 358?	¹³ Q. Do you have an understanding of what, if
¹⁴ A. This is the engagement letter between our	¹⁴ any, relationship International Automated Systems had
¹⁵ firm and XSun Energy, LLC.	¹⁵ in the question presented to you for your analysis?
¹⁶ Q. The date on the retainer is August 24,	¹⁶ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
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¹⁹ THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	¹⁹ there appears to be handwriting that says, "Written
²⁰ will not respond.	²⁰ 11-15-10"? Did I read that correctly?
²¹ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Take a look,	²¹ A. Yes.
²² please, at the last page of Plaintiff's Exhibit 358.	²² Q. Whose handwriting is that?
²³ Mr. Birrell, is that your signature in the signature	²³ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
²⁴ block?	²⁴ MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,
²⁵ A. Above Kenneth Birrell, yes.	²⁵ to the extent you are able to answer the question
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¹ without regard to any communications with a client of	A. Other than seeing this, no.
² agent, you are permitted to answer. Otherwise, I	² Q. Do you have any idea of the date on which
³ would instruct you not to answer.	³ this letter was written?
4 THE WITNESS: I do not know.	⁴ A. No.
⁵ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Did you ma	ske ∫ ⁵ Q. Who gave you Plaintiff's Exhibit 360?
⁶ that notation, Mr. Birrell?	6 MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
⁷ A. I did not.	⁷ MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,
⁸ Q. Who did you get this document from,	⁸ if you are able to answer the question without regard
⁹ Mr. Birrell?	⁹ to a communication between a client or agent, you are
¹⁰ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	¹⁰ permitted to answer. Otherwise, I will instruct the
¹¹ MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,	¹¹ witness not to answer the question.
¹² to the extent you are able to answer the question	¹² THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I
¹³ without regard to any communication with a client or	¹³ will not respond.
¹⁴ agent, you are permitted to answer. Otherwise, I	¹⁴ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Do you recall
¹⁵ will instruct the witness not to answer.	¹⁵ when you received Plaintiff's 360?
¹⁶ THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	¹⁶ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
¹⁷ will not respond.	¹⁷ THE WITNESS: I do not.
¹⁸ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) What, if	¹⁸ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell, if
¹⁹ anything, did you do with Plaintiff's Exhibit 359	¹⁹ you could take a look back at Plaintiff's 359
²⁰ I'm sorry. What, if anything, did you do with	²⁰ Plaintiff's Exhibit 359. Do you recall when you
²¹ Plaintiff's Exhibit 359 or the information in it?	²¹ received Plaintiff's Exhibit 359?
²² MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	²² A. I do not.
²³ MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,	²³ Q. Do you recall if it was before or after
²⁴ to the extent you are able to answer the question	²⁴ you wrote your memorandum?
²⁵ without regard to any communication with a client or	²⁵ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
¹ an agent, you are permitted to answer. Otherwise, I	79 81 ¹ MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,
² instruct you not to answer.	² until the disputed privilege issue is resolved, I'll
³ THE WITNESS: I reviewed it. Otherwise,	³ instruct the witness not to answer the question.
⁴ on the advice of counsel, I will not respond further.	⁴ THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I
⁵ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) What, if any,	⁵ will not respond.
⁶ information in Plaintiff's Exhibit 359 did you rely	⁶ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) And looking back
⁷ on in drafting your memorandum?	⁷ at Plaintiff's Exhibit 360, do you remember whether
⁸ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	⁸ you received Plaintiff's Exhibit 360 before or after
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 A. It appears to be a letter from Cloward and Sorenson, LLC, to International Automated Systems, 	 to the extent the witness is able to answer the question without regard to any communication with a
²³ Inc.	 client or agent, he'll be permitted to answer.
²⁴ Q. Have you ever heard of Cloward and	²⁴ Otherwise, I will instruct the witness not to answer.
²⁵ Sorenson, LLC?	²⁵ THE WITNESS: I reviewed it. Otherwise,

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1	on the advice of counsel, I will not respond further.	MR. AUSTIN. Objection. Phyliege.
2	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) What, if any,	² MR. HILL: I'll allow the answer.
3	information in Plaintiff's Exhibit 360 did you rely	³ THE WITNESS: I revised them. I do not
4	upon in writing your memorandum?	⁴ think I drafted them from whole cloth.
5	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	⁵ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) What makes you
6	MR. HILL: On the basis of the privileged	⁶ think that?
7	objection, until the disputed privilege issue is	⁷ MR. HILL: To the extent that the answer
8	resolved, I'll instruct the witness not to answer the	⁸ to that question implicates a communication with a
9	question.	⁹ client or an agent, I'll instruct the witness not to
10	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	¹⁰ answer on the basis of attorney-client privilege.
11	will not respond.	¹¹ Otherwise, if he can answer independent of the
12	(EXHIBIT 361 WAS MARKED.)	¹² communication with the client, he is permitted.
13	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell, I'm	¹³ THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I
14	handing you what's been marked Plaintiff's	¹⁴ will not respond.
15	Exhibit 361. Please take a look at that.	¹⁵ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) In the first
16	For the record, Plaintiff's Exhibit 361 is	¹⁶ line of Plaintiff's Exhibit 361 you say, "Attached
17	Bates-marked KM00112 through 143.	¹⁷ are generalized versions of the purchase agreement,"
18	A. Yes.	¹⁸ with a parenthetical, "in the operation and
19	Q. Do you recognize Plaintiff's Exhibit 361,	¹⁹ maintenance agreement."
20	Mr. Birrell?	20 What did you mean by "generalized
21	A. Yes.	²¹ version"?
22	Q. What is it?	²² MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
23	A. It is an e-mail from me to Jason Clements,	²³ MR. HILL: Because this communication has
24	with various attachments.	²⁴ been previously disclosed and is not subject to an
25	Q. You sent this e-mail on Tuesday,	²⁵ unwaived privilege and is asking for the meaning of
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A. Correct.	6	discussions with your counsel about any attorney-
Q. And, Mr. Birrell, did you intend for the	7	client privilege issues?
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privilege.	10	questions this morning, did you remember anything
MR. HILL: To the extent on the basis	11	additional or supplemental or different than the
of the objection, to the extent the answer to the	13	answers that you gave this morning that you'd like to
question can be made without reference to any	14	address now? A. No.
communication with a client or agent of the client, the witness is permitted to answer. Otherwise, I	15	Q. All right. We're going to try Judge
would instruct the witness not to answer.	16	Wells' chambers.
THE WITNESS: It was expected to be an	17	MICHELLE: This is Michelle.
entity.	18	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Hi, Michelle. This
Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) And, in fact,	19	is Erin Healy Gallagher calling from the U.S.
you wrote this Operation and Maintenance Agreement	20	Department of Justice, the tax division. How are
expressly for an owner to be an entity.	21	you?
MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Form.	22	MICHELLE: I'm fine, thank you. How are
THE WITNESS: Correct.	23	you?
Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Let's take a	24	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: I'm well.
look, please, at KM141, the secured promissory note.	25	We're actually on the record in the course
91		93
In the secured promissory note, Mr. Birrell, the word	1	of a deposition in the United States versus RaPower3,
"borrower" is a defined term, correct?	2	et al., case, and I have that case number for you if
A. Correct.	3	you like.
Q. And you anticipated that the borrower on	4	MICHELLE: Okay, please.
the secured promissory note would be an entity,	5	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: 15-cv-828.
correct?	6	MICHELLE: Okay.
