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1 (The witness was sworn.)

2 JAMES OLIVIER, Ph.D.,

3 having been first duly sworn, was examined and
4 testified as follows:

5 EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. CLEMENTS:

7 Q. All right. Good morning, Dr. Olivier.

8 A. **Good morning.**

9 Q. Can you please state your full name for
10 the record?

11 A. **James Lawrence Olivier.**

12 Q. And you've been deposed before, correct?

13 A. **Correct.**

14 Q. About how many times?

15 A. **More than 20.**

16 Q. Okay. So you generally know how
17 depositions work then, correct?

18 A. **Correct.**

19 Q. And you know that you must provide verbal
20 answers to my questions so that the court reporter
21 can make an accurate transcript?

22 A. **Yes.**

23 Q. And because we're forming a record here,
24 it's important that we don't talk over each other.
25 So if you can let me finish my question, I'll let you

1 finish your answers. Agreed?

2 **A. Agreed.**

3 Q. And you understand that your counsel might
4 object to a question, but you still must provide an
5 answer to that question unless instructed otherwise,
6 correct?

7 **A. That's my understanding.**

8 Q. And if you're confused as to a question I
9 ask, please let me know so that I can perhaps ask it
10 a different way. And you're connecting to this
11 deposition today on a personal computer, correct?

12 **A. Correct.**

13 Q. And aside from the Zoom application, are
14 there any other applications running on your
15 computer?

16 **A. Yeah. I have SMU e-mail running on it.**

17 Q. Are there any documents open on your
18 personal computer?

19 **A. No.**

20 Q. Any web pages or messaging programs?

21 **A. Well, the e-mail is a -- I guess a**
22 **messaging program and also there's a Zoom app opened**
23 **on my web browser.**

24 Q. Okay. Do you have any other electronic
25 devices in the room with you?

1 **A. I have a cell phone with me.**

2 **Q. Is it turned off?**

3 **A. No. I could turn it off though.**

4 **Q. Okay. Are there any other people in the**
5 **room with you today?**

6 **A. Nope.**

7 **Q. Do you have any handwritten notes with**
8 **you?**

9 **A. No.**

10 **Q. Is there any reason you cannot provide**
11 **full and accurate testimony today?**

12 **A. No.**

13 **Q. And you understand that the testimony you**
14 **are providing today will be used in Inter Partes**
15 **Review Proceedings IPR 2024-01450, correct?**

16 **A. Yeah. I don't know the exact number off**
17 **the top of my head, but that sounds correct.**

18 **Q. And you understand that your testimony**
19 **will be publicly available if filed in these**
20 **proceedings, correct?**

21 **A. Yes.**

22 **Q. And this IPR, IPR 2024-01450, it concerns**
23 **U.S. Patent 7,596,088, correct?**

24 **A. Like I said, I have no documents in front**
25 **of me. I call it the '088 patent so that sounds**

1 **correct.**

2 Q. Okay. So for today's deposition, we'll be
3 talking about your declaration and the exhibits. Do
4 you have a physical copy of those exhibits with you?

5 A. **No.**

6 Q. Do you have them open on your computer?

7 A. **No.**

8 Q. Do you have copies of them so that you can
9 open them up on your computer?

10 A. **Maybe. I thought usually people drop them**
11 **in the chat and I load them, but do you want me to**
12 **look for them?**

13 Q. If you have them readily available, yes.
14 If not, I can put them in the chat when we start
15 talking about them. Either way works for me.

16 A. **Okay. I think I have -- and what do**
17 **you --**

18 Q. I suppose we can wait 'til we get there,
19 but it's going to be your declaration. It's going to
20 be a copy of the '088 patent and the two main
21 references, Exhibit 1005 and Exhibit 1006, which are
22 the Dziong and Sathyanath references.

23 A. **Okay. Yeah, I've got those in a folder**
24 **here.**

25 Q. Okay. So we'll get to those in a minute,

1 but I guess you can just open them up when we --

2 [Cross-talking.]

3 Q. And how many IPRs have you worked on?

4 A. **I think probably more than 20.**

5 Q. Okay. And just so for definitions today,
6 if I use the acronym POSITA, you'll understand I'm
7 talking about a person of ordinary skill in the art
8 as of January 2006, which is the earliest alleged
9 priority date of the '088 patent, correct?

10 A. **Well, if you say a POSITA of that date**
11 **yes. POSITA just means person of ordinary skill in**
12 **the art, as I understand it.**

13 Q. Yes. And in the context of this patent,
14 it will be the -- a POSITA as of January 2006.

15 A. **Okay.**

16 Q. Have you provided expert consulting
17 services for Portsmouth prior to this case?

18 A. **Expert consulting services, what do you**
19 **mean by that?**

20 Q. Your expert consulting services for this
21 IPR.

22 A. **So I have -- I don't quite understand your**
23 **question. Your question was have I provided expert**
24 **consulting services, and when I ask what that is, you**
25 **say expert consulting services for this IPR.**

1 Q. Yeah. The type of consulting services
2 that you're doing for this IPR, have you done this
3 type of work for Portsmouth before?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And when did you begin working on this
6 matter for Portsmouth?

7 A. This particular matter?

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. I have no idea.

10 Q. Who wrote your declaration?

11 A. I did.

12 Q. Were you provided with a first draft?

13 A. Nope.

14 Q. Who came up with the positions in your
15 declaration?

16 A. I did.

17 Q. Approximately how long did you spend
18 preparing your declaration?

19 A. Like I say, I can go back and look at my
20 records. I don't really know. Greater than 20
21 hours, less than a hundred hours if I had to guess.

