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THE REPORTER: Thank you very much.
Counsel?

EXAMINATION

BY MR. MILKEY:

Q. Good morning. Could you please state your
name for the record.

A. My name is Kevin Butler.

Q. And what is your level of education?

A. I have a Ph.D. in computer information --
computer science and engineering.

Q. Okay. And you understand that you are

1 retained on behalf of Samsung to provide testimony
2 today?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And your testimony today is regarding U.S.
5 Patent No. 9,179,359; is that correct?

6 A. Yes, it is.

7 Q. Okay. Is it fair if we refer to that
8 patent as the '359 patent today?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And so are you provided a declaration in
11 this proceeding challenging the '359 patent, correct?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. Okay. Approximately how long did you spend
14 preparing the declaration you submitted in this
15 proceeding?

16 A. This was submitted near the end of last
17 year. So I don't particularly recall exactly how
18 many hours it was. It was likely on the order of --
19 likely in the 15, 20-hour range.

20 Q. Okay. And did you do anything to prepare
21 for your deposition?

22 A. I reread the declaration, and I conferred

1 with counsel.

2 Q. Okay. And approximately how long did you
3 spend preparing for today's deposition?

4 A. Probably in the eight- to ten-hour range.

5 Q. If you could please turn to Paragraph 15 of
6 your declaration, Exhibit 1003. And just let me know
7 when you're done.

8 A. Okay. I'm at Paragraph 15.

9 Q. Okay. And you see here that you state what
10 you propose to be the level of ordinary skill with
11 regard to the '359 patent?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And do you have, at least, that level of
14 skill?

15 A. Yes, I do.

16 Q. And do you have greater than that level of
17 skill?

18 A. Yes, I do.

19 Q. Okay. Do you have access to the Shell
20 reference, Exhibit 1005?

21 A. I do have a copy, yes.

22 Q. Okay. If you could please open that and

1 turn to Paragraph 70 of that reference.

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. Okay. And do you see that Paragraph 70
4 discusses, in the first sentence, an application may
5 notify connection planner 211 it wishes to, quote,
6 piggyback, unquote, on other connection requests?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. And then in the second-to-last
9 sentence of Paragraph 70, it says, "Applications that
10 wish to piggyback may call APIs associated with
11 connection manager modules 210 and be given an open
12 handle."

13 Do you see that?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. So what is an "open handle"?

16 A. So in this case, an open handle refers to a
17 means of accessing a resource. So for example, I
18 often in -- let's say the Unix operating system.
19 When you make a call for a resource, you get back a
20 descriptor. And so that descriptor is generally
21 referred to as a "handle" more generally. So a means
22 by which you can access a particular resource.

1 Q. Okay. And does the piggyback connection
2 request create the open handle?

3 Or let me ask a slightly more precise
4 question. Does the piggyback request for a
5 connection initiate the open handle?

6 MR. CHOWDHURY: Objection. Vague.

7 THE WITNESS: Can you specify what you mean
8 by "initiate"?

9 Q. BY MR. MILKEY: Yes, the open handle
10 created as a result of the application requesting a
11 piggyback connection.

12 A. Yeah, I believe that the application -- as
13 written, an application that wishes to piggyback may
14 call APIs associated with connection manager module
15 be given open handle. So an application will call an
16 API and be given an open handle.

17 Q. And is the call to an API that provides the
18 open handles the application, is that call to the API
19 a piggyback connection request?

20 A. I'm sorry, can you repeat the question?

21 Q. Yeah. Is the call to an API that provides
22 the open handle a piggyback connection request?

1 A. I believe there are a number of ways in
2 which the piggyback connection request could be
3 implemented. But there is a -- there will be an API
4 call that is made as part of a piggyback request.

5 Q. Okay. And is the API call that is made as
6 part of a piggyback connection request the API call
7 that results in the creation of an open handle?

8 A. I think there are a number of ways in which
9 handles can be open. Are you asking that -- I just
10 want to make sure I'm precisely answering the
11 question.