A. Correct.	7	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: And it's Judge
Q. Mr. Birrell, what, if anything, happened	8	Nuffer's case, also assigned to Judge Wells.
next with respect to these generalized documents	9	MICHELLE: Okay.
MR. AUSTIN: Object.	10	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: And we were I was
Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) after you	11	wondering we saw that the judge, of course, had
sent them to Mr. Clements?	12	issued the short form discovery practice order, and
MR. AUSTIN: Objection privilege.	13 14	in that short form
MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,	15	MICHELLE: Okay. Let me transfer you. I
to the extent your answer would disclose the	16	was just wondering if you were going to ask to speak
communication with a client or agent, or the	17	to the judge, because she's out of town, but let me have you speak to the law clerk that's handling that
substance of a communication, I instruct you not to answer. However, otherwise, you are permitted to	18	case. Let me see if he's in. Hold on just a minute.
proceed with the answer.	19	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Well, actually, if
THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	20	the judge is out of town, we can probably move
will not respond.	21	forward here on our own.
MS. HEALY-GALLAGHER: Go off the record,	22	I'm already being transferred. Okay.
please.	23	Sorry.
(A break was taken from 12:09 p.m. to	24	VOICE MESSAGE: Sorry, Matthew Williams is
1:08 p.m.)	25	not available. Record your message at the tone.

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1	When you are finished, hang up or press pound for	¹ A. Yes.
2	more options.	² Q. All right, Mr. Birrell. The text of your
3	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Hello, Matthew.	³ e-mail to Mr. Clement says, "Please see the attached
4	This is Erin Healy Gallagher calling from the U.S.	⁴ memo which contains a generalized analysis of the tax
5	Department of Justice, Tax Division, with respect to	⁵ consequences relating to purchasing the solar lenses.
6	case United States versus RaPower3, Case Number	⁶ Please note that this analysis is limited to
7	15-cv-828. We're actually on the record in a	⁷ C corporations. There would be different issues for
8	deposition. We had a question for the judge pursuant	⁸ an individual, partnership or S corporation
9	to the short form discovery practice order, but we	⁹ purchaser."
10	understand that the judge is out of town, so I think	¹⁰ Did I read that correctly?
11	we probably wouldn't able to get an answer anyway so	¹¹ A. Yes.
12	all is well.	¹² Q. What did you mean by "generalized
13	If you have any questions, you can feel	¹³ analysis" in the first sentence?
14	free to contact Chris Moran at (202) 305-5172.	¹⁴ A. The analysis didn't apply to any specific
15	Thanks so much.	¹⁵ purchaser, but it was based upon the generic facts
16	You want to call Erin back?	¹⁶ described in the memo.
17	Off the record.	¹⁷ Q. And in the second sentence, noting that
18	(Discussion off the record.)	¹⁸ the analysis is limited to C corporations, why was
19	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Back on the record,	¹⁹ that important to you to state at the outset?
20	please.	²⁰ A. As mentioned earlier, there are different
21	(EXHIBIT 362 WAS MARKED.)	²¹ issues that would need to be addressed if you had
22	Q. Mr. Birrell, I'm handing you what's been	²² somebody other than a C corporation as the purchaser.
23	marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 362. Take a look at	²³ Q. So if a purchaser was someone other than
24	that, please.	²⁴ an entity taxed as a C corporation, your analysis
25	For the record, Plaintiff's Exhibit 362 is	²⁵ might change?
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1	Datas marked KN1149 through 162	¹ A. Yes.
2	Bates-marked KM148 through 163. A. Yes.	² Q. Let's take a look at the memorandum
3		³ itself. It starts on page KM150. The memorandum is
4	Q. Mr. Birrell, this is an e-mail from you to Mr. Clement, correct?	 addressed to SOLCO I, LLC, attention Neldon Johnson,
5	A. Correct.	⁵ correct?
6		⁶ A. Correct?
7	Q. You sent this on Wednesday, October 31, 2012?	
8	A. Correct.	 Q. Why is this memorandum addressed to SOLCO rather than XSun Energy or IAS, for example?
9		Tauler than ASun Energy of IAS, for example?
10	Q. The subject is "Re: Generalized	WIR. AUSTIN. Objection. Phyliege.
11	documents."	
12	Do you see that? A. Yes.	 to the extent the witness can answer the question without reference to a communication with a client or
13		without reference to a communication with a citerit of
14	Q. And the attachment is "Tax issues relating	an agent, he is permitted to answer. Otherwise, i
15	to purchase of solar lenses memo.pdf."	
16	Do you see that?	
17	A. Yes.	wiii not respond.
18	Q. And if you'd take a look, please, at pages	Q. (DT WO. TIEAET GALLAGTIER) WIII you take a
19	KM150 through 163.	look, please, sil, at the list sentence of the
20	Off the record, please.	executive summary on this page? It says, The solar
20	(Discussion off the record.)	
22	Q. Back on the record, please.	lenses / will quality as energy property that is
22	Mr. Birrell, we're looking at pages KM150	cligible for the chergy tax credit drider bode
23	through 163. Do those pages appear to be the memo	Section 40.
24	that is identified in the attachments field in your	Bid Fread that correctly :
	e-mail?	²⁵ A. Yes.

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¹ Q. Where did you get the information that the	¹ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) On this page,
 ² solar lenses would qualify as energy property under 	² Mr. Birrell, do you see references to Exhibit A,
³ Section 48?	³ Purchase Agreement; Exhibit B, promissory note', and
⁴ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	⁴ Exhibit C, the Operation and Maintenance Agreement?
⁵ MR. HILL: To the extent the answer can be	⁵ A. Yes.
⁶ given without reference to a communication with the	⁶ Q. Are those exhibits the documents that you
⁷ client or an agent, the witness is allowed to answer.	⁷ drafted?
⁸ Otherwise, to the extent it does implicate such	⁸ A. They are the documents in the previous
⁹ communication, I would instruct the witness not to	⁹ exhibits, yes.
¹⁰ answer on the basis of the objection.	¹⁰ Q. So that would be referring to the
¹¹ THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	¹¹ documents attached to your e-mail in Plaintiff's
¹² will not respond.	¹² Exhibit 361?
¹³ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Take a look,	¹³ A. Yes.
¹⁴ please, at the first sentence of the last paragraph	¹⁴ Q. Other than your comments, Mr. Birrell,
¹⁵ on this page. It says, "The solar lenses will be	¹⁵ about the exhibits in this factual background, where
 eligible for depreciation under Code Section 168(a) 	¹⁶ did you get the information that supports the factual
¹⁷ as five-year property."	¹⁷ background laid out in your letter?
¹⁸ Did I read that correctly?	¹⁸ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
¹⁹ A. Yes.	¹⁹ MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,
²⁰ Q. Where did you get the information that the	²⁰ to the extent the witness can answer the question
²¹ lenses would be eligible for depreciation?	²¹ without reference to a communication with the client
²² MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	²² or an agent of the client, he may proceed with an
²³ MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection	²³ answer. Otherwise, I instruct him not to answer the
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1	know when you're done.	¹ speak for themselves. And privileged.
2	For the record, Plaintiff's Exhibit 363 is	² MR. HILL: If the witness can answer that
3	marked with Bates numbers KM00164 through 208.	³ guestion without reference to a communication from
4	A. It is an e-mail from me to Mr. Clements	
5		
6	with various attachments.	
7	Q. Mr. Birrell, you sent this e-mail on	
	Friday, November 9, 2012, correct?	
