IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

PLUMBERS LOCAL UNION NO. 519 PENSION TRUST FUND; AND CITY OF STERLING HEIGHTS POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, DERIVATIVELY ON BEHALF OF NOMINAL DEFENDANT DISH NETWORK CORPORATION,

Appellants,

VS.

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THE COURT: What's your question? Can you just ask --1 no one told him about that. I don't think I understand what 2 3 you're asking. MR. GLASSER: Let me back up and ask him. 4 BY MR. GLASSER: 5 Q. You're saying you didn't know -- I think you're saying -- I 6 don't know. Are you saying you didn't know that the 7 8 North Carolina Attorney General told SSN to stop this? A. I was saying at that time. You're referring -- you're 10 going back to my career in 2004, '5, sir. At that time I did 11 not know about this at all. All right. Now, let me say, when did you learn about it? 12 13 I learned about this last year. Q. Last year, which is 2006 -- 16? 14 Yes, sir. 1.5 Α. Q. All right. So you're telling me that there's some -- well, 16 17 we know -- do you -- do you dispute that the legal department at least had knowledge of Dr. Krakauer's complaint in 2011, not 18 2016? 19 20 MS. ECHTMAN: Objection. The legal department's 21 knowledge? 22 THE COURT: You're --2.3 MR. GLASSER: So --24 THE COURT: You're moving from this consent judgment to Dr. Krakauer's complaint? You're talking about two

different things?

2 MR. GLASSER: Well, I'm going to link them up.

THE COURT: Okay. He can answer if he knows. If

4 you'll repeat your question.

BY MR. GLASSER:

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Q. Okay. I guess I'm just saying when you're --

THE COURT: Asking.

8 BY MR. GLASSER:

Q. Did the legal department ever tell you that they were having depositions with people who were saying SSN was calling

11 them on the Do Not Call List in 2011?

12 **THE COURT:** Well, sustained as to what he was told.

13 | That would seem to be privileged.

14 BY MR. GLASSER:

15 Q. If you didn't know about any interaction with Dr. Krakauer

and the Attorney General's office in 2011, it must be the case

17 | that you did not receive a briefing.

18 THE COURT: Well, I haven't heard him say that.

19 BY MR. GLASSER:

- 20 Q. Well, did you?
- 21 A. I don't remember in 2011. I learned about this last year.
- 22 Q. Okay. Did you know about Dr. Krakauer's interaction with
- 23 the Attorney General's office in 2011?
- 24 A. No, sir.
- 25 Q. 2012?

- A. I learned about it last year, sir.
- 2 Q. Okay. So I take it that means that in 2011 the sales
- 3 department had no system in place to get notification from the
- 4 | legal department about complaints to Attorney Generals'
- 5 offices?
- 6 A. I can't comment on that, sir. Our compliance group are
- 7 | overseeing it. I'm sure they're handling everything correctly.
- 8 | It didn't get to me. I apologize for that.
- 9 Q. Are you aware of any formal system of notification when
- 10 compliance gets a problem to tell sales?
- 11 A. There were individuals that were overseeing the OE channel
- 12 at that time responsible for it. After conferencing them --
- 13 and I'm sure if -- if compliance had a major issue, they would
- 14 go to them. It did not come to me, sir.
- 15 | Q. Okay. I'm not asking about major issue. I'm just saying
- 16 | are you personally aware as the head of sales function in this
- 17 company of any process by which it should come to you?
- 18 A. I believe every complaint we take seriously and it would
- 19 | have come to the specific individual that was running the OE
- 20 \parallel channel responsible for it that I gave the authority to run.
- 21 THE COURT: That you what?
- 22 THE WITNESS: That I gave the authority to oversee or
- 23 | run the channel.
- 24 THE COURT: When you say "channel," I don't think I
- 25 know what a channel is?

THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, ma'am -- Your Honor. I call a channel -- independent satellite dealers a channel. National accounts is a channel. The organization -- our organization channels our specific -- just like we looked into that spreadsheet, national accounts. It's a channel of retailers, satellite dealers -- independent satellite dealers, we call it as a channel? Telco group is a channel. OE is a channel. That's all. MS. ECHTMAN: Your Honor, I just want to object to

this entire line. We've already established that Mr. Ahmed left in 2006. He wasn't there for three years and Mr. Glasser seems to be asking about what was going on in that interim.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, if you can --

MR. GLASSER: That was my last question --

THE COURT: All right. Then good. Go ahead.