22 Q. Are there any errors in your declaration
23 that you're aware of?

24 A. I don't know. I'd have to look through
25 it. Not that I'm aware of as I sit here.

1 Q. Do you still stand by all of the opinions
2 that you've provided in your declaration?

3 A. **Absolutely.**

4 Q. Have you reviewed any documents to prepare
5 for this deposition?

6 A. **Yes.**

7 Q. Have you reviewed the petition?

8 A. **Nope.**

9 Q. Have you reviewed the '088 patent?

10 A. **Yes.**

11 Q. And did you review the '088 patent in its
12 totality?

13 A. **Did I review the '088 patent in its**
14 **totality, yes.**

15 Q. Did you review the cited exhibits?

16 A. **In preparation for this deposition, the**
17 **exhibits cited in the '088 patent? I guess I don't**
18 **understand your question.**

19 Q. Cited in this IPR.

20 A. **Cited in this IPR. You have to let me**
21 **know what you mean when you say "exhibits cited in**
22 **this IPR."**

23 Q. So the IPR has several exhibits including
24 Exhibit 1005, which is the Dziong reference, also
25 Exhibit 1006, the Sathyanath reference, but there are

1 many other references that have been cited. Are you
2 familiar with all of those references?

3 **A. Again, what is the listed references**
4 **you're referring to? And I can give you an answer.**

5 Q. The petition lists a certain number of
6 references, but you said you have not reviewed the
7 petition?

8 **A. Correct.**

9 Q. Have you reviewed Dr. Mir's expert
10 declaration?

11 **A. Yes, in preparing my declaration, not**
12 **in -- I may have reviewed it a little bit, portions**
13 **of it in preparation for this. I thought this was**
14 **all in regard to preparation for this deposition.**

15 Q. Yeah. And so -- but we're talking about
16 which exhibits you've reviewed that are of record in
17 this case.

18 **A. I've got to admit, I've lost the train of**
19 **your question. Could you rephrase it?**

20 Q. Did you review the cited exhibits for this
21 case?

22 **A. Did I review the cited exhibits for this**
23 **case, and by "this case," you mean for any time**
24 **during this case?**

25 Q. These exhibits would have been identified

1 in Dr. Mir's expert report.

2 **A. Okay. I guess if you could ask it just a**
3 **little more plainly, I think we can get to some**
4 **understanding.**

5 Q. Give me a second to bring up Dr. Mir's
6 report and I can tell you which page. Do you by
7 chance have a copy of Dr. Mir's expert report?

8 **A. Yes, I can find it. Hold on one sec.**
9 **Declaration, correct?**

10 Q. Yep, Exhibit 1003.

11 **A. Okay. I've got it.**

12 Q. All right. On page 5 -- well, starting on
13 page 4, it starts listing the exhibits, pages 4
14 through 5.

15 **A. Okay. So what is your question?**

16 Q. So do you see that there's exhibits here
17 starting with paragraph 4, it states, "In preparation
18 of this declaration, I've studied the '088 patent,
19 the prosecution history, the Dziong reference," and
20 the next page I see it begins listing other
21 references.

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. Do you see that?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. Have you reviewed those references listed

1 on pages 4 and 5?

2 **A.** **So I listed -- I reviewed the references**
3 **in my declaration it says in paragraph 16. I pulled**
4 **it up. The ones I reviewed are documents listed in**
5 **paragraph 4 of Dr. Mir and then any other references**
6 **that I've cited in the declaration, if that clarifies**
7 **it.**

8 **Q.** **Yes. Thank you. Did you review the**
9 **Board's institution decision in preparing for this**
10 **deposition?**

11 **A.** **No, not in preparing for this deposition.**

12 **Q.** **Did you review the Board's institution**
13 **decision in preparing your expert report?**

14 **A.** **Yes.**

15 **Q.** **Did you review any other documents in this**
16 **case?**

17 **A.** **Did I review any other documents in this**
18 **case? I -- the documents I relied on for my**
19 **declaration are in my declaration. I didn't keep a**
20 **list of all the other documents I may or may not have**
21 **reviewed during the understanding of this case.**

22 **Q.** **All right. Let's turn to your**
23 **declaration, Exhibit 2008. On page 10, there's a**
24 **heading of Level of Ordinary Skill in the Art.**

25 **A.** **Can you give me the paragraph number?**

1 Q. Sure. We're going to start with
2 paragraph 31.

3 A. Gotcha. Okay. Hold on one second. Yes.

4 Q. There it says that you agree with
5 Dr. Mir's opinion on the qualifications of a POSITA,
6 and then you say, "Based on my experience, I'm more
7 than qualified as a POSITA." Is that correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. And what do you mean by that statement?

10 A. That I have more qualifications than the
11 one listed -- that Dr. Mir said a POSITA would have a
12 Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science or Computer
13 Engineering, Electrical Engineering equivalent and
14 four years experience. I have a Ph.D. in Computer
15 Engineering. I teach computer engineering in
16 college. I have many more than four years experience
17 in the field of network communications starting with
18 my time at Bell Labs. It's probably, what, at least
19 ten years at the time of this so. That's why I say,
20 "Based on my experience, I'm more than qualified as a
21 POSITA."

22 Q. Okay. Do you consider yourself an expert
23 as to the subject matter of the '088 patent?

24 A. Absolutely.

25 Q. And when did you have sufficient

1 qualifications and experience to qualify as an expert
2 for the '088 patent?

