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WILLIAM GEORGE HAIRSTON, III :
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1 Q Did the audit satisfy you that -- that -- well,
2 I'll ask you -- I'll just ask you: What conclusion -- what
3 kind of a correction were you going to make in the Rev. to
4 the LER as a result of the audit?

5 A I don't have the LER in front of me, but --

6 Q I'll give you a copy of that.

7 A But the basic problem that was pointed out to me
8 in May was the LER was the count data, the greater than 18.

9 Q Uh-huh [affirmative.]

10 A And, you know, we sort of skipped from the middle
11 of May your asking questions in late June and we'll take the
12 questions that way.

13 But when I told them to go do the audit I didn't
14 just go tell them to do the audit. I asked them to go down
15 and find out what the correct number was. There's a reason
16 why I was that specific.

17 Q Okay.

18 A And I specifically remember that. And I believe I
19 told them to find out what the problem was with why we
20 couldn't get the numbers straight. But -- and the third
21 request -- if I, in fact, made the second one was to give it
22 to me in a formal report. And there was a very specific
23 reason why I asked for it that way.

24 Q What was that?

25 A In my second conversation with Stu Ebnetter, which

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1 had occurred subsequent to me seeing the draft -- the
2 original draft, that I saw -- I'm sure there were other
3 drafts before the one I saw in June 8th, 10th, you know,
4 whatever date it was --

5 Q The original draft of the Rev. to the LER.

6 A Oh, the Rev. Rev. 1 to the LER, the number had
7 changed from what I had told Stu Ebnetter I thought it was
8 when I called him in May when I heard this.

9 Q Okay.

10 A In May I called him. And I said, "Stu, the number
11 in the April 19th LER is incorrect. I believe the numbers
12 are 12 and 14 -- or 14 and 15," but it was a few less.

13 And I said, "I intend to get you two revisions to
14 this LER." Now this was I believe May the 24th. And one
15 will give you the correct number for the start data, and the
16 second one will provide you the Wiley test data on the
17 temperature switches. There was another issue going on
18 temperature switches.

19 And he said, "Thank you. That will be fine." As
20 -- when I got this -- and I had to check on it in late May,
21 and I still didn't have it, either one of them. ^{when I} I got it
22 and I had one LER. I didn't have two revisions. Remember,
23 I told him I would send him two revisions.

24 So I got the draft LER in June the 8th or 9th or
25 10th, whenever it was I got it. And I looked down, and it

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1 was one revision that had the Wiley test results in it. And
2 the number that was in that draft was different than what I
3 had told him. And I think it was 10 or 12.

4 MR. DOCKERY: Can we clarify for the record, sir,
5 you're referring to diesel starts?

6 THE WITNESS: Diesel starts.

7 MR. DOCKERY: The number?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 MR. DOCKERY: Thank you.

10 THE WITNESS: And at that point I went and -- the
11 manager of SAER was out of town. And I went to Mr. Shipman.
12 And they got ~~the supervisor~~ ^{a QA representative} at the site, and I was very
13 specific. This number had changed, and I wanted to know
14 what the correct number was, and I wanted to know why we
15 were having trouble counting these numbers and to give me a
16 report.

17 BY MR. ROBINSON:

18 Q This must have been a very memorable time for you
19 right at this particular point in time, right, Mr. -- is
20 there a -- you seem to be very emotional and intense about
21 this particular point in time. Can you explain that to me?

22 A Well, from the time period that I found out that
23 there was an error in May -- now, to me we change from we're
24 just getting an LER together and the routines that you go
25 through in that. I do not like errors in documents to NRC.

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1 And I wanted to make sure that I notified Stu of that. I
2 also had Ken McCoy notify Ken Brockman, and I verified that,
3 in fact, he did notify him of the error.

4 Also at the same time in May when I heard it, I
5 asked when they heard it. And I don't remember what they
6 said. It was earlier that month in May.

7 Q "They" being Ebnetter and Brockman?

8 A No. Ken -- or Bill, whoever was talking to me --

9 Q Ken McCoy or Bill Shipman?

10 A Yeah. And I says, "You make sure that George
11 Bockhold goes to the resident and tells him." And my
12 recollection is at that time -- at that time they said that
13 had already been done at the time that George was made aware
14 of this.

15 And so to me these events are --

16 Q Memorable.

17 A -- memorable to me, because I was directly
18 involved in some of the phone conversations and directly
19 involved in following this. Because to me it was out of a
20 normal LER at this point.

21 Q Were you directly involved in reviewing and
22 finalizing the final wording of the cover letter and the
23 Rev. to the LER?