MR. GLASSER: -- on that.

BY MR. GLASSER:

Q. So you agree with me, though, that we can tell from the two e-mails that we just looked at, Exhibit 1160, where you said you were hearing a lot of customer complaints -- remember 1160?

21 A. Sure.

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Q. And then -- which was in July of 2014. And then Exhibit 656, which was "all his issues related to sales" e-mail, that was in 2014. "All Alex issues related to sales," 25 do you see that?

- A. Yes, sir.
- 2 \mathbb{Q} . Okay. We know that they were selling both DISH and DirecTV
- 3 around the time of this -- see, it was filed in June of 2004
- 4 and it was entered in March of 2005. These e-mails are inside
- 5 | that window, right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. So it is perfectly possible, in fact likely, that
- 8 some of these violations had to do with DISH products, wouldn't
- 9 you agree?
- 10 MS. ECHTMAN: Objection, hypothetical for a fact
- 11 | witness.
- 12 THE COURT: Okay. Well, sustained.
- 13 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 14 Q. Let's go to Exhibit 194.
- 15 A. Can I comment on those two?
- 16 \parallel Q. Your lawyer will get to ask you questions when he or she
- 17 stands up.
- 18 A. Thank you.
- 19 MR. GLASSER: I move the admission of Exhibit 194,
- 20 Your Honor.
- 21 MS. ECHTMAN: We object for the reasons previously
- 22 stated, Your Honor, and just want to note the limiting
- 23 | instruction.
- 24 THE COURT: All right. Overruled. It will be
- 25 admitted.

Ladies and gentlemen, in this exhibit and maybe in others, 1 you may hear someone in an e-mail talk about what the law is 2 that governs the Do Not Call Registry and such. You're to take 3 your instructions on the law from me. 4 These are not being 5 offered for the accuracy or inaccuracy of what people say about what the Do Not Call Registry laws are, but, you know, you're 6 entitled to consider that kind of as background or context, 8 what the witness or what the person talking understood the law to be, but it's not offered to show you what the law is. be telling you what the law is at the appropriate time. 10 11 MS. ECHTMAN: And, Your Honor, might I also ask for the limiting instruction on complaints? And can I hand up the 12 13 specific instruction that Your Honor had previously entered? THE COURT: 14 Yes. 15 MS. ECHTMAN: Your Honor, if I might hand this up. THE COURT: 16 Okay. (Document handed to the Court by Ms. Echtman.) 17 This is proposed. I'm sorry. 18 THE COURT: Oh, it complies with the decision --19 MS. ECHTMAN: 20 THE COURT: Well, I think I just told them this. 2.1 MS. ECHTMAN: Okay. 22 And also, ladies and gentlemen, you may hear some evidence about complaints; and, you know, if the person who made the complaint isn't here in front of you 24 telling you about the complaint, then you're not to consider it

- as true. It's not being offered to prove to you that these things happened. It's being offered to prove, among other things, that the complaint was made, all right, not that the complaint was true or that anything -- any laws have been violated.
- 6 All right. Go ahead.

7 | BY MR. GLASSER:

- Q. Okay. So I want to start at the back of the e-mail here on September 23rd, 2005. Okay. It's an e-mail from Marguerite
- 10 | Sweeney at the Indiana State Attorney General's office, okay.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And Scott Novak is a lawyer inside of DISH, right?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- 14 Q. He handled work having to do with OE retailers and
- 15 | compliance, right?
- 16 A. He was one of the attorneys there, many responsibilities,
- 17 I'm sure.
- 18 Q. It says: One of my co-workers writes: I just received an
- 19 auto dialer call at the house and pressed "1" with a
- 20 | representative --
- 21 THE COURT: Okay. I don't really understand. Can we
- 22 just not summarize that this is complaint? I mean, the details
- 23 of it aren't really important, are they?
- 24 MR. GLASSER: Actually, the detail in this case does
- 25 relate to another e-mail later, but I'll go quicker.