8	A. Correct.	wiii not respond.
9	Q. And the subject is "revised documents"?	⁹ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) What were your
10	A. Correct.	¹⁰ revisions to the purchase agreement?
11	Q. And there is a list of documents	¹¹ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
12	identified as attachments to this e-mail. Do you see	¹² MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,
13	those documents included in Plaintiff's Exhibit 363?	¹³ I'll instruct the witness not to answer the question
14	A. Yes.	¹⁴ unless he can do so without reference to a
15	Q. Those attachments are a solar lens I'm	¹⁵ communication with the client.
16	sorry solar lenses purchase agreement at KM165,	¹⁶ THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I
17	right?	¹⁷ will not respond.
18	A. Correct.	¹⁸ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell,
19	Q. And an operation and maintenance agreement	¹⁹ what, if any, communications did you have with your
20	at KM176?	²⁰ client between October 31, 2012, and November 9,
21	A. Correct.	²¹ 2012, that – well, I'll just leave it at that.
22	Q. A secured promissory note at KM193?	²² MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
23	A. Correct.	²³ MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,
24	Q. And a memorandum from you to SOLCO I,	²⁴ until the privilege dispute is resolved, I will
25	attention Neldon Johnson, dated November I'm	 ²⁵ instruct the witness not to answer the question.
	attention heldon Johnson, dated hovember Th	
	103	105
1	sorry dated October 31, 2012, regarding tax issues	¹ THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I
2	relating to purchase of solar lenses at KM196; is	² will not respond.
3	that right?	³ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) What, if any,
4	A. Correct.	⁴ conversations or communication did you have with your
5	Q. Mr. Birrell, do you recall why you sent	⁵ client after you sent these revised documents?
6	revised documents to Mr. Clements?	⁶ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
7	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	⁷ MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,
8	MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,	⁸ until the privilege dispute is resolved, I will
9	to the extent the witness can answer the question	⁹ instruct the witness not to answer the question.
10	without reference to any communication with the	¹⁰ THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I
11	client or an agent of the client, I will allow the	¹¹ will not respond.
12	client to answer the question. Otherwise, I would	¹² Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) With respect to
13	instruct the witness not to answer.	¹³ the memorandum and the form agreement documents, did
14	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	¹⁴ you do any subsequent work on these documents after
15	will not respond.	¹⁵ you sent these revisions?
16	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Who asked you to	¹⁶ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
17	revise the memorandum and purchase agreement?	¹⁷ THE WITNESS: On the basis of the
18	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	¹⁸ objection, to the extent the witness can answer that
19	MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection I	¹⁹ question in a way that does not implicate a
20	-	
20	will instruct the witness not to answer the question.	
	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel,	
	and the second sec	
22	will not respond.	
22 23	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) What were your	²³ not to answer.
22 23 24	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) What were your revisions to the memorandum?	 not to answer. THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I
22 23	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) What were your	²³ not to answer.

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1	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell, do	¹ Q. So, for example, on the date 9-25-12, the
2	you know whether these documents in Exhibit 363 are	² initials KWB appear after that date. Are those your
3	the final versions that you sent to your client?	³ initials?
4	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	⁴ A. They are.
5	Particularly now that you're asking about documents	⁵ Q. Then there is a description that says,
6	that have not been disclosed.	⁶ "Conference with N. Johnson and J. Clement re:
7	MR. HILL: The documents	⁷ revisions to documents for standard transactions."
8	MR. AUSTIN: Well, if there is another	⁸ Did I read that correctly?
9	version, then and you don't have it, then that's a	⁹ A. Yes.
10	document that has not been produced. Now you're just	¹⁰ Q. And hours for that entry are .7. Is that
11	asking if there's a confidential document he's	¹¹ right?
12	willing to tell you about.	¹² A. Yes.
13	MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,	¹³ Q. Does that mean .7 of an hour?
14	until the privilege dispute can be resolved, I'll	¹⁴ A. Yes.
15	instruct the witness not to answer the question.	¹⁵ Q. And the date on this invoice is October 8,
16	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	¹⁶ 2012. Do you see that?
17	will not respond.	¹⁷ A. Yeah. Yes.
18	(EXHIBIT 364 WAS MARKED.)	¹⁸ Q. So it appears to me, Mr. Birrell, that you
19	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) I'm handing you,	¹⁹ would have input this information for your firm's
20	sir, what's been marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 364.	²⁰ recordkeeping purposes between September 25th, 2012,
21	Please take a look at that.	and October 8, 2012. Do I understand that correctly?
22	For the record, Plaintiff's 364 is Bates-	²² MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Does he
23	marked KM0014 through 25.	²³ understand your understanding correctly?
24	A. Yes.	²⁴ MR. HILL: You can answer.
25	Q. What is Plaintiff's Exhibit 364?	²⁵ THE WITNESS: Yes, I expect that the
	107	109
1		
2	A. It's various invoices from our firm to	information was entered between 9-25 and 10-0.
3	Mr. Johnson of XSun Energy.	Q. (DT WS. REALT GALLAGRER) SO IOI THE OTHER
4	Q. Mr. Birrell, to the best of your	
5	knowledge, was the information on these invoices	and please leer field to take a look and satisfy
6	provided to your firm at or near the time at or	yoursell of this. Do you have any reason to believe
7	near the dates that appear on these invoices?	that your entries of this mornation were not made
8	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Foundation.	
9	Privilege.	8 A. No.
10	MR. HILL: Can you restate the repeat	Q. SU IELS LAKE A IOOK DACK AL LITAL PAYE,
11	the question, please.	Nin 15, please. Thead the description for the first
12	(Record was read as follows:	line terr a moment ago.
13	"Mr. Birrell, to the best of your knowledge, was	A. (Withess flous flead.)
14	the information on these invoices provided to	Q. The description says, conference with N.
14	your firm at or near the time at or near the	bolinson and 5. Olement. Does that have any impact on
15	dates that appear on these invoices?")	
10	MR. HILL: I'm not sure I understand the	at the beginning of the engagement of only at the
18	question. I'm sorry, I'm not trying to be difficult.	
19	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Sure. No, I can ask	
20	it a different way.	with somison, but he must have been on the phone that
	Q. Let's take a look at the first couple of	
21	pages, Mr. Birrell. If you take a look at page KM15,	Q. And you think that because his hame is
22 23	1-5, this appears to be part of an invoice with	 also in the description with Mr. Clement? A Yes I don't know why I would have put
23	specific line items on it.	A. Tes. I don't know why I would have put
	Do you see that?	 that there if he hadn't been on the call. That same line item also mentions
	n Voo	²⁵ Q. That same line item also mentions
25	A. Yes.	

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1	revisions to documents for standard transactions,	¹ A. Correct.
2	correct?	² Q. Your initials are next to the date,
3	A. Correct.	³ correct?
4	Q. So do I take that to mean that you	⁴ A. Correct.
5	received documents from your client that you then	⁵ Q. And the description reads, "Review
6	revised to provide back to them?	⁶ questions and comments from J. Clement on
7	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	⁷ standardized transaction documents and reasoned
8	MR. HILL: To the extent that on the	⁸ analysis relating to same."
9	basis of the objection, to the extent you can answer	⁹ Did I read that correctly?
10	that question independent of communication with the	¹⁰ A. Yes.