3 **A. When did I have sufficient -- you mean**
4 **when did I have a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical**
5 **Engineering and four years of Networking**
6 **Communication including MPLS and Tunnels?**

7 **Q. Sure.**

8 **A. Probably around 2000.**

9 **Q. Okay. So as of January 24th, 2006, you**
10 **would have been a POSITA at that time?**

11 **A. Absolutely.**

12 **Q. Were you an expert in ring networks as of**
13 **January of 2006?**

14 **A. Yes, absolutely. At Bell Labs I worked a**
15 **lot on ring networks.**

16 **Q. So can you explain at a high level what a**
17 **ring network is?**

18 **A. Typically, though, they're not required to**
19 **be, they're counter rotating -- let's start with**
20 **they're a ring topology with counter-rotating links.**
21 **That's a typical ring network.**

22 **Q. As of January 2006, were you an expert in**
23 **protection paths?**

24 **A. Yes.**

25 **Q. And what is your understanding of a**

1 protection path?

2 A. It depends on the context, but I was
3 working at Bell Labs in full tolerance of the AT&T
4 networks or the concept. What we said protection
5 paths were was something I worked on. You have to --
6 protection paths can mean different things in
7 different contexts. So in MPLS, they can mean one
8 thing, in a SONET, they can mean another thing. So
9 if you give me some context, I would understand what
10 you're talking about.

11 Q. Well, let's give MPLS as an example. What
12 would be a protection path in MPLS?

13 A. There can be many different types of
14 protection paths in MPLS. You can have a -- a
15 protection path is usually thought of as a disjoint
16 path between the main path in a MPLS labeled switch
17 path in LSP. So usually in MPLS, you try to do a
18 disjoint path and call that a protection path, but
19 again, it can depend on context. There's
20 sometimes -- in the patents that we talk about here,
21 people have made their own definitions.

22 Q. So if there was a primary path that had
23 let's say a hundred units of bandwidth and we wanted
24 to provide protection for that in case of failure, we
25 would need a protection path that also has the

1 capabilities of a hundred units of bandwidth; is that
2 correct?

3 **A. No.**

4 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

5 THE WITNESS: No. That's incorrect. You
6 don't have to make a protection path with a
7 hundred units of bandwidth. That's one of the
8 interesting things about teaching MPLS.

9 Q. (By Mr. Clements) So you could have a
10 protection path that doesn't protect for the full
11 amount of bandwidth, correct?

12 **A. Absolutely. Matter of fact, we typically**
13 **don't do that cause it leads to extremely inefficient**
14 **networks.**

15 Q. So as of January of 2006, were you an
16 expert in bandwidth sharing?

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. What is your understanding of bandwidth
19 sharing?

20 **A. It depends on the context.**

21 Q. Can you give me an example?

22 **A. Can I give an example of bandwidth**
23 **sharing? You can share the bandwidth of the link by**
24 **having two connections on a link.**

25 Q. Have you ever designed systems that used

1 bandwidth sharing?

2 **A. Yes, and POTS systems that do bandwidth**
3 **sharing in college.**

4 Q. Are there different types of bandwidth
5 sharing that you're familiar with?

6 **A. Sure.**

7 Q. Can you give me an example?

8 **A. I just gave you a type of bandwidth**
9 **sharing.**

10 Q. Are there other examples?

11 **A. Probably, but it's not something I studied**
12 **or opined on for this IPR.**

13 Q. Have you ever designed systems in which
14 the protection paths share bandwidth?

15 **A. What do you mean --**

16 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

17 THE WITNESS: Yeah. What do you mean by
18 protection path sharing bandwidth?

19 Q. (By Mr. Clements) Well, we talked about
20 protection paths are a path that is a backup path in
21 case a primary path fails; is that correct?

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. Can those backup paths or protection paths
24 share bandwidth?

25 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

1 THE WITNESS: I guess I need an example to
2 understand your question of what you're talking
3 about.

4 Q. (By Mr. Clements) Do any examples come to
5 mind?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Would you agree that backup paths can
8 share bandwidth?

9 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

10 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I don't understand
11 what type of backup paths you're talking about
12 and what you're talking about sharing bandwidth.
13 Like you said and I said, there's many different
14 types of sharing bandwidth. So if you specify
15 the question, I can probably answer it for you.

16 Q. (By Mr. Clements) Have you ever designed
17 systems that share bandwidth among active paths?

18 A. Yes. And by active, you mean actively
19 sending packets? We have to be pretty clear on what
20 we're talking about terms here because they
21 definitely need context to understand them.

22 Q. So does the term active typically mean
23 actively sending packets?

24 A. It can or it can be the state of a link.
25 It can be active, it can be administratively active

1 or administratively not active. There's a lot of
2 different ways of defining an active -- did you say
3 link or connection? I forgot.

4 Q. Path.

5 A. Path. Oh, so yeah, path is even more
6 general. So -- so I guess I was just a little
7 confused as to your question. What do you mean by
8 path?

9 Q. Path, like you said, is kind of a broad
10 term. And I'm using it broadly.

11 A. Yes, to answer your question I need to
12 understand in what specific way you're using it.

13 Q. So if we get more specific and talk about
14 active links versus active connections, would there
15 be a distinction there?

16 A. You're asking me --

17 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

18 THE WITNESS: You're asking me if there's
19 a distinction between active link and active
20 connection?

21 Q. (By Mr. Clements) Yes.

22 A. The answer is yes.

23 Q. And what would be that distinction?

24 A. There's a lot of different distinctions
25 between a link and a connection. One is a link

1 is a -- it can be virtual, but typically it's a
2 physical device that's transmitting packets from one
3 output port to one input port where a connection is a
4 concept more logical that has to do with a -- an
5 entire path through a network from what we call a
6 source to what we call a sync or what we call a
7 source to a destination. So they're two entirely
8 different ideas.