BY MR. GLASSER:

- 2 | Q. Just an autodialer complaint, right?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. All right. And then Scott Novak writes to her that it
- 5 | "sounds like some rogue outfit masquerading as us," right?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 \mathbb{Q} . "We will verify that we don't use 'push 1 to speak to
- 8 someone live' outbound marketing, right?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. and then it says Scott and Amy and then -- oh, okay.
- 11 And then -- oh, then Ms. Marguerite Sweeney, the Attorney
- 12 General lady, e-mails back two days later and says: We
- 13 received a similar complaint from a consumer who provided the
- 14 number, called Satellite Promotions. Okay. And then it looks
- 15 like internally it finally gets to you, right?
- 16 A. Yes, sir.
- 17 | Q. All right. And you were talking to Oberbillig and Mike
- 18 Mills, right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And Scott thinks it may be Alex Tehranchi and Satellite
- 21 | Systems Network, and he says "again," right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 \parallel Q. Mike Mills says, yes, it is Satellite Systems, right?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 \parallel Q. You say: Apparently we could not convince Alex. You're

- tired of this BS, right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 $\|$ Q. "I will deal with Novak and let legal handle it," right?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. Oberbillig says: We have addressed this with him many
- 6 times. Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. "As recently as last week in person in LA." You forward
- 9 the e-mail chain to Scott Novak, the lawyer, right?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. On September 26th at 11:43 a.m., right?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. And Scott Novak replies to you: We know that SSN is using
- 14 | autodialers and automessages. Right?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. Okay. Now, when we looked at the permanent injunction from
- 17 | the Attorney General from March of 2005, it enjoined
- 18 autodialers and automessaging. It said stop that, right?
- 19 That's Exhibit 186? Correct?
- 20 A. That's the North Carolina one?
- 21 Q. Yes, sir, which we read -- I showed you page 5.
- 22 A. I understand. Yes. At that time I did not know about
- 23 that, but you showed me that, yes.
- 24 Q. But this company was banned from doing this --
- 25 THE COURT: Okay. Ask the witness about what he

- knows.
- 2 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 3 | Q. Okay. "Tehranchi has been warned time and again by me."
- 4 | That's Mr. Novak, right?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. By you. You're the recipient of this e-mail, right?
- 7 A. Correct. And I never spoke to Mr. Tehranchi about this.
- 8 Q. So Scott Novak is wrong that you had warned Mr. Tehranchi?
- 9 A. Yes, he's making a statement, yes.
- 10 Q. By the region. Who is the region on this e-mail? Which
- 11 | human being on this e-mail is the region?
- 12 A. That would be Mike Oberbillig there.
- 13 Q. Okay. By phone. So it wasn't you. It had to be somebody
- 14 else in this e-mail by phone, right?
- 15 A. Yes. The region could have talked to him.
- 16 Q. In writing, right?
- 17 A. Yes, we sent a letter to him.
- 18 Q. In person, right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. That these activations could violate the law?
- 21 THE COURT: Activities.
- 22 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 23 Q. Activities could violate the law.
- 24 A. Yes, could violate the law.
- 25 \parallel Q. "Last time Tehranchi blamed a rogue employee who he claimed

- $oxedsymbol{\parallel}$ was terminated, but the activities continue." Do you see that?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. "Charter knows he's doing it, and several state AG's know
- 4 he's doing it as well." Do you see that?
- 5 | A. Yes.
- 6 0. Was North Carolina one of those?
- 7 A. I don't know, sir.
- 8 Q. Was Florida one of those?
- 9 A. I don't know, sir.
- 10 Q. "In the past, we have successfully resisted the argument
- 11 that we are responsible for the conduct of independent
- 12 retailers. However, SSN is a problem because we know what he
- 13 is doing and have cautioned him to stop." Do you see that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 $\|$ Q. And it is true that while you had not done it, you were
- 16 aware that at least the region, Mr. Novak, and others by phone
- 17 and in writing had told the man to stop, right?
- 18 A. A couple of complaints came to me, without a doubt, over
- 19 | the previous few years and, yes, we -- at each instance when we
- $20 \parallel \text{received}$ a complaint, we contacted him through the region or
- 21 | through compliance or through legal and told him to absolutely
- 22 | stop, we do not want that type of business. Each time he told
- 23 \parallel us he is following the laws, he's scrubbing the lists, he's
- 24 doing everything in compliance with the law.
- 25 Q. Okay.