11	client or its agent, you may proceed with an answer.	¹¹ Q. What were Mr. Clement's questions and
12	Otherwise, I instruct you not to answer the question.	¹² comments?
13	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	¹³ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
14	will not respond.	¹⁴ MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,
15	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Why were	¹⁵ I will instruct the witness not to answer the
16	Mr. Johnson and Mr. Clement seeking revisions to	¹⁶ question.
17	their documents for standard transactions?	¹⁷ THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I
18	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	¹⁸ will not respond.
19	MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,	¹⁹ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) At any time
20	until the privilege dispute is resolved, I will	²⁰ during this conversation did Mr. Clement tell you
21	instruct the witness not to answer the question.	²¹ that any comment or question came from someone other
22	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	²² than him?
23	will not respond.	²³ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
24	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) What, if any,	²⁴ MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,
25	facts did Mr. Johnson and/or Mr. Clement give you in	²⁵ until the privilege dispute is resolved, I will
1 2	111 that conversation about the transaction they asked you to evaluate?	 instruct the witness not to answer. THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I
3	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	³ will not respond.
4	MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,	⁴ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) What, if
5	until the dispute privilege dispute is resolved, I	⁵ anything, else did you talk about with Mr. Clement on
6	am instructing the witness not to answer the	⁶ November 8th, 2012?
7	question.	⁷ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
8	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	⁸ MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,
9	will not respond.	⁹ until the privilege dispute is resolved, I will
10	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) What, if	¹⁰ instruct the witness not to answer that question.
11	anything, else did you talk about with Mr. Johnson	¹¹ THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I
12	and Mr. Clement on September 25th, 2012?	¹² will not respond.
13	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	¹³ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) What, if any,
14	MR. HILL: On the basis of that objection,	¹⁴ information from Mr. Clement did you rely on in
15	I will instruct the witness not to answer the	¹⁵ drafting your revisions to the memo and any other
16	question.	¹⁶ document here?
17	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	¹⁷ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
18	will not respond.	¹⁸ MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,
19	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Take a look,	¹⁹ I will instruct the witness not to answer the
20	please, at page KM21. The first line item on this	²⁰ question.
21	invoice is dated November 8th, 2012, correct?	²¹ THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I
22	A. Correct.	²² will not respond.
23	Q. And that's after you had sent the first	²³ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Let's take a
24	version of both your memorandum and the contract	²⁴ look back, please, at KM18. Just take a look, if you
25	documents, correct?	²⁵ would, for a moment at the descriptions on this

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1	invoice. A number of them, if not all of them,	¹ including, not limited to, waiver of the privilege or
2	identify e-mail correspondence with J. Clement	 violation of the privilege as it relates to the
3	regarding the generalized transaction documents and	³ method, manner or means of creation of any documents,
4	reasoned analysis.	⁴ any communications with the client regarding the
5	Do you see that?	⁵ content or nature of those documents, categorically,
6	A. Yes.	⁶ and including categorically any communications of any
7	Q. What, if any, information from Mr. Clement	 ⁷ kind regarding the transactions and legal advice that
8	on these days in 2012 did you rely upon in drafting	⁸ are at issue in this case.
9	any of these documents?	⁹ Having said that, I don't think my my
10	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	¹⁰ objections are necessary. I think that should
11	MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,	¹¹ suffice to put counsel on notice as to the stance of
12	I will instruct the witness not to answer the	¹² my client, but I'm certainly happy to clarify, if
13	question.	¹³ need be.
14	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	¹⁴ MR. HILL: On the basis of now thank
15	will not respond.	¹⁵ you. Can you repeat back the question?
16	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) What, if	¹⁶ (Record was read as follows: "And what,
17	anything, did you do with the information from	¹⁷ if any, information from Mr. Clement, as noted
18	Mr. Clement in the correspondence identified on KM18?	¹⁸ here, did you rely upon in revising the
19	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege. And	¹⁹ documents that you drafted for this client?")
20	I'll also say at this point that I just want the	²⁰ MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection
21	record to reflect that you've elected to continue	²¹ and the privilege asserted by the client, I will
22	keeping everybody here taking the deposition, asking	²² instruct the witness not to answer the question until
23	questions that you know are going to be objected to	²³ the privilege dispute can be resolved.
24	on the basis of privilege, and I just want the record	²⁴ THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I
25	to reflect that we are going to oppose additional	²⁵ will not respond.
	115	117
1	deposition of this witness. So go ahead.	¹ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Take a look,
2	MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,	² please, at KM24. The one line item on this invoice
3	I will instruct the witness not to answer the	³ is dated December 27, 2012. Do you see that?
4	question until the privilege dispute will be	⁴ A. Yes.
5	resolved.	⁵ Q. This description here mentions a telephone
6	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	⁶ conference with a potential purchaser. Mr. Birrell,
7	will not respond.	 ⁷ to your knowledge, was this the conversation you
8	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Going back to	⁸ addressed you mentioned earlier in your
9	KM21. What, if anything, did you do with the	⁹ deposition?
10	information from Mr. Clement in the correspondence	¹⁰ A. Yes.
11	you've identified in the descriptions here?	11 (EXHIBIT 365 WAS MARKED.)
12	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	¹² Q. I'm handing you, Mr. Birrell, what's been
13	MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,	¹³ marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 365. Please take a
14	I will instruct the witness not to answer the	¹⁴ look at that document.
15	question.	¹⁵ Plaintiff's Exhibit 365 is Bates number
16	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	¹⁶ KM00211.
17	will not respond.	¹⁷ A. Yes.
18	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) And what, if	¹⁸ Q. Mr. Birrell, this is an e-mail from, it
19	any, information from Mr. Clement, as noted here, did	¹⁹ appears, Jason Clement; is that right?
20	you rely upon in revising the documents that you	²⁰ A. Yes.
21	drafted for this client?	²¹ Q. To you?
22	MR. AUSTIN: For the record, I'm just	²² A. Correct.
	going to make a blanket objection and make it known	²³ Q. Dated Wednesday, January 9, 2013. Do you
23	going to make a blanket objection and make it known	Q. Daled Wednesday, January 9, 2013. DO you
23 24	to counsel for the witness that my client objects to	²⁴ see that?
		Q. Dated Wednesday, January 9, 2015. Do you

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2	Q. And if you look about a quarter of the way	conceptine de you have with Neldon Johnson on
3	down the page, it looks like Mr. Clement's e-mail is	
4	in response to an e-mail from you. Do you see that?	MIN. AUSTIN. Objection. Filvilege.
5	A. I do.	MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,
6	Q. Okay. And your e-mail is regarding a	
7	request for documents, right?	THE WITNESS. OF the advice of coursel, I
8	A. Correct.	wiii not respond.
9	Q. Okay. Do you recall, sir, you know, what	Q. (BTWS. TEALT GALLAGHER) Did you, III
10	the context was for your e-mail to Mr. Clement in	aci, ever provide documents to Sam Alba at Show
11	January 2013?	Chinstensen
12	A. I do not.	MIN. AUSTIN. Objection. Filmege.
13	MR. HILL: On the basis of the prior	MIX. THEE. Of the basis of the objection,
13	the answer having been what it is, it does not	li you can answer that question without regard to a
15	disclose a privileged communication, so I'll withdraw	communication with the client of agent of the client,
16	my objection.	
17	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Then so take	
18	a minute, if you would, please, sir, and read your	THE WITNESS. Too hot recail ever sending
19	e-mail.	any documents to Sam Alba.
20	A. Yes.	(EXHIBIT 300 WAS WARKED.)
20	Q. Reading your e-mail, does that refresh	Q. Thi handling you, sir, what's been marked
22	your recollection of what the context was in	as Exhibit 500. Take a look at that, please.