9 Q. Let's turn to paragraph 32 of your
10 declaration.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. You say that the '088 patent teaches in
13 its embodiments improved methods and systems for
14 establishing a connection through a communication
15 network taking into account the ability to share
16 allocated bandwidth between the new connection and
17 existing connections.

18 When you say "new connection" there, or
19 when the '088 patent says "new connection" there, is
20 that referring to a protection path?

21 A. Is it referring to a protection path or
22 referring to a new connection, one that you're trying
23 to establish.

24 Q. So where it says "new connection" there,
25 is that new connection a new protection path?

1 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

2 THE WITNESS: Is a new connection a
3 new -- it's just a new connection. It just says
4 new connection. It doesn't say anything else
5 other than new connection.

6 Q. (By Mr. Clements) So it could be a
7 protection path, correct?

8 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

9 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I -- it doesn't --
10 all it says it's establishing a new connection.
11 It's not talking anything about a protection
12 path.

13 Q. (By Mr. Clements) And then when it says
14 "existing connections," is that talking about a
15 protection path?

16 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

17 THE WITNESS: So the word protection path
18 doesn't appear in the '088 patent. So I guess
19 I'm confused on your question again.

20 Q. (By Mr. Clements) Well, you'd agree
21 there's a distinction between a primary path and a
22 protection path, correct?

23 **A. Absolutely.**

24 Q. So when it's talking about a new
25 connection or an existing connection, is that

1 referring to a primary path or a backup path?

2 **A. It's referring to a new connection and an**
3 **existing connection.**

4 Q. So it's not limited to either a primary
5 path or a backup path, correct?

6 **A. It's talking about new connections and**
7 **existing connections. It's not telling us the type**
8 **of new connection or existing connections.**

9 Q. So in the next paragraph, paragraph 33, it
10 talks about candidate routes. What is your
11 understanding of the candidate routes in the
12 '088 patent?

13 **A. What paragraph are you on?**

14 Q. Paragraph 33.

15 **A. Gotcha. Okay. So the candidate routes**
16 **are routes that are ones that could be used for**
17 **the -- '088 is for establishing connections and its**
18 **possible routes. It could be this establish -- this**
19 **new established connection. You can see at the end**
20 **there it says "which would be allocated to the new**
21 **connection if it were established through this**
22 **route." So the claims of the '088 patent are**
23 **directed to establishing new connections.**

24 Q. And the '088 patent also talks about a
25 sharing definition. What is your understanding of

1 that sharing definition in the '088 patent?

2 **A. So a sharing definition is a way of**
3 **describing if and what type of sharing can occur**
4 **between an existing connection and the one that**
5 **you're trying to establish.**

6 Q. So in paragraph 34, you recite Claim 1 as
7 an example of one of the claims of the '088 patent,
8 and under limitation 1.3, it mentions a total
9 bandwidth allocated jointly. Do you see that?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. Was it your understanding of the total
12 bandwidth allocated jointly?

13 **A. So the claim says, "A total bandwidth**
14 **allocated jointly to the new connection and any other**
15 **connections in a given segment." So it's the**
16 **bandwidth that's allocated between the new connection**
17 **and the other connections along a given segment.**

18 Q. And then it says that that total bandwidth
19 allocated jointly is equal to a maximum of the
20 requested bandwidth and of the bandwidths of the
21 other connections in a given segment. Do you see
22 that?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. So if I give an example of this, if we
25 have a requested bandwidth for the new connection of

1 20 units and these other connections are 30 units and
2 40 units, the maximum would be 40, correct?

3 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

4 THE WITNESS: Sorry, could you do it
5 again?

6 Q. (By Mr. Clements) Sure. So if we have a
7 request for a new connection that is 20 units of
8 bandwidth and the other connections have 30 units and
9 40 units respectively, the maximum of all of those is
10 40, correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

13 Q. (By Mr. Clements) So if the maximum is
14 40, would that be the total bandwidth allocated
15 jointly to the new connection and to the other
16 connections?

17 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

18 THE WITNESS: So yeah, let's break this
19 down. You're saying you have a segment, right,
20 that has different bandwidth allocations for
21 different existing connections across that
22 segment and those -- the two existing ones have
23 a bandwidth of 20 and 40 megabits per second
24 allocated across that segment?

25 Q. (By Mr. Clements) Correct.

1 A. So I think I may have been incorrect. So
2 it may have been that those two existing bandwidths
3 couldn't share, so the bandwidth allocation to the
4 other connections would have been 60 in that case.
5 That's why it's hard to do these hypotheticals. So
6 it kind of depends -- the answer to it kind of
7 depends on those existing connections, what was the
8 bandwidth allocated to those existing connections to
9 that set, not on an individual basis.

10 Q. So when the claim says "equal to a maximum
11 of the requested bandwidth and that the bandwidths of
12 the other connections in a given segment," you're
13 saying that if we have the new connection is 20 and
14 the other connections are 30 and 40, the maximum
15 would be 60?

16 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

17 THE WITNESS: Yeah, just slow down one
18 bit. So it says the bandwidth of the other
19 connections, the difference. So you have a
20 bandwidth of those other connections and those
21 depend on the sharing definition of how much
22 they can share that gives you the amount of
23 bandwidth that you allocated to those other
24 connections.

25 So it doesn't have to be just the maximum.

1 That would be that each other's other
2 connections were -- were able to share
3 bandwidth, but if they're not able to share
4 bandwidth, then you have to sum both of them.
5 You have to reserve a certain amount for -- and
6 I forget what your numbers were for that, 20 and
7 30 I think. So you'd have to reserve 20 and 30,
8 so 50. So it would be the maximum of 50
9 whenever the new connection was.