As a matter of fact, are you going to --2 THE COURT: Go ahead. You can finish your answer. 3 As a matter of fact, I believe in this THE WITNESS: e-mail chain Mr. Oberbillig will contact Mr. Tehranchi. 4 5 Mr. Tehranchi is adamant that it is not him, he follows everything by the law, he only does voice telemarketing, he's 6 not -- that's not his focus on the DISH business. 7 That's what 8 he's telling him. He's telling him it's not him. He would like to speak to Mr. Novak and explain how he telemarkets by 10 the law. Mr. Oberbillig takes initiative, and on this specific e-mail and complaint, we find out that it was not SSN. 11 another retailer that caused the complaint. 12 13 BY MR. GLASSER: 14 Q. And we'll get to all that. We'll walk through all that, 1.5 but for right now I don't want to concentrate on what happened 16 next. I'm concentrating on this e-mail at this moment in time 17 when you haven't run down his defenses yet or what he's arguing or whether or not somebody else --18 19 THE COURT: Okay. Ask him a question. 20 THE WITNESS: This is Mr. --2.1 THE COURT: Just a second. Stop, stop, stop. 22 BY MR. GLASSER: And I'm asking --24 Stop. You ask a question. THE COURT:

And then you answer the specific question that he asks you.

And then we'll kind of go back and forth, but you all stop 1 arguing with each other. 2 3 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. BY MR. GLASSER: 4 5 Q. I'm asking you at this moment in time what Mr. Novak said, that this man -- we know that he's violating the law, okay, was 6 7 true at that time with respect to other activity, not this 8 specific complaint. I'm not -- I don't care about this specific complaint. We'll get to that. 10 MS. ECHTMAN: Objection, misstates the document, which 11 says "could." 12 THE COURT: Overruled. Go ahead. You can answer the 13 question. 14 THE WITNESS: Yes, it says "could violate the law." 1.5 BY MR. GLASSER: Q. "We know that SSN is using autodialers and automessages. 16 17 Tehranchi has been warned time and again by me, by you, by the region, by phone, in writing, in person that these activities 18 19 could violate the law." 20 THE COURT: What's your question? BY MR. GLASSER: 2.1 22 Did he -- do -- we just showed you a --2.3 THE COURT: Okay. Stop. 24 THE WITNESS: Sir --25 THE COURT: Stop. If you don't have a question,

I'm -- you can conclude your examination.

BY MR. GLASSER:

- 3 | Q. All right. Did you tell him to stop doing that?
- 4 A. We never wanted that business. We told him to always be
- 5 compliant and follow the laws. That's the only way we want to
- 6 do business. And every time he said that, yes, he was
- $7 \parallel$ following the laws, correct.
- 8 Q. And you preferred -- you wanted to put him on a 30- or
- 9 | 60-day probation, right?
- 10 A. I believe Mr. Novak recommended probation and I agreed with
- 11 him on 30 to 60 days, correct.
- 12 Q. And then we'll get to the next e-mail, but once he objected
- 13 and made his argument back, you ended up not putting him on
- 14 probation, right?
- 15 A. I did not put him on probation, sir.
- 16 Q. And then again in January of 2007, Mr. Oberbillig sends
- 17 | this e-mail chain to risk audit, right?
- 18 A. That's what I see there. I was not there. That's what
- 19 you're showing me, yes.
- 20 \parallel Q. And the part of the e-mail we haven't got to yet is
- 21 \parallel Mr. Novak was warning that there is a risk in continuing to
- 22 give warnings without follow-through action. "Eventually
- 23 \parallel someone will try and use that against us." Right?
- 24 MS. ECHTMAN: Your Honor, I object. We're spending a
- 25 lot of time on a document from a very long time ago.

1 THE COURT: Well, he's entitled to go through the document. I am going to require you all to stop arguing with 2 each other so we can get through this and get to a more 3 relevant time frame. 4 5 Go ahead. Finish up. What's your question about that last 6 part you just read? BY MR. GLASSER: 7 8 That's what Mr. Novak warned you? That's what he wrote. 10 Q. Let's go to Exhibit 120. 11 MR. GLASSER: Move the admission of Plaintiff's Exhibit 120, Your Honor. 12 13 MS. ECHTMAN: Your Honor, all the same objections previously stated: 802, 401, 403, 404. And the same limiting 14 1.5 instruction applies to this. 16 THE COURT: Overruled. You can proceed. 17 And, ladies and gentlemen, you'll remember what I said to you about complaints and -- I'm not sure if there's anything in 18 19 here about what the law is on agency or on --20 MR. GLASSER: It's just a continuation of the same 21 e-mail, Your Honor. 22 THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead. BY MR. GLASSER: 24 So this is the continuation e-mail you wanted to talk about, right?