23	January 2013?	FOI LIE TECOLU, FIAIHUITS EXHIBIT 300 IS
24	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	 Bates numbered KM00212. A. Yes.
25	MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection, and to the extent that any answer would involve the	A. 165.
		²⁵ Q. Do you recognize Plaintiff's Exhibit 366?
	119	121
1	identification or reference to any communication	¹ A. It's an e-mail from Jill Cottam, who at
2	with the client or an agent, I will instruct the	² the time was my legal assistant, to me, and it
3	with the orient of an agent, i will induce the	³ includes as a trailing e-mail an e-mail from
4	can be given without reference to any such	⁴ Glenda Johnson to Jill Cottam.
5	ball be given wallout relevence to any such	
	communications	
6	communications. THE WITNESS: It does not _L don't have	⁵ Q. In the trailing e-mail, Ms. Johnson, Miss
6 7	THE WITNESS: It does not. I don't have	 ⁵ Q. In the trailing e-mail, Ms. Johnson, Miss ⁶ Glenda Johnson, sent the e-mail January 14, 2013.
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1	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	¹ Bates-marked KM00213 through 226.
2	MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,	² A. Yes.
3	I will instruct the witness not to answer the	³ Q. Mr. Birrell, the cover page for
4	question until the privilege issue can be resolved.	⁴ Plaintiff's Exhibit 367 is an e-mail from you to
5	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	⁵ Glenda Johnson sent Monday, January 14, 2013. Is
6	will not respond.	⁶ that right?
7	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) What, if	⁷ A. Yes.
8	anything, Mr. Birrell, did you do with any	⁸ Q. There is an attachment to this e-mail
9	information you may have received from	⁹ identified as solar lenses memo.pdf. Do you see
10	Glenda Johnson?	¹⁰ that?
11	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	¹¹ A. Yes.
12	MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,	¹² Q. And the remaining pages of Plaintiff's
13	to the extent an answer can be provided without	¹³ Exhibit 367, do those pages appear to be solar lenses
14	reference to communication with the client or an	¹⁴ memo.pdf?
15	agent of the client, the witness is authorized to	¹⁵ A. Yes.
16	answer. Otherwise, I would instruct the witness not	¹⁶ Q. And, in fact, you mentioned to Ms. Glenda
17	to answer.	¹⁷ Johnson, "Attached is a corrected copy of the memo."
18	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	¹⁸ Did I read that correctly.
19	will not respond.	¹⁹ A. Yes.
20	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) What, if any,	²⁰ Q. And, of course, below your initial e-mail
21	information that you received from Glenda Johnson did	²¹ we see the e-mail from Jill Cottam to you; is that
22	you rely upon in drafting or revising any of the	²² right?
23	documents you delivered to the client in this matter?	²³ A. Yes.
24	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	²⁴ Q. And then below that Miss Johnson's
25	MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,	²⁵ original e-mail asking for the corrections?
1	123	125
2	I will instruct the witness not to answer the	A. Conect.
3	question. THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	 ² (EXHIBIT 368 WAS MARKED.) ³ Q. I'm handing you what's been marked
4	will not respond.	⁴ Plaintiff's Exhibit 368.
5	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) In this e-mail	⁵ For the record, Plaintiff's Exhibit 368 is
6	in generalized 366 withdrawn.	⁶ KM00227 through 259.
7	Actually, in the e-mail in Plaintiff's	7 A. Correct.
8	Exhibit 366 Miss Johnson asks you to make two	⁸ Q. Do you recognize Plaintiff's Exhibit 368?
9	corrections in the tax letter, as she calls it. Do	⁹ A. I do.
10	you see that?	¹⁰ Q. It is an e-mail from you to Glenda Johnson
11	A. I do.	¹¹ dated Monday, January 14, 2013, correct?
12	Q. Did you make those corrections?	¹² A. Correct.
13	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	¹³ Q. And the subject line is, "Forward:
14	MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,	¹⁴ Generalized documents," right?
15	if the witness can answer the question without regard	¹⁵ A. Correct.
16	to a communication with the client or agent, you may	¹⁶ Q. The attachments to this e-mail list a
17	do so. Otherwise, I would instruct the witness not	¹⁷ number of agreements. Do you see that?
18	to answer.	¹⁸ A. Yes.
19	THE WITNESS: On advice of counsel, I will	¹⁹ Q. Do the remaining pages of Plaintiff's
20	not respond.	²⁰ Exhibit 368 look like those attachments mentioned in
21	(EXHIBIT 367 WAS MARKED.)	²¹ your e-mail?
22	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) I'm handing you,	²² A. Yes.
23	sir, what's been marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 367.	²³ Q. Mr. Birrell, why did you send the form
	Please familiarize yourself with that.	²⁴ agreements to Miss Johnson?
24	-	
24	For the record, Plaintiff's Exhibit 367 is	²⁵ MR. HILL: On the basis of the prior

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¹ general objection and the asserted general privilege	¹ Q. Let's turn, please, to the last couple of
² objection, to the extent that the question calls for	² pages. I don't think I sorry. For the record,
³ disclosure of communication that would have been with	³ Plaintiff's Exhibit 293 is Bates numbered
⁴ the client that is asserted to be privileged, I will	⁴ Gregg P&R-003225 through 31.
⁵ instruct the witness not to answer. But he may do so	If we take a look at page 3230, this
⁶ if it does not involve any such communication.	⁶ document is entitled IRS Audit Info for Tax Preparers
7 THE WITNESS: On advice of counsel, I will	⁷ and their Clients.
⁸ not respond.	⁸ Do you see that?
⁹ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) What, if	⁹ A. I do.
¹⁰ anything, happened with respect to your memo or these	¹⁰ Q. The date on this document is July 8th,
¹¹ form documents after you sent the e-mails to	¹¹ 2013, right?
¹² Glenda Johnson in Plaintiff's Exhibit 367 and 368?	¹² A. Correct.
¹³ MR. HILL: On the basis of the general	¹³ Q. Take a look, please, at paragraph number
¹⁴ objection, to the extent any such answer would	¹⁴ one. The title of that paragraph is, "The Kirton
¹⁵ require the disclosure of a communication that has	¹⁵ McConkie tax attorney opinion letter."
¹⁶ been asserted as being privileged, I will instruct	¹⁶ Did I read that correctly?
¹⁷ the witness not to answer. However, he may proceed	¹⁷ A. Yes.
¹⁸ with respect to any portion of his answer that would	¹⁸ Q. Letter A says, "What the IRS is saying:
¹⁹ not involve such a communication.	¹⁹ The letter has been rescinded."
²⁰ THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	²⁰ Did I read that correctly?
²¹ will not respond.	²¹ A. Yes.
²² Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell, I'm	Q. Go ahead and take a look, please, and read
²³ handing you what's already been marked as Plaintiff's	²³ to yourself paragraph B there.
²⁴ Exhibit 293. Would you take a look through that	²⁴ A. Yes.
²⁵ document, please? Just familiarize yourself with it	²⁵ Q. Mr. Birrell, do you have any understanding
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¹ generally and I'll point you to specific spots.	¹ of of the context for these two paragraphs in this
2 A. Yes.	² document?
³ Q. Mr. Birrell, have you ever seen this	³ MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.
⁴ e-mail and its attachments before?	⁴ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Hang on. Please
⁵ A. I have not.	⁵ state the precise basis for your objection.