10 Q. (By Mr. Clements) And if they were all
11 allowed to share bandwidth, the maximum would be 40
12 since that's the maximum needed by any of the three
13 connections?

14 A. **Correct.**

15 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

16 Q. (By Mr. Clements) Okay. Let's move on to
17 the next limitation here in 1.4. It recites, "For
18 each of the two or more candidate routes calculating
19 a cumulative additional bandwidth reservation to be
20 allocated to the new connection in a segment along
21 the candidate route." Do you see that?

22 A. **Yes.**

23 Q. What is that bandwidth reservation
24 additional to?

25 A. **I don't understand your question.**

1 Q. So the claim says, "We're calculating a
2 cumulative additional bandwidth." Do you see that?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What is that bandwidth in addition to
5 based on your understanding of the '088 patent?

6 A. So the additional bandwidth is for the new
7 connection.

8 Q. So my understanding, and correct me if I'm
9 wrong, is that that means if we were to request 50
10 megabits -- or let's just say 50 units, and the other
11 connections were 40 units, the additional bandwidth
12 would be 10 because that's the difference between 40
13 and 50. Is that a correct understanding?

14 A. It depends on your sharing definition.

15 Q. Assuming that all of these were allowed to
16 share.

17 A. And they all were allowed to share a
18 hundred percent?

19 Q. Yes.

20 A. Then that would be correct. You would
21 have to add additional 10 units of whatever you're
22 calling bandwidth to that.

23 Q. So limitation 1.5 recites, "Selecting a
24 preferred route having a minimum value of the
25 cumulative additional bandwidth reservation out of

1 the two or more candidate routes." What is your
2 understanding of that limitation?

3 **A. That you select a preferred route based on**
4 **what the minimum -- which one of those two candidate**
5 **routes gave you the minimum additional bandwidth**
6 **along the candidate route.**

7 Q. So, for example, if one candidate route
8 would require 20 units of bandwidth -- additional
9 bandwidth and the other candidate route required no
10 additional bandwidth reservation, we would prefer
11 that second route?

12 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

13 THE WITNESS: So if you had those two
14 candidate routes and you performed the
15 calculations and one candidate route was smaller
16 than the other candidate route for the new
17 connection, you would take the minimum as your
18 route and then go on to establish connection
19 over that route.

20 Q. (By Mr. Clements) Let's turn to paragraph
21 58 of your declaration. Let me know when you're
22 there.

23 **A. Sure. Okay.**

24 Q. You say in paragraph 58 that "This is
25 because the primary concern of the '088 patent is the

1 efficient distribution and sharing of resources
2 between active existing connections so as to minimize
3 additional bandwidth allocation rather than failure
4 protection that draws on reserve bandwidth when an
5 active link fails."

6 So that's -- as I understand it, that's
7 your understanding of the '088 patent, correct?

8 **A. Sorry. Where --**

9 Q. So it's starting the last sentence on page
10 24, paragraph 58.

11 **A. Okay. Okay. I was trying to read it.**
12 **Right, correct.**

13 Q. And you say --

14 **A. It's probably better to say reserve**
15 **bandwidth pool there, but that's what I was trying to**
16 **say.**

17 Q. And what is the basis for your
18 characterization of the '088 patent in this manner?

19 **A. The understanding of a POSITA upon reading**
20 **the '088 patent.**

21 Q. And you say that it relates to sharing
22 bandwidth of an active connection. How does one
23 share bandwidth in an active connection?

24 **A. By sharing bandwidth with an active**
25 **connection.**

1 Q. So I'm trying to understand exactly what
2 that means. So if -- let's say we have a link with a
3 total capacity of a hundred units and we have two
4 connections on that link, both of them requiring 80
5 units.

6 A. **Right.**

7 Q. Could they share bandwidth?

8 A. **Yes.**

9 Q. But they couldn't share a hundred percent,
10 correct? If the total link capacity is a hundred and
11 both of the connections require 80, that would 160,
12 which would be too much. So it would be
13 oversubscribed?

14 A. **Yes, and oversubscription is incredibly**
15 **common and probably more common than a total reserve**
16 **bandwidth in network design. So it's a very common**
17 **thing to do that.**

18 Q. Okay. And you believe that the
19 '088 patent is talking about sharing bandwidth in
20 that oversubscription model.

21 A. **Can you point to me where I said that in**
22 **this declaration?**

23 Q. Just that paragraph that we just talked
24 about here with the paragraph 58 where you said that
25 it relates to sharing of resources between active

1 existing connections.

2 **A. So your question is -- one of the ways the**
3 **'088 describes it is oversubscription, if that helps.**

4 Q. Yeah. Let's move on to the Dziong
5 reference. That's Exhibit 1005.

6 **A. Okay.**

7 Q. And you reviewed the Dziong reference in
8 detail, correct?

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. And Dziong describes link-detour paths.
11 Are these link-detour paths protection paths?

12 **A. They're link-detour paths, so it depends**
13 **on your definition. Sometimes we call these**
14 **protection paths, sometimes we call them restoration**
15 **paths. I think it's -- in the example cited in**
16 **Dziong in Mir's -- Dr. Mir's declaration, we're**
17 **talking about pulling it out of a pool.**

18 Q. You say in paragraph 39 of your
19 declaration that Dziong's link-detour paths are not
20 established connections?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. What do you mean by that?

23 **A. So Dziong teaches a way of calculating**
24 **link-detour path costs and then basing decisions**
25 **based on those link-detour path cost, so those**

1 link-detour paths are established. They're just, as
2 you probably -- hypothetical.