12 So are we talking, you know, about open
13 handles in general on the device or?

14 Q. So I understand that there may be a variety
15 of open handles. My question specifically is in the
16 context of Shell's Paragraph 70, is the API call that
17 is made as part of a piggyback connection request the
18 same API call that results in the creation of an open
19 handle?

20 A. I believe that there are a number of ways
21 in which the determination of an open handle could be
22 done. So, you know, as I stated, applications that

1 wish to piggyback may call APIs associated with the
2 connection manager modules and you get an open
3 handle. So certainly, there is a way in which a
4 piggyback request may call APIs to open the handle.
5 But there are potentially -- it's not clear that's
6 the only way in which such a handle was given.

7 Q. Okay. In the context of Shell's
8 Paragraph 70, does the piggyback connection request
9 occur before or after the open handle is created?

10 A. When the handle is created could be
11 asynchronous to when the API call was made. I think
12 that would be an implementation-specific detail.

13 Q. Okay. And in the context of Shell's
14 Paragraph 70, piggyback request occur before or after
15 the open handle is provided to the application?

16 A. I think that's one way in which -- one way
17 in which the handle can be given. Based on the
18 content of Paragraph 70.

19 Q. Okay. Does Paragraph 70 disclose any other
20 ways other than a piggyback connection request in
21 which the open handle may be given?

22 A. I think Paragraph 70 provides a possibility

1 that other ways may be -- other ways of assigning an
2 open handle could be possible.

3 Q. So my specific question is does
4 Paragraph 70 disclose any other ways other than a
5 piggyback connection request in which the open handle
6 may be given?

7 A. Paragraph 70 discusses specifically the
8 open handle with regards to the APIs but is not
9 limiting in that the language specifically is the
10 applications that wish to piggyback may call APIs
11 associated with connection manager modules 210 and be
12 given an open handle.

13 In other words, there's the language leaves
14 open the possibility for other -- other ways in which
15 an open handle could be assigned.

16 Q. I understand that Paragraph 70 is provided
17 in exemplary terms. What I'm actually asking is if
18 there are any disclosures of any ways -- strike that.

19 So you mentioned that there's language that
20 leaves open the possibility for other ways an open
21 handle could be assigned. Does Paragraph 70 of Shell
22 actually disclose any of those other ways that an

1 open handle could be assigned?

2 A. Once again, I'll refer to my previous
3 answer in that what's described in Paragraph 70 is a
4 disclosure around APIs being called and given -- and
5 then be given an open handle, but as I mentioned, the
6 existence of the terminology in the paragraph where
7 applications that wish to piggyback may call APIs
8 does leave open the possibility for other ways in
9 which a handle could be given.

10 Q. Okay. And then the last sentence of
11 Paragraph 70 of Shell states, "The open handle
12 facilitates notification back to the application that
13 a connection on which the application may want to
14 piggyback has been established."

15 Do you see that?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. So if an application is provided an
18 open handle while there is no connection on which the
19 application may want to piggyback, is the application
20 informed of anything at that time?

21 Let me ask a slightly better question. So
22 strike that.

1 If an application is provided an open
2 handle while there is no connection on which the
3 application may want to piggyback, does the open
4 handle inform the application of anything before such
5 a connection exists?

6 MR. CHOWDHURY: Objection. Calls for
7 speculation.

8 THE WITNESS: It's hard to know based on
9 this paragraph exactly when such a notification might
10 occur. I think that may be -- that in some
11 embodiments, that may be the case, and in other
12 embodiments, that might be different.

13 Q. BY MR. MILKEY: Okay. Could you please
14 turn to Shell Exhibit 1005 at Paragraph 57. And just
15 let me know when you're there.

16 A. Okay. Yeah, I'm there.

17 Q. Okay. And you see about six lines down in
18 Paragraph 57, there is a sentence that reads,
19 "Priorities may be assigned to connection requests
20 based on applications associated with the connection
21 requests"?