⁶ Q. Do you know whose e-mail address	⁶ MR. AUSTIN: I've already done so many
7 pgregg@bfsmail.com is?	⁷ times.
⁸ A. I do not.	⁸ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: So if this e-mail is
⁹ Q. Have you ever heard the name Peter Gregg?	⁹ going to someone other than a client of
¹⁰ A. Not that I can recall.	¹⁰ Mr. Birrell's, how, if at all, is any understanding
¹¹ Q. So do you have any idea whether Peter	¹¹ of his related to this privileged?
¹² Gregg is a client of your firm?	¹² MR. AUSTIN: Well, if it's not, then he
¹³ A. I do not know.	¹³ can answer, but my objection is that it could call
¹⁴ Q. And is Peter Gregg, to your knowledge,	¹⁴ for the disclosure of privileged information.
¹⁵ related in any way to SOLCO?	¹⁵ MR. HILL: Can you read the question back,
¹⁶ A. I do not know.	¹⁶ please?
¹⁷ Q. Is Peter Gregg related to XSun Energy?	¹⁷ (Record was read as follows:
¹⁸ A. I do not know.	¹⁸ "Mr. Birrell, do you have any understanding
¹⁹ Q. Is Peter Gregg related to International	¹⁹ of of the context for these two paragraphs in
²⁰ Automated Systems?	²⁰ this document?")
A. I do not know.	²¹ MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection
²² Q. Do you see here in the attachments list on	²² and to the extent any understanding would derive from
²³ the cover e-mail here, the last identified attachment	²³ a communication with a client or agent of the client,
 is called IRS Appeal Info.doc. Do you see that? A Yos 	 I will instruct the witness not to answer. However, to the extent that you have knowledge or a response
²⁵ A. Yes.	

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1	independent of communications with the client, you	¹ Plaintiff's Exhibit 143.
2	may proceed to answer.	² Plaintiff's 143 is Bates-marked
3	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel. I	³ Olsen_P&E-02352 through 355.
4	will not respond.	⁴ Take a moment, please, and read this to
5	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell, to	⁵ yourself. I'll tell you the organization of the
6	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	⁶ e-mails. It can be a little challenging, so we'll
7	your recollection, is July 8, 2013, before or after	-
8	you had a visit with Special Agent Lawson? A. I do not recall.	 ⁷ walk through it. ⁸ We're off the record for a second.
9	(EXHIBIT 369 WAS MARKED.)	
10	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	 9 (Discussion off the record.) 10 Deck on the record place
11	Q. I'm handing you, Mr. Birrell, what's been	Q. Dack on the record, please.
12	marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 369. Please take a	SO, IVIT. DIFFEIL, FILLO THY DEST TO WAIK
13	look at that.	you unough uns. On the first page of Flamun's
	For the record, Plaintiff's 369 is Bates-	Exhibit 145 do you see the line that says, Oh
14	marked KM00260 through 272.	December 7, 2015, at 1.00 p.m. ?
15	A. Yes.	¹⁵ A. Yes.
16	Q. This is an e-mail from a Bryan Madden to	¹⁶ Q. "Greg Shepard," at his e-mail address,
17	you dated Tuesday, October 15, 2013. Do you see	¹⁷ "wrote, colon"?
18	that?	¹⁸ A. Yes.
19	A. Yes.	¹⁹ Q. Did you read that e-mail to yourself?
20	Q. The subject is solar lens tax issues,	²⁰ A. I did.
21	correct?	²¹ Q. Okay. I'd like to draw your attention to
22	A. Correct.	the spot where it says, "Yesterday I went down to the
23	Q. And there's an attachment noted that's	²³ Kirton McConkie offices without an appointment."
24	identified as tax letter text[1].doc. Do you see	²⁴ Do you see that phrase?
25	that?	²⁵ A. Yes.
1 2	A. Uh-huh. Yes.Q. And the remaining pages, KM261 through	 Q. So if this e-mail was written on December 7, I'm guessing "yesterday" was
3	272, to your best understanding is that that	³ December 6th. Do you have any recollection of any
4	attachment?	⁴ December 6th visit to Kirton McConkie by
5	A. I would assume.	⁵ Greg Shepard?
6	Q. Take a look, please, and read Mr. Madden's	⁶ A . I recollect that he visited, but I have no
7	e-mail to you to yourself.	⁷ idea what the date was.
8	A. Yes.	⁸ Q. He mentions a Mr. Ken Olson in this
9	Q. Did you do anything in response to this	⁹ e-mail. And he identifies Ken Olson as the chief
10	e-mail?	¹⁰ operating officer, I'm guessing, and general counsel
11	A. I do not recollect responding, no.	¹¹ for Kirton McConkie. Is that an accurate description
12	Q. Would you take a look, please, at page	¹² of Mr. Olson's job at Kirton?
13	KM261?	¹³ A. I don't believe he has either of those
14	A. Yes.	¹⁴ exact titles, but he is an office administrator.
15	Q. The header of this page, does that look	¹⁵ Q. Okay. What is Mr. Olson's role at Kirton
16	like the way you would have sent out a memorandum?	¹⁶ McConkie or let me ask this. If you can recall,
17	Do you recognize this header?	¹⁷ what was it in 2013?
18	A. No, it does not. It is different	¹⁸ A. As I said, he was an office administrator.
19	formatting than I would have used.	¹⁹ I don't know what he does that much.
20	Q. Did you ever send a version to your	²⁰ Q. Is Mr. Olson an attorney as well?
21	recollection, did you ever send a version of your	²¹ A. I think he is, but he does not practice in
22	memorandum to any client in this case with a header	²² his current position.
23	that looks like that?	²³ MR. AUSTIN: Some good cross selling
24	A. To my recollection, no.	²⁴ there.
25	Q. I'm handing you, sir, what's been marked	²⁵ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Did you ever
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² Mr. Shepard's visi		² won't respond.
³ A. Yes.		³ Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Mr. Birrell, did
	you talk about with Mr. Olson?	⁴ you ever talk to Greg Shepard after his visit to
	TIN: Objection. Privilege.	⁵ Kirton McConkie?
	I object on the grounds that	⁶ A. No, I did not.
	ained by the firm to consult with	 ⁷ Q. Do you see the note towards the end of
	perceived liability question and	⁸ this first page of Plaintiff's Exhibit 143 which
	conversation to be privileged, and	 ⁹ says, "Mr. Birrell would like me to e-mail him next
	witness not to answer that	¹⁰ week about what we'd like him to do and then he will
¹¹ question.		¹¹ write us a letter of clarification."
•	NESS: On the advice of counsel, I	¹² Did I read that correctly?
¹³ will not respond.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	¹³ A. Yes.
	Y GALLAGHER: Can we go off the	¹⁴ Q. Did you ever want Mr. Shepard I'm
¹⁵ record for one sec	-	¹⁵ sorry. Did you ever want Mr. Shepard to e-mail you
	on off the record.)	¹⁶ with information about SOLCO or anything to do with
· ·	Y GALLAGHER: Back on the record,	¹⁷ this case?
¹⁸ please.		¹⁸ A. No.
•	l, did Mr. Olson tell you what	¹⁹ Q. Did you ever invite that, perhaps through
²⁰ Greg Shepard ha	d told him on that visit?	²⁰ Mr. Olson?
A. I do not r	ecall the details of the	²¹ A. No.
²² conversation wit	h Mr. Olson and what level of detail	²² Q. Did you ever plan to write a letter of
²³ he went into. The	ere was some discussion of the	²³ clarification to Mr. Shepard?