3 Q. But these link-detour paths are never
4 actually established?

5 A. But if they would, they wouldn't be
6 sending traffic over to the other paths. And I think
7 it's pretty clear in the description in Dziong that
8 they're not established. They can potentially
9 hypothetic some of them could be established in the
10 future and then you'd go through the establishing of
11 these paths, but they're not established in what's
12 taught in Dziong.

13 Q. So you're saying that they're not
14 established in the sense that they're there for
15 backup, but unless they're needed, they're never
16 established, is that --

17 A. No, they're not even there for backup
18 because you don't even know which one is going to be
19 the backup. You're calculating what could
20 potentially happen in a backup. I think Figure 4
21 Dziong makes that kind of clear.

22 So Dziong sets up a certain reserve
23 bandwidth pool that you can use in case of a failure
24 to establish another connection if you ever need to.
25 It doesn't even know which one would be established

1 **because you don't know which failure may occur.**

2 **There may be no failures that occur.**

3 Q. In paragraph 39 you quote some of Dziong
4 that talks about a crank back.

5 A. **Correct.**

6 Q. What is the purpose of talking about the
7 crank backs here?

8 A. **To show the process that you need to go
9 through in order to even establish a connection. So
10 these -- even if you've already calculated a path and
11 you've decided to use that path, you still don't even
12 have an established path because there's this problem
13 of having crank back. So we're not even talking
14 about established paths in Dziong. We're just
15 talking about calculating pools of the bandwidth that
16 we can use in case of a failure.**

17 Q. So I'm trying to understand what the
18 purpose of calculating these link-detour paths are if
19 they're never actually established. Can you
20 elaborate on that?

21 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

22 THE WITNESS: So they're a way of, in
23 Dziong, teaching how to select a primary path.
24 So these primary paths have this link-detour
25 path, the cost of those link-detour paths

1 calculated. So the potential link detours for
2 each potential primary, you calculate those
3 costs and then you select a primary based on a
4 function of those link-detour costs.

5 So it's a way of selecting a primary path.
6 It's a way of calculating some attribute about
7 paths of -- candidate paths in order to
8 calculate which primary path you would choose
9 for that candidate path.

10 Q. (By Mr. Clements) So Dziong is talking
11 about calculating primary paths -- or it's talking
12 about establishing primary paths but looking at the
13 costs of the protection paths for those primary
14 paths?

15 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

16 THE WITNESS: Sorry, yeah. Sorry. Yeah,
17 can you rephrase that again?

18 Q. (By Mr. Clements) So if I understand
19 correctly, you're saying that Dziong is calculating
20 protection paths -- or Dziong is determining
21 protection paths based on the cost of the backup
22 paths for those primary paths?

23 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

24 THE WITNESS: Yeah, so did you say backup
25 path? If you say link-detour paths or all the

1 possible link failures associated with it, then
2 you're -- they're giving some sort of metric for
3 these candidate paths and selecting a primary
4 from this metric that's derived from calculating
5 cost of hypothetical link detours.

6 Q. (By Mr. Clements) In paragraph 41, you
7 say that because this bandwidth is not actually
8 allocated to any active connection, it exists in a
9 fluid state and can be shared between connections in
10 the event of a failure. And so when you say "this
11 bandwidth," are you referring to a pool for
12 protection paths?

13 A. It's a reserve pool that can be tapped
14 into in the event of a connection failure.

15 Q. So it's a reserve pool that could be used
16 for a protection path if needed?

17 A. Well, you say protection path. It's
18 link-detour path in Dziong.

19 Q. Okay. Is a link-detour path different
20 than a protection path?

21 A. In general, in MPLS, yes.

22 Q. And what would be the distinction between
23 those?

24 A. So a protection path is in MPLS from the
25 source router to the destination router is a path to

1 **protect another LSP. A link-detour path is only --**
2 **and it depends on whether it's a bypass path or not.**
3 **It's only a quick hop around the link. It's not an**
4 **actual protection path. It has to stitch itself back**
5 **into the original path until the head end LSR**
6 **calculates another protection path to switch over to.**
7 **It's what we call fast reroute in MPLS.**

8 Q. I'd like to talk about Dziong Figures 6A
9 and 6B.

10 A. **Okay. Hold on.**

11 Q. Let's go there. Let me know when you're
12 looking at Figure 6.

13 A. **Okay. Could I rotate it so I can see it**
14 **better?**

15 Q. Yeah.

16 A. **Okay.**

17 Q. All right. So in Figure 6A we have
18 several shared risk link groups, correct?

19 A. **Yes.**

20 Q. And the connection between node A and
21 node B -- or I guess we should say the link between
22 node A and node B, that's SRLG 1, correct?

23 A. **So there is a shared -- there is a link**
24 **there between A and B that's part of shared risk link**
25 **that's been given the attribute of shared risk link**

1 **group one.**

2 Q. And that link includes various
3 connections, correct?

4 A. **The link can -- or in this figure it does**
5 **include various connections.**

6 Q. And my understanding based on Figure 6B is
7 that the total link capacity is 96 units based on
8 what we see in Figure 6B; is that correct?

9 A. **Correct, which is typical on a SONET**
10 **brain.**

11 Q. And then we've got 12 units that are
12 reserved for a particular path, correct?

13 A. **We have 12 unit. So this is a**
14 **cross-connect table and the 12 units -- where are you**
15 **seeing the 12 units?**

16 Q. So I see the 12 units along that link on
17 SRLG 1. You see the number 12 there on that solid
18 line?

19 A. **Oh, okay. I've got to go find out what**
20 **those are in the spec. What was the 12? Cause I'm**
21 **looking at cross-connect table and I don't see the**
22 **12 units there.**

23 Q. So my understanding of the cross-connect
24 table is that far left line there's the solid line on
25 top that looks to be about 12 units.