22 A. "Priorities may also be assigned to

1 connection requests based on the current state of
2 applications associated with the connection
3 requests." That's the sentence, correct?

4 Q. Okay. So -- thanks. I actually -- I was
5 going to ask about that sentence next.

6 A. Okay. Sorry --

7 Q. The sentence I was asking about is a few
8 lines higher. I'll let you -- I think it's about
9 four lines up. And it starts in the very left of the
10 column. It says, "Priorities may be assigned to
11 connection requests based on applications." And I'll
12 read the full sentence once you see it there.

13 A. I see. Okay. Yes. Sorry about that.

14 Q. Oh, no worries. So I prefer references
15 with line numbers rather than paragraph numbers.

16 A. It does make things helpful.

17 Q. Okay. So do you see in Paragraph 57, about
18 six lines down, there's a sentence that states,
19 "Priorities may be assigned to connection requests
20 based on applications associated with the connection
21 requests"?

22 A. Yes, I do.

1 Q. Okay. And then two sentences after that,
2 there's a sentence that states, "Priorities may also
3 be assigned to connection requests based on the
4 current state of applications associated with the
5 connection requests."

6 Do you see that?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. And so my question is about the
9 relationship between these two sentences, and
10 specifically whether prioritizing connection requests
11 based on applications associated with the connection
12 requests is a different technique than prioritizing
13 connection requests based on the current state of
14 applications associated with the connection requests.

15 A. Yes, I believe that, again, while phrasing
16 is similar, there is a semantic difference between
17 how applications are described between those two
18 sentences.

19 Q. Okay. And then on the same page of
20 Exhibit 1005, within Paragraph 57, the very last
21 sentence that starts on that same page states,
22 "Priorities may also be assigned to connection

1 requests based on characteristics associated with the
2 connection requests."

3 Do you see that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. And is prioritizing connection
6 requests based on characteristics associated with the
7 connection requests different than the other two
8 techniques described in this paragraph, which are
9 prioritizing connection requests based on
10 applications associated with the connection requests
11 and prioritizing connection requests based on the
12 current state of applications associated with
13 connection requests?

14 A. I believe so, yes. There could be overlap
15 in terms of the ways in which the applications are
16 described, but each of these sentences is describing
17 slightly different -- further refinements of
18 characteristics of the application or of the request
19 itself. So semantically, there is a difference
20 between the three.

21 Q. Okay. If you could please turn to Shell at
22 Paragraph 8 and let me know when you're there.

1 A. Okay. I'm there.

2 Q. Okay. And the first sentence of
3 Paragraph 8 states, "There may also be cases where
4 multiple connection requests are made to a single
5 connection method."

6 Do you see that?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. And then two sentences after that,
9 the same paragraph states, "For example, a request to
10 dial up to a corporate remote access services, RAS,
11 server to synchronize corporate electronic mail may
12 be received while a computing device is already
13 connected to a user's internet service provider, ISP,
14 browsing stock quotes."

15 Do you see that?

16 A. Yes. Yes, I do.

17 Q. And in this context, would the application
18 the user is using to browse stock quotes be an active
19 application?

20 A. I think an active application, you know,
21 there's a temporality associated with an active
22 application. An application is active at a specific

1 time. So just to make sure that I'm answering your
2 question precisely, can you specify where -- the
3 context in which we're discussing whether the
4 browsing stock quotes is an active application?

5 Q. Yeah. Fair clarification. So while a user
6 is using an application to browse stock quotes, is
7 that application an active application?

8 A. I think while -- if the user is actively
9 browsing stock quotes using their user interface to,
10 you know, perhaps scroll up and down and looking at
11 the display, then the application at that point in
12 time would be active for the user.

13 Q. Okay. And if a user is using an
14 application to browse stock quotes, has the user
15 interacted with that application?

16 A. If the user is actively browsing stock
17 quotes in an application where they are interacting
18 with the application, then -- I'm sorry. Can you
19 repeat the last part of your question again?

20 Q. Yeah. So my question is if a user is using
21 an application to browse stock quotes, has the user
22 interacted with that application?