²⁴ MR. HILL:	I'm going to object before	²⁴ A. No.
²⁵ you disclose the c	ontent of that, as to whether that	²⁵ Q. Did you, Mr. Birrell, undertake any
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¹ was initially a yes	or no question, I believe it was,	¹ follow-up with any person at the client for this case
² did he tell you the	content of the communication with	² after Mr. Shepard visited Kirton McConkie in
³ Mr. Shepard, and	I think that was a yes or no. I'll	³ December 2013?
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5 content. I don't w	ant you to disclose privilege.	⁵ MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,
⁶ But you can contin 6	nue to answer at least the yes or no	⁶ to the extent that any answer would disclose
	id or what was asked in the	⁷ communication with the client or an agent of the
⁸ question.		⁸ client, I would instruct the witness not to answer
	NESS: I do not recall	⁹ until the privilege issue can be resolved. Although
¹⁰ specifically.		¹⁰ he may answer at least if there is any appropriate
•	HEALY GALLAGHER) Not interested	answer not involving such communications.
•	about strategy or Kirton	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I
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• •	s, what, if anything, did Mr. Olson	¹⁴ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Off the record,
• •	out what Mr. Shepard said at that	¹⁵ please.
¹⁶ meeting?		¹⁶ (A break was taken from 2:34 p.m. to.
	TIN: Objection. Privilege. It	2.45 p.m.)
	really involves both parties and	WIS. HEALT GALLAGHER. AILINGHL. Dack ON
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privilege.	And on the basis of that	Q. MI. DITEI, you've been handed what's
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01 1011. 0130113 001	ege and instruct the witness not	 is that right? A. Yes.
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²⁵ to answer.		

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1	Gregg_P&R-003220 through 24.	¹ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Sure.
2	Mr. Birrell, I'd like to draw your	² Q. So as I said a moment ago, it looks to me
3	attention, please, to the second paragraph on the	³ like there are two different writings referred to in
4	first page, the last sentence. It reads well, I'm	⁴ this sentence. Now I'm just trying to find out
5		this sentence. Now this using to find out
6	sorry. Let's take a look real quick.	
	This e-mail is from Greg Shepard.	
7	Do you see that?	
8	A. Yes.	⁸ there anything else?
9	Q. Okay. And it was sent it says it was	⁹ A. Yes.
10	sent Wednesday, December 11, 2013, correct?	¹⁰ Q. And what was that?
11	A. Correct.	A. It was a letter to a group called Mack
12	Q. So back down to the second sentence of the	¹² Molding.
13	second paragraph. It reads, "I went down to Kirton	¹³ Q. What is Mack Molding?
14	McConkie and spoke with COO Ken Olson who then talked	¹⁴ A. It's a company.
15	with Ken Birrell, who wrote a tax attorney opinion	¹⁵ Q. What does Mack Molding do?
16	letter for one of our big clients and who also wrote	¹⁶ A. It molds products.
17	a the [sic] memorandum letter to SOLCO I and	¹⁷ Q. I'm sorry?
18	Neldon Johnson."	¹⁸ A. It does it molds products. I don't
19	Did I read that correctly?	¹⁹ know exactly what they do.
20	A. Yes.	²⁰ Q. What is the relationship between Mack
21	Q. Mr. Birrell, it looks to me like he's	²¹ Molding and the SOLCO transaction?
22		²² MR. HILL: And I'll object to the extent
23	identified actually two documents in this sentence.	²³ it the answer might call for disclosure of
24	A. Yes.	-
25	Q. Do you have any understanding of what the	
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2	Molding?	² back at page KM18 in Plaintiff's Exhibit 364, what,
3	A. I don't believe there is a relationship.	³ if anything, did the commission agreement have to do
4	Q. Do you happen to recall if there's no	⁴ with the transaction identified in your memorandum to
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17	have looked through the documents produced by Kirton	¹⁷ Of course, just to revisit, this is an e-mail from
18	McConkie and I did not see the tax attorney opinion	¹⁸ Mr. Shepard of December 11, 2013. On the on
19	letter from Mack Molding. Do you believe you	
20	produced that document?	 ¹⁹ page 321, would you take a look, please, at the first ²⁰ sentence on that page. It says, "This morning I
21		²¹ wrote Ken Birrell and Ken Olson a detailed letter
22	A. No, I did not.Q. Is there a reason you did not?	²² about the situation and asked Mr. Birrell to write a
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24	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	²⁴ Did I read that correctly?
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1	ever tell you that he had received a letter from	¹ solar lenses are purchased on the terms and
2	Mr. Shepard?	² conditions set forth in the 'transaction documents'
3	MR. HILL: And I will object to that on	³ referenced on page 3 of the memorandum and attached
4	the grounds that that is privileged as between the	⁴ as exhibits thereto."
5	attorney-client relationship between Mr. Olson and	⁵ Do you see the transaction documents
6	Mr. Birrell.	⁶ referenced in there in Plaintiff's Exhibit 370?
7	THE WITNESS: On the advice of counsel, I	⁷ A. Yes. They commence on KM290.
8	will not respond.	⁸ Q. KM290 is Solar Lenses Purchase Agreement,
9	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Has Mr. Shepard	⁹ right?
10	ever asked you to write a letter of clarification?	¹⁰ A. Correct.
11	MR. HILL: On the basis of the generalized	¹¹ Q. And at KM302 is the Secured Promissory
12	objection that has been raised as to privilege, I	¹² Note, right?
13	will say that if such if in answering the question	¹³ A. Correct.
14	you must disclose the content of communication with a	¹⁴ Q. Then at KM00306 is the Operation and
15	client that's asserted to be privileged, I instruct	¹⁵ Maintenance Agreement?
16	you not to answer. However, if you can answer the	¹⁶ A. Correct.
17	question without such disclosure, you may proceed.	¹⁷ Q. On page KM275, the second page of the
18	THE WITNESS: No.	¹⁸ letter, about a third of the way down the page the
19	(EXHIBIT 370 WAS MARKED.)	¹⁹ letter identifies certain conduct, that you demand
20	Q. Mr. Birrell, I'm handing you what's been	²⁰ XSun Energy, SOLCO I and RaPower3 immediately cease
21	marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 370. Please take a look	²¹ and desist from doing.
22	at that, and let me know when you're done.	²² Do you see that?
23	For the record, Plaintiff's 370 is Bates-	²³ A. I do.
24	marked KM00274 through 322.	²⁴ Q. Do you know, Mr. Birrell, if these
25	A. Yes.	²⁵ entities have stopped have agreed to your request?
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1	Q. What is Plaintiff's Exhibit 370?	¹ A. It is my understanding they have not.
2	A. It is a letter from me to Neldon Johnson	² Q. I'm handing you what's been previously
3	and Greg Shepard.	³ marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 89. Please take a moment
4	Q. Dated January 10, 2014, correct?	⁴ and familiarize yourself with this.
5	A. Correct.	⁵ For the record, Plaintiff's Exhibit 89 is
6	Q. The re line is, "Use of Kirton McConkie	⁶ Bates-marked ZELEZ_B&A001093 through 97.
7	memorandum dated October 31, 2012," correct?	⁷ A. Okay.
8	A. Correct.	⁸ Q. All right. Plaintiff's Exhibit 89 appears
9	Q. On KM00275 your signature appears,	⁹ to be an e-mail from Greg Shepard, greg@raPower3.com.
10	correct?	¹⁰ Do you see that?