1 **A. Oh, 12 OC3s. Okay. That's the -- so you**
2 **mean the one that represents 96, right?**

3 Q. So we see the -- like on the far right of
4 Figure 6B, we see there's a solid black line that
5 seems to indicate the entire bandwidth --

6 [Cross-talking.]

7 THE WITNESS: Right.

8 Q. -- is 96. That solid line is only -- is
9 much smaller on the far left where we're talking
10 about the AB cross-connect, and it looks to me to be
11 about 12.

12 **A. Okay.**

13 Q. And I'm also basing it off of the number
14 12 put on the solid line in Figure 6A.

15 **A. Okay. Now, I understand what you're**
16 **talking to -- talking about. So that's 12 units of**
17 **bandwidth that's been allocated on this cross-connect**
18 **table.**

19 Q. Yeah. 12 units to some path or some
20 connection, correct?

21 **A. Correct.**

22 Q. And would that be an active connection?

23 **A. Yes, it could be an active connection.**
24 **It's assigned to the cross-connect table.**

25 Q. And Figure 6B illustrates how SRLG 1 also

1 serves as a protection path for other connections,
2 correct?

3 **A. It serves as a segment of an entire**
4 **connection path for failures that could occur in**
5 **other links. So it's not a protection path as it is**
6 **just a link from A to B.**

7 Q. And then it's got protection bandwidth
8 there as we see from Figure 6B. There's that bracket
9 that says protection bandwidth?

10 **A. Correct.**

11 Q. SRLG 3, SRLG 4 and SRLG 5.

12 **A. So what was your question?**

13 Q. And so my understanding is is that SRLG 1,
14 or more particularly the link between A and B, is
15 providing protection bandwidth to connections on
16 those other shared risk link groups; is that correct?

17 **A. So it has, as we've talked before, a pool**
18 **that can be used in the case of a failure to then**
19 **establish a connection across there in the case of a**
20 **different failure.**

21 Q. And that pool would at least be 48 units,
22 correct?

23 **A. Yes. There's a reserve pool you see over**
24 **here, reserve bandwidth is 48 units.**

25 Q. And that's because that's the maximum of

1 those three SRLGs over here, 3, 4 and 5, correct?

2 **A. It could be or it could be a reserve pool,**
3 **could be larger than that. The reserve pool is just**
4 **what's left over. It's just what's assigned to a**
5 **pool for failures.**

6 Q. And so these other SRLGs have protection
7 bandwidth requirements of 48, 15 and 36. Do you see
8 that?

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. And so Dziong is reserving in this pool as
11 you describe it at least 48 because that's the
12 maximum of those three; is that correct?

13 **A. Right, at least 48 is available for these**
14 **nonexistent connections here.**

15 Q. And so if SRLG were to fail, then the 48
16 units of bandwidth used by the connection on SRLG 3,
17 could then be assigned to SRLG 1 or more particularly
18 the link between A and B, correct?

19 **A. Your question made no sense. Sorry.**

20 Q. So if SRLG were to fail or more
21 specifically the link between A and C -- do you see
22 that?

23 **A. Right.**

24 Q. If that were to fail, then those 48 units
25 of bandwidth would be moved to SRLG 1 or the link

1 between A and B?

2 A. So you could then establish a connection
3 between A and B.

4 Q. From that reserve bandwidth, correct?

5 A. Right. So these are not established
6 connections, and you can see that because they
7 overlap each other. And you can't overlap in SONET
8 in a cross-connect. So I know that these links are
9 not established where it says protection bandwidth.

10 Q. And similarly, if the link associated with
11 SRLG 5 were to fail, those 36 units of bandwidth
12 could be applied to that reserve pool?

13 A. You could establish on the link from A to
14 B those 36 -- I think these are coming out as
15 OC -- DS1s, so these 36 DS1s could be established,
16 and a new connection could be established to route
17 around the failure of shared risk link group, shared
18 risk link group 5.

19 Q. And these 48 units of bandwidth that are
20 reserved in this pool as you describe it, they cannot
21 be used by other connections on SRLG 1, correct?

22 A. I mean, they could be. There's nothing to
23 say you don't do that, but the intention is to have a
24 pool that in the worst case allows you to establish a
25 connection.

1 Q. So it's reserved in the sense it's taken
2 off the table for use by other connections; is that
3 right?

4 A. **Right. It's not any connection of**
5 **themselves, and I think Dr. Mir was a little**
6 **uncertain of that. So it's just an attribute for**
7 **this link, shared risk link group 1, and the**
8 **attribute is that the link group 1 and we're**
9 **associating with that a pool of bandwidth for**
10 **failures that's got 48 units.**

11 Q. Turning back to your declaration
12 paragraph 43.

13 A. **43. Okay. Hold on a second. Okay.**

14 Q. You say in that paragraph that Sathyanath
15 draws an expressed distinction between reserving
16 bandwidth and allocating bandwidth in a protection
17 path. Would you say that Sathyanath uses the term
18 allocate and reserve differently than the '088 patent
19 does?

20 A. **I think they're using them in a similar**
21 **way.**

22 Q. And then in paragraph 38 of your
23 declaration, you cite to Sathyanath's statement that
24 bandwidth is not allocated until after the detection
25 of a failure and in such implementations because the

1 protection bandwidth is only reserved and not
2 allocated, sharing can be supported. Do you see
3 that?

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. So does that mean that under Sathyanath's
6 definition of reserved and allocated, bandwidth that
7 is allocated cannot be shared?