1 A. Yeah, I believe that the user is
2 interacting with that application if they are
3 actively using it.

4 Q. Okay. Could you please turn to Page 26 of
5 your declaration. Just let me know when you're
6 there.

7 A. Okay. Wait, sorry. Page 26. I went to
8 Paragraph 26. Page 26. So this is --

9 Q. Sorry. Paragraph 40.

10 A. Paragraph 40. Okay. Yes.

11 Q. And do you see that there's a claim listing
12 of the '359 patent?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And do you see that you've labeled as
15 Limitation 1.5 of the limitation that reads, "Wherein
16 the one or more network access conditions includes a
17 network access condition that indicates the
18 unavailability to the particular application of an
19 internet data service that is currently available via
20 the WWAN modem to a different application but that
21 that is indicated as unavailable to the particular
22 application"?

1 A. Yes. Yes, I see that.

2 Q. Okay. And in the context of Limitation
3 1.5, the, quote, different application, unquote, is
4 the application to which the internet data service is
5 currently available via the WWAN modem, correct?

6 A. Right. So the claim 1.5 here indicates the
7 unavailability to the particular application of an
8 internet data service that is currently available via
9 the WWAN modem to a different application. But that
10 is indicated as unavailable to the particular
11 application, yes.

12 Q. Okay. And then so on Page 29 of your
13 declaration, you have Claim 26 recited. And do you
14 see that Claim 26 recites, "The wireless end user
15 device of Claim 1 wherein the one or more processors
16 are further configured to determine that the
17 different application is an active application based
18 on a user interaction with the different
19 application"?

20 A. Yes, I see that.

21 Q. Okay. And in the context of Claim 26, the
22 different application is the application to which the

1 internet data service is currently available via the
2 WWAN modem according to Limitation 1.5, right?

3 A. Yes, that appears to be the case.

4 Q. Okay. In your opinion, does the additional
5 limitation of Claim 26 influence how Claim 1's
6 indication of availability or unavailability of data
7 service operates in any way?

8 A. I believe that Claim 26 adds further
9 limitations about the wireless device and the user
10 device in Claim 1.

11 Q. Okay. So yeah, that makes sense. And I'm
12 trying to understand -- I'm trying to get your
13 understanding of how Claim 26 modifies Claim 1. Is
14 it your opinion that Claim 26's determination of
15 whether the different application is an active
16 application impacts how or whether the system of
17 Claim 1 decides that an application is informed of
18 the unavailability of an internet data service?

19 MR. CHOWDHURY: Objection. Misstates
20 testimony.

21 MR. MILKEY: All right. Counsel, I haven't
22 stated any testimony, and objections are supposed to

1 be limited to form. So it's a completely improper
2 objection.

3 Q. So again, my question is is it your opinion
4 that Claim 26's determination of whether the
5 different application is an -- strike that.

6 Is it your opinion that Claim 26's
7 determination of whether the different application is
8 an active application impacts how or whether the
9 system of Claim 1 decides that an application should
10 be informed of the unavailability of an internet data
11 service?

12 MR. CHOWDHURY: Objection. Form.

13 THE WITNESS: I don't believe I've made any
14 specific opinions regarding, you know, every
15 potential interpretation of the semantics of the
16 claim in my declaration. So I could, you know, sort
17 of think through and make sure that I fully defined
18 an opinion, but I would have to give it some further
19 thought. If I haven't written it -- if I haven't
20 discussed it in my declaration, I would need to spend
21 some time to fully think it through.

22 Q. BY MR. MILKEY: Okay. So sitting here

1 today, you don't know how the dependent limitation of
2 Claim 26 influences the indication of unavailability
3 recited in Limitation 1.5; is that correct?

4 A. I would disagree with that
5 characterization. The limitation is in the claim as
6 we've discussed. The different application is an
7 active application based on a user interaction with
8 the different application. So my opinion is based on
9 the claims as they're written.