- Α. Yes. Thank you. 2 All right. And what happened after -- so there's 3 Mr. Novak's statement here about, you know, if we keep doing this without follow through we've got a problem. 4 5 MS. ECHTMAN: Your Honor, could I as the Court to ask 6 Mr. Glasser to let us know what page he's on? 7 MR. GLASSER: I'm about to get there. 8 THE COURT: Yes, that would be helpful. 9 MR. GLASSER: I'm on page 3 of 120, right here. Okay. 10 BY MR. GLASSER: 11 Q. And in this -- okay. Here it is. I found it. Page 2. Mr. Oberbillig says later in September that Alex claims it's 12 13 not him, any telemarketing he does is by the law, right, and 14 they've only called people who call into their center. He 1.5 wants to talk to Scott Novak so he can be open about how they 16 telemarket, right? 17 A. Yes, sir. That's what you told me? 18 19 Α. Yes, sir.

- 20 It was as a result of this and then you guys linked it to
- 2.1 another one called United Satellite and you decided not to put
- 22 him on probation; is that right?
- 2.3 A. Sir, I did not put him on probation.
- 24 THE COURT: I'm sorry. What? I can't really hear.

BY MR. GLASSER:

- 2 | Q. I said you -- after his defense to this one complaint, you
- 3 | linked it to United Satellite and decided not to put him on
- 4 probation, right?
- 5 A. Yes. This complaint was a different retailer. It was not
- 6 Mr. Tehranchi, SSN. I did not put him on probation.
- 7 | Q. Okay. And that's September of 2005, right?
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. All right. Now let's go to Exhibit 504.
- MR. GLASSER: Move the admission of Exhibit 504.
- 11 THE COURT: Plaintiff's 504.
- 12 MS. ECHTMAN: Your Honor, we have multiple objections.
- 13 | There's also one where this has a complaint.
- 14 | THE COURT: Okay. Well, I've explained to the jury
- 15 | about these complaints and how they're not to take them for the
- 16 \parallel truth of the matter, unless the complainer is here to -- to
- 17 | admit it or unless it's an admission. So let's just see if we
- 18 | can't move through this quickly.
- 19 Go ahead.
- 20 | BY MR. GLASSER:
- 21 \parallel Q. Okay. So now we're in October of 2005, right? It's one
- 22 month after the e-mail chain where Scott Novak talks about you,
- 23 me, the region, everyone warning him, right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 \parallel Q. And a guy name Jeff Lichtenstein e-mails to Erik Carlson.

- lacksquare Who is Erik Carlson? He's fairly high up in DISH, right?
- $2 \parallel A$. At that time he was in retail services.
- 3 Q. What was his job?
- 4 A. Overseeing retail services, our organization.
- $5 \parallel Q$. So a boss of you?
- 6 A. No, he's not. He's not.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. It's a different department.
- 9 \parallel Q. Okay. And Mr. Lichtenstein is basically saying, hey, I
- 10 | just got a call from a company Satellite Promotions and I was
- 11 under the impression that telemarketing was prohibit,
- 12 especially recorded messages. You see that?
- 13 A. Yes, sir.
- 14 Q. Do you happen to know who Mr. Lichtenstein is?
- 15 A. I don't know of him, no.
- 16 Q. All right. And then this complaint about telemarketing
- 17 | likewise runs up the chain and gets to you, and you ask
- 18 somebody to figure out who it is, right, in October?
- 19 A. That's correct. Yes, sir.
- 20 \parallel Q. And Leslie Fiedler does figure out who it is. She
- 21 | identifies Alex's call center -- Tehranchi's call center,
- 22 | Satellite Systems Network, right?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 \parallel Q. So this is one month after the one where you thought it was
- 25 them and this is another one, right?

1 MS. ECHTMAN: Objection to the --2 THE COURT: Sustained. 3 BY MR. GLASSER: Mr. Oberbillig says: The last time this issue came up it 4 5 was not SSN but United. Do you see that? 6 Α. Yes. 7 "I will call both accounts and verify," right? 8 MS. ECHTMAN: Objection to discussions of other 9 retailers that don't have anything to do with this case. 10 MR. GLASSER: I'm just putting it in context. 11 THE COURT: Overruled. BY MR. GLASSER: 12 13 Q. And, Mr. Ahmed, you say either way both accounts are yours. 14 "I need it fixed." Okay. And then --15 THE COURT: Okay. You need to ask a question, please. 16 I'm about to stop you. This is your last warning. BY MR. GLASSER: 17 Q. Then Mr. Oberbillig verifies to you it's SSN, right? 18 19 That's correct. Α. 20 Q. All right. In this instance in October, it is verified 21 it's SSN, DISH internally verifies them. And my question to 22 you is you likewise did not impose any sanction on