8 **A. Sathyanath's way of sharing bandwidth is**
9 **to reserve it, not allocate it.**

10 Q. And Sathyanath says that because the
11 protection bandwidth is only reserved and not
12 allocated, that's why sharing can be supported. So
13 does that mean that if it were to be allocated,
14 sharing could not be supported?

15 **A. No. I'm talking about Sathyanath's idea**
16 **of bandwidth sharing, which is different than the**
17 **idea of bandwidth sharing in the '088 patent cause in**
18 **the '088 patent we allocate and share, but Sathyanath**
19 **is talking about something different about having**
20 **reserving and then sharing it.**

21 Q. Right. But if Sathyanath were to allocate
22 it, does that mean it could not be shared?

23 MS. MISBAH: Objection.

24 THE WITNESS: I'm not quite sure

25 I -- Sathyanath seems to be teaching about

1 reserving it and not allocating it. And they're
2 pretty clear about that. So that's what they're
3 teaching.

4 Q. (By Mr. Clements) And then Sathyanath
5 says that because the protection bandwidth is only
6 reserved and not allocated, sharing can be supported.
7 Do you see that?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. So I'm asking if the bandwidth were to be
10 allocated rather than reserved, does that mean that
11 sharing could not be supported?

12 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

13 THE WITNESS: The answer is no because the
14 '088 teaches a way of allocating and sharing.

15 Q. (By Mr. Clements) So when Sathyanath says
16 that the reason that sharing can be supported is
17 because it's only reserved and not allocated,
18 wouldn't that mean that allocating it means that it
19 can't support sharing?

20 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

21 THE WITNESS: In Sathyanath's view of the
22 world, it seems be saying that, yes. In
23 Sathyanath's view of sharing, you can't
24 allocate. They're kind of -- that's what
25 they're saying in their view of the world. So

1 their definition of how you share bandwidth
2 works along the principles of reserving it, not
3 allocating it. That's not to say that's the
4 only way to do it. That's just Sathyanath's way
5 of doing it.

6 Q. (By Mr. Clements) In your declaration,
7 you talk about various protection schemes, for
8 example, in paragraphs 46 and 47?

9 A. **Correct.**

10 Q. You talk about a one-plus-one protection
11 scheme and a one one protection scheme; is that
12 correct?

13 A. **Correct.**

14 Q. Can you explain what you mean by
15 one-plus-one or a one one protection scheme?

16 A. **So it's actually -- in a one-to-one**
17 **protection scheme the same traffic is carried in two**
18 **different directions and the receiving nodes selects**
19 **the best. And a one-to-one protection scheme refers**
20 **to transmitting along the working path, and when the**
21 **sender detects a failure, it sends it along the other**
22 **path, the protection path.**

23 Q. Is the '088 patent directed to either of
24 those schemes?

25 A. **I don't see why it would be precluded.**

1 Q. Is the Dziong reference directed to either
2 one of those schemes?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Why not?

5 A. Dziong's incorporating Sathyanath and
6 Sathyanath is talking about that these are the types
7 of schemes they're using.

8 Q. It's not a one-to-one protection scheme?

9 A. Not in the way that Sathyanath is -- that
10 we're talking about here, that Sathyanath's
11 describing where two copies sent, one on a primary
12 and one on a protection path or detecting failures
13 and having already established protection paths so we
14 can switch over fast. So no.

15 Q. So you're saying that Dziong or Sathyanath
16 are neither a one-plus-one or a one-to-one protection
17 scheme, correct?

18 A. No. What I'm saying is just what I said,
19 which is describing the one-to-one protection scheme
20 as I did or one sent over a primary path and one sent
21 over a protection path and you selected that the
22 receiver know neither Dziong or Sathyanath,
23 Sathyanath especially explicitly teaches a way that
24 that's what they're doing.

25 And then the same for the one-to-one

1 protection scheme. And in neither of those cases, as
2 I say in 47, that we have an existing connection,
3 either one-to-one or one-plus-one or one-for-one
4 protection because both references are using reserve
5 bandwidth and not allocated.

6 Q. So because Dziong uses reserve bandwidth
7 and not allocated bandwidth, it's neither a
8 one-to-one or one-plus-one scheme as I understand it.
9 So how would you define Dziong's scheme? Is there a
10 term for that type of scheme?

11 A. There's a lot of teaching in Dziong. So
12 what scheme are you talking about?

13 Q. The one that you mentioned just now that
14 has a pool of reserved bandwidth.

15 MS. MISBAH: Objection, form.

16 THE WITNESS: So is there a name of -- is
17 there a term of art for this type of thing
18 that's discussed in Dziong?

19 Q. (By Mr. Clements) Yeah.

20 A. I mean, it's a form of redundancy, but I
21 don't know of a particular term for this type of
22 thing that's taught in Sathyanath or Dziong. They're
23 kind of a reserve pool allocation scheme probably
24 because it's not used in MPLS networks or SONET
25 networks, in my understanding, but I don't know of

1 **anything other than it's a redundancy scheme.**

2 MS. MISBAH: Counsel, we've gone for a bit
3 over an hour. Whenever you launch into the next
4 section, before that, can we just take a
5 five-minute break?

6 MR. CLEMENTS: Yeah. Actually, I'm just
7 looking at my notes here real quick. I may just
8 be done, maybe quicker than expected.

9 I don't think I have any further questions
10 for you, Dr. Olivier. Thank you for your time.

11 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

12 MS. MISBAH: I have no further questions
13 either.

14 (Discussion off the record.)

15 (After being asked, off the record, if
16 counsel would like an expedited copy of the
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18 MS. MISBAH: Normal turn around is fine.
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