10 Q. Okay. So let me ask a fairly
11 straightforward question. Does the dependent
12 limitation of Claim 26 influence the indication of
13 unavailability recited in Limitation 1.5?

14 MR. CHOWDHURY: Objection. Form.

15 THE WITNESS: Reading that language of the
16 claim very precisely, Claim 26 says, "The wireless
17 end user device of Claim 1 wherein one or more
18 processors are further configured to determine that
19 the different application is an active application
20 based on the user interaction with the different
21 application.

22 So the claim relates to the processor being

1 configured to determine that the different
2 application is an active application. How that
3 influences Claim 1 can occur in a number of ways or
4 in potentially very limited ways.

5 Q. Can you give me an example of what you mean
6 by how that influences Claim 1 can occur in
7 potentially very limited ways?

8 A. Okay. So again, 1.5, the claim language
9 with regards to the different application is that
10 "The network access condition that indicates the
11 unavailability to the particular application of an
12 internet data service that is currently available via
13 the WWAN modem to a different application, and
14 different application" -- and so Claim 26 is "wherein
15 one or more processors are further configured to
16 determine that the different application is an active
17 application based on a user interaction with the
18 different application."

19 So certainly it's the case that the
20 knowledge -- the determination that the different
21 application is an active application based on user
22 interaction with the different application can play a

1 role in including a network access condition that
2 indicates the unavailability to the particular
3 application of an internet data service that is
4 currently available to the WWAN modem to a different
5 application.

6 Q. Okay. So you testified that the
7 determination of the different application is an
8 active application can play a role in indicating the
9 unavailability of a particular data service to an
10 application. Does the claim require that it play any
11 role in that process?

12 A. That would be likely dependent on the
13 network access condition that's identified in 1.5.

14 Q. Okay. So in your opinion, you don't
15 believe that the determination that the different
16 application is an active application necessarily
17 plays any role in indicating the unavailability of a
18 particular data service to an application as recited
19 by Limitation 1.5, correct?

20 MR. CHOWDHURY: Objection. Form.

21 THE WITNESS: I think it's going to be
22 contingent on the nature of the network access

1 condition. So if we were to combine -- looking at
2 this different application, how it's further limited
3 in Claim 26, we've seen it -- we were talking about
4 "includes a network access condition that indicates
5 the unavailability to the particular application of
6 an internet data service that is currently available
7 via the WWAN modem to a different application," and
8 Claim 26 further limits that the one or more
9 processors are further configured to determine that
10 the different application is an active application
11 based on the user interaction with the different
12 application.

13 So, I mean, to combine that, and I
14 apologize that I'm sort of trying to put these
15 together to best answer your question, but I don't
16 think I particularly opined on this in my
17 declaration.

18 Q. BY MR. MILKEY: Right. And that's what I'm
19 trying to get at. So my question is sitting here
20 today, do you have an opinion as to whether the
21 active application determination in Claim 26 needs to
22 actually influence the indication of unavailability

1 recited in Limitation 1.5 in any way whatsoever?

2 MR. CHOWDHURY: Objection. Form.

3 THE WITNESS: Well, what Claim 1.5 tell us
4 that there are one or more network access conditions,
5 including a network access condition that indicates
6 the unavailability to the particular application of
7 an internet data service that is currently available
8 via the WWAN modem to a different application, and
9 that application, as is limited further by Claim 26,
10 is an active application based on the user
11 interaction with the different application.

12 So 1.5 -- to bring that back to Claim 1.5,
13 there is a network access condition that indicates
14 that unavailability based on the different --
15 currently, based on the internet data service
16 currently available via the WWAN modem to that
17 different application.

18 Q. Okay. In your opinion, is it possible to
19 practice Claim 26 even if the active application
20 determination recited in Claim 26 has no influence on
21 the availability of data service to the active
22 application, and even if that active application

1 determination recited in Claim 26 has no influence on
2 the indication of unavailability of data service to
3 the, quote, particular application, unquote, of
4 Limitation 1.5?