11	A. Correct.	¹¹ A. Yes.
12	Q. And you have a cc there to Michael Lawson.	¹² Q. It looks like it was sent on January 17,
13	Who is that?	¹³ 2014, correct?
14	A. That is Special Agent Lawson with the IRS.	¹⁴ A. Correct.
15	Q. In the first paragraph of the letter,	¹⁵ Q. And that's about seven days after the
16	Mr. Birrell, you refer to the memorandum dated	¹⁶ letter in Plaintiff's Exhibit 370.
17	October 31, 2012, from Kirton McConkie to SOLCO, Inc.	¹⁷ A. Correct.
18	And you say a copy is attached to the letter for	¹⁸ Q. I'd like to draw your attention, please,
19	their reference.	¹⁹ to item number six in the cover e-mail, the first
20	And then do you see the memo attached to	²⁰ sentence of which says, "Kirton McConkie has just
21	this letter in Plaintiff's Exhibit 370?	²¹ written another tax attorney opinion letter."
22	A. I do.	²² Did I read that correctly?
23	Q. Then on the next page, the first full	²³ A. Yes.
24	paragraph says, "Third, the analysis within the	²⁴ Q. So, Mr. Birrell, other than the October 31
25	memorandum only applies if, among other factors, the	²⁵ memo to SOLCO, the writing to Mack Molding and the

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1	January 10, 2014, letter to Neldon Johnson and	¹ Q. All right, Mr. Birrell. A couple
2	Greg Shepard, did you write anything additional with	² questions to wrap up.
3	respect to this transaction?	³ For the questions that you did answer
4	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	⁴ today, are there any answers that you wish to change,
5	MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,	⁵ amplify, supplement before we wrap up for the day?
6	to the extent your answer requires you to disclose	⁶ A. No.
7	communication with a client, I will instruct the	⁷ Q. Is there any information I asked you about
8	witness not to answer, unless he can do so without	⁸ that you might have remembered in the course of the
9	disclosing such a communication.	⁹ day but that you didn't remember when I was asking
10	THE WITNESS: No.	¹⁰ you about it?
11	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) So do you have	¹¹ A. No.
12	any idea what Greg Shepard might be talking about in	¹² Q. Is there anything you would like to add to
13	that sentence?	¹³ what you've already told us today
14	MR. HILL: Objection. Foundation.	¹⁴ A. No.
15	THE WITNESS: I do not.	¹⁵ Q to help us understand things more
16	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) Actually,	¹⁶ clearly? No.
17	Mr. Birrell, I'd like to revisit Plaintiff's	¹⁷ A. No.
18	Exhibit 370 for one quick second.	¹⁸ Q. Have you ever been convicted of any
19	What, if any, subsequent communications	¹⁹ crimes?
20	did you have with Neldon Johnson or Greg Shepard	²⁰ A. No.
21	after you sent this letter?	²¹ Q. Have you ever been found liable in any
22	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	²² civil lawsuit?
23	MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,	²³ A. No.
24	to the extent an answer to the question requires the	²⁴ Q. Has there been any public discipline
25	disclosure of a communication with a client or agent,	²⁵ against you for any state licensing entity?
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1	I would instruct the witness not to answer. However,	¹ A. No.
2	you may answer to the extent it does not involve such	² MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: In light of the
3	a disclosure.	³ privilege objections made today, we'll certainly
4	THE WITNESS: I do not recall having any.	⁴ address those at a later time with the court. In
5	Q. (BY MS. HEALY GALLAGHER) After you sent	⁵ light of those objections, we'll hold the deposition
6	the January 10, 2014, letter, did you have any	⁶ open for follow-up.
7	communication with anyone else connected to SOLCO	⁷ MR. AUSTIN: I'll object to that.
8	about this client matter?	⁸ MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: And as for today,
9	MR. AUSTIN: Objection. Privilege.	⁹ for everything that's happened today, I have no
10	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Yeah, I'll just	¹⁰ further questions at this time, and I will pass the
11	leave it at that.	¹¹ witness.
12	MR. HILL: On the basis of the objection,	¹² MR. AUSTIN: Okay. Let me just state on
13	to the extent answering the question requires the	¹³ the record my objection to bringing this witness
14	disclosure of the contents of a communication with a	¹⁴ back. We've been here today, by my calculation, for
15	client or an agent of the client, I would instruct	¹⁵ at least seven hours, and counsel was certainly aware
16	the witness not to answer. However, you may do so to	¹⁶ of the position of the parties as it relates to
17	the extent he may without disclosing any such	¹⁷ privilege in this case. And while we all certainly
18	communication.	¹⁸ could have adjourned and sought guidance from the
19	THE WITNESS: Not that I can recall.	¹⁹ court with regard to the appropriate scope of the
20	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: If we could take	²⁰ questioning in this case, she insisted on continuing
21	a off the record, please.	²¹ with seven hours of deposition, which, you know, may
22	(A break was taken from 3:15 p.m. to	²² be her right, but I'm just going to object to
23	3:20 p.m.)	²³ bringing the witness back and subjecting the parties
24	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Back on the record,	²⁴ to the additional time and expense to take his
25	please.	²⁵ deposition again.
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2	l don't have any questions. MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Mr. Hill, any	INTERNATIONAL AUTOMATED SYSTE	
3	questions?	GREGORY SHEPARD, NELDON JOHN	
4	MR. HILL: I have no questions.	Case No.: 2:15-cv-00828 DN	
5	MR. AUSTIN: I presume that he'll read and	Reporter: Dawn M. Perry, CSR	
6	sign.	Date taken: February 14, 2017	
7	MR. HILL: Yeah, I just before we get		
8	there no, I don't have anything else to add to the		
9	record.	ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEPO	NENT
10	MR. AUSTIN: Aside from		
11	MR. HILL: Yeah, the procedure would be to	l,, do	hereby
12	request that the witness be afforded the opportunity	acknowledge that I have read and examin	ned the
13	to read and sign before the deposition goes final.	foregoing testimony, and the same is a tr	ue, correct
14	MS. HEALY GALLAGHER: Certainly. And we	and complete transcription of the testimo	ny given by
15	would ask that Mr. Birrell read and sign as well.	me, and any corrections appear on the a	tached Errata
16	And we'll also ask for an expedited	Sheet signed by me.	
17	transcript.		
18 19	With that, we are off the record for		
20	today.		
20	(Deposition suspended at 3:23 p.m.)	(DATE) KENNETH W. BIRR	ELL
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1	REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE		
2	STATE OF UTAH)) ss.		
3	COUNTY OF SALT LAKE)		
	I, Dawn M. Perry, Certified Shorthand		
5	Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Utah, do hereby certify:		
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7	That prior to being examined, the witness, KENNETH W. BIRRELL, was by me duly sworn to tell the		
8	truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth;		
9	That said deposition was taken down by me		
-	in stenotype on February 14, 2017, at the place therein named, and was thereafter transcribed and		
10	that a true and correct transcription of said testimony is set forth in the preceding pages.		
11	I further certify that, in accordance with		
12	Rule 30(e), a request having been made to review the transcript, a reading copy was sent to the witness,		
13	for the witness to read and sign under penalty of		
14	perjury and then return to me for filing with Erin Healy Gallagher, Attorney at Law.		
15	I further certify that I am not kin or		
16	otherwise associated with any of the parties to said cause of action and that I am not interested in the		
17	outcome thereof.		
18	WITNESS MY HAND this 21st day of February,		
19	2017.		
20 21			
22 23	Dawn M. Perry, CSR		
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