24 A The LER --

25 Q Yeah. The Rev. to the LER.

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1 THE WITNESS: And do we want to --

2 MR. MORRIS: Again, in response to your subpoena,
3 what we have brought you is a two-page document in large
4 letters at the top right-hand corner "Information Services -
5 Birmingham". This is a SONOPCO project detailed telephone
6 billing report. And it reflects what we believe are the
7 telephone calls Mr. Hairston just talked about, a telephone
8 call on 5/24 and a telephone call on June --

9 THE WITNESS: 12th or the 14th.

10 MR. MORRIS: I'll get the exact date.

11 THE WITNESS: This one right here.

12 MR. MORRIS: June 14th. June 14th, that verify the
13 information he just provided you. That gives the exact
14 date. He didn't give you the exact date a moment ago.

15 Do you want to mark that as an exhibit?

16 MR. ROBINSON: I notice -- these documents --
17 we'll mark it as Exhibit T.

18 [Exhibit T was marked for
19 identification.]

20 BY MR. ROBINSON:

21 Q How often do you talk to Mr. Ebnetter on the phone,
22 Mr. Hairston?

23 A Probably once a month. And that's on average.
24 Sometimes it may be twice. Sometimes it may be every other
25 month. But during this period, it could have been twice a

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1 month.

2 Normally when I talk to him I'm just giving him a
3 little update, just seeing how communications are going.
4 This one -- this is the type you tend to remember.

5 Q With your difficulty in remembering some of the
6 phone calls in the April 9th and April 19th time frame, how
7 can you be sure that the phone calls that you -- that you
8 point out on the telephone billing records are the calls in
9 which you told M.r Ebnetter this or Mr. Ebnetter that?

10 A I am very, very sure of the general context of the
11 conversations. I could get more specific with you about
12 what those conversations were. Because to me at this point
13 we had an error in an LER.

14 You know, what we did on the 19th I do that three
15 hundred and -- you know, days out of the year. I sign all
16 the LER's out. I believe I signed other LER's out on that
17 date.

18 But it was more routine business. It was a very
19 important event, the Vogtle March 20 event. But to me when
20 we had an error in something I had signed out to the NRC I
21 wanted to make sure that Stu Ebnetter knew about it.

22 Q Okay. And I mean do you have any record or notes
23 of that call in your Daytimer or anything?

24 A No, I don't use a daytimer. AA

25 Q So this record of phone billing shows that you

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1 made a phone call to Ebnetter in May and June; is that
2 correct?

3 A Well, there probably would be actually two in May.

4 Q I'll proceed with my -- the question that I asked
5 before.

6 MR. ROBINSON: Do you have a question, Mr.
7 Dockery, about that billing information?

8 MR. DOCKERY: I want to review it a little more.

9 MR. ROBINSON: Okay.

10 BY MR. ROBINSON:

11 Q The question I asked as we -- as we received that
12 exhibit was: Do you recall being personally involved in the
13 wording of the cover letter to the -- to the Rev. to the LER
14 and the LER itself?

15 A Well, closing out the end of the other
16 conversation we had, you asked me why I believe I had
17 specified the report -- or the SAER.

18 And in my second call to Stu in June of June the
19 14th I told him that I would do an audit. This is before I
20 told these people to go do the audit, I believe. Maybe not.
21 I may have that backwards. But at least I told him I was
22 going to an audit and that I would provide a copy of that
23 audit to the site residence inspector. Okay.

24 And I can't remember whether I talked to him first
25 or the auditor. Maybe the auditor. But he was told that.

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1 And I remember that. And he talked with me a few minutes
2 about relying on the staff and it's difficult as they're
3 assembling data for letters you sign out. And he actually
4 showed some of the same difficulties and concerns as you're
5 the signature of a letter and you're relying on other people
6 for data. ^{* Addendum to follow} And I remember that call.

7 Q Okay.

8 A I'm sure he will.

9 Q Could you describe your involvement in the
10 drafting or the preparing of the cover letter and the body
11 to that LER?

12 A My recollection is when I read this I took the
13 action I just told you.

14 Q Okay.

15 A Called Stu, told -- again told either Bill or Ken
16 to call Brockman, verify that Brockman was called again.
17 Had the site initiate this.

18 And the only thing that I recall that initiated my
19 upbeat action on this was the fact that these numbers
20 reflected in here and their original revision -- I saw the
21 Rev. 1 --

22 Q Do you have that document with you, the original
23 one?

24 A No.

25 MR. MORRIS: That's been -- as I understand it, we

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