5 MR. CHOWDHURY: Objection. Form. And
6 objection. Scope.

7 THE WITNESS: I don't believe I opined on
8 that in my declaration, and I would need some time to
9 think through all of the ways -- all of the potential
10 permutations and combinations of network access
11 conditions as discussed in Claim 1.5 that would
12 either validate or falsify that statement.

13 Q. BY MR. MILKEY: Okay. And by the way,
14 that's a totally fair answer. I just want to clarify
15 for the record, sitting here today, do you have any
16 opinion as to whether it is possible to practice
17 Claim 26 even if an active application determination
18 in Claim 26 has no influence on the availability of
19 data service to the active application, and even if
20 that active application determination has no
21 influence on the indication of unavailability of data
22 service to the, quote, particular application,

1 unquote, of Limitation 1.5?

2 MR. CHOWDHURY: Same objection. And
3 objection to the extent that it calls for a legal
4 conclusion.

5 THE WITNESS: And once again, I think it's
6 an interesting question, but I would need some time
7 to really think through all of the ways in which the
8 claim may or may not be practiced. That's not
9 something that I considered in my declaration or when
10 I analyzed this work.

11 MR. MILKEY: Let's go off the record.

12 THE REPORTER: Thank you. We're off the
13 record.

14 (Recess taken.)

15 THE REPORTER: We are back on the record.

16 Q. BY MR. MILKEY: Welcome back, Dr. Butler.
17 If you could turn back again to Paragraph 40 on
18 Page 26 of your declaration where it lists the claim
19 language.

20 A. Okay. Yeah.

21 Q. Okay. And again, in the context of
22 Limitation 1.5, is it your opinion that Limitation

1 1.5 requires that the claimed indication of
2 unavailability of an internet data service be
3 provided to the particular application?

4 Actually, strike that.

5 Let me try to ask a slightly clearer
6 question while you're thinking about that.

7 In Limitation 1.5, is it your opinion that,
8 quote, to the particular application, unquote,
9 specifies the application to which the indication
10 must be provided?

11 A. The claim is that a network access
12 condition exists that indicates the unavailability to
13 the particular application of an internet data
14 service that is currently available, but that is
15 indicated as unavailable to the particular
16 application.

17 So it indicates that the network condition
18 is included, that indicates unavailability to the
19 particular application.

20 Q. Okay. In your opinion, can Limitation 1.5
21 be satisfied even if the unavailability of an
22 internet data service is never actually indicated to

1 the particular application?

2 A. I think the claim is such that internet
3 data service is indicated as unavailable to the
4 particular application. So that would imply at least
5 that the indication -- the network access condition
6 includes an indication as unavailable to the
7 particular application. And again, if there are
8 other ways of reading that claim or different
9 combinations, then I would need to think through what
10 are additional ways in which the claim could be
11 fulfilled. I'm reading the language as described in
12 the claim.

13 Q. Are you aware of any way in which
14 Limitation 1.5 can be satisfied even if the
15 particular application has no way of learning of what
16 the indication is?

17 MR. CHOWDHURY: Objection. Form.

18 THE WITNESS: I believe I've discussed my
19 interpretation of 1.5 in the context of -- in
20 consideration of the claims relative to what I call
21 the Shell construction. So I'm happy to discuss my
22 view of the claims in that particular context and how

1 I see such an indication occur.

2 My -- once again, the claim is that an
3 internet data service be indicated as unavailable to
4 the particular application. So that is the lens
5 through which I've considered the claim.

6 Q. BY MR. MILKEY: Okay. So let's go to
7 Paragraph 104 of your declaration. And let me know
8 when you're there, and feel free to orient yourself
9 with the context of Paragraph 104. This is your
10 analysis of Limitation 1.5.

11 A. Okay. I'm at Paragraph 104.

12 Q. Okay. And do you see that on the last
13 sentence beginning on Page 78 of your declaration,
14 Paragraph 104, and going on to Page 79, reads,
15 "Further, the decision information would indicate
16 that the, quote, piggyback, unquote, network request
17 is denied/blocked, in parentheses, internet data
18 service being indicated as unavailable to the
19 particular application, end paren, but that network
20 access by the first application is available, open
21 paren, internet data service is currently available
22 via the WWAN modem to a different application, close

1 paren."

2 You see that?

3 A. Yes, I see that.

4 Q. Okay. And in the context of your analysis
5 here, is the decision information indicating that the
6 network connection request is denied/blocked, is that
7 decision information indicated to the particular
8 application?

9 A. Yes, yes, with regards to the language of
10 the claim, and the discussion here is that internet
11 data service being indicated as unavailable to the
12 particular application.

13 Q. Okay. So at least in your mapping of the
14 prior art to Limitation 1.5, the indication of
15 unavailability is provided to the particular
16 application, correct?

17 A. That's how -- that's the lens through which
18 I've analyzed the claim.

19 Q. Okay. And do you have any opinion, sitting
20 here today, as to whether Limitation 1.5 could be
21 practiced if the indication of unavailability is not
22 provided to the particular application?

1 MR. CHOWDHURY: Objection. Form. And
2 objection to the extent that it calls for a legal
3 conclusion.

4 THE WITNESS: I would have to -- I could
5 only know by what is in the language of the claim,
6 and that's the lens through which I informed my
7 analysis. So, you know, a changing of the claim
8 language would potentially result in a different
9 analysis.

10 Q. BY MR. MILKEY: Okay. So I'm asking about
11 the specific claim language of Claim 1. And my
12 specific question is do you have any opinion, sitting
13 here today, as whether Claim 1 could be practiced
14 even if the indication of unavailability is not
15 provided to the particular application?

16 MR. CHOWDHURY: Same objections.

17 THE WITNESS: Again, my analysis was
18 related to the language of the claim, internet data
19 service indicated as unavailable to the particular
20 application. So were those conditions to change,
21 it's possible that -- and it's hard for me to
22 speculate at this point what that would look like. I

1 would need to reconsider it and reanalyze under those
2 different stipulations.

3 Q. BY MR. MILKEY: So to clarify, you believe
4 that those different stipulations are stipulations
5 that are contrary to what Claim 1 requires?

6 A. I mean, I'm -- I've informed my analysis
7 through the lens of the claim language. So again,
8 1.5 includes a network access condition that
9 indicates the unavailability to the particular
10 application of an internet data service that is
11 currently available via the WWAN modem to the
12 different application but that is indicated as
13 unavailable to the particular application. So my
14 analysis is based on the language of the claim.

15 Q. And I understand that you may have analyzed
16 this; you may not have analyzed this. You are free
17 to answer but -- you don't know the answer, or you'd
18 need more time to think about it. But my specific
19 question is sitting here today, do you have any
20 opinion as to whether Claim 1 could be practiced even
21 if the indication of unavailability is not provided
22 to, quote, the particular application, unquote?

1 MR. CHOWDHURY: Objection. Form. And
2 objection to the extent that it calls for a legal
3 conclusion.

4 THE WITNESS: I think such a question is
5 outside of the scope of the analysis that I did with
6 regards to this declaration. So it would be a new
7 analysis I would need to do in order to be able to
8 precisely and correctly answer your question.

9 MR. MILKEY: All right. I will pass the
10 witness.

11 MR. CHOWDHURY: No questions for me.

12 MR. MILKEY: All right. Let's go off the
13 record.

14 THE REPORTER: We're off the record. Thank
15 you, Counsel.

16 (Proceedings concluded at 10:40 a.m.)
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1 DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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3 I, Kevin R. B. Butler, Ph.D., do hereby
4 certify under penalty of perjury that I have read the
5 foregoing transcript of my deposition taken June 12,
6 2025; that I have made such corrections as appear
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8 and signed by me; that my testimony as contained
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12 was taken before me and is a true record of
13 the testimony given by such witness.

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15 I further certify that the adverse party,
16 Petitioner was represented by counsel at
17 the deposition.

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6 in the outcome of this matter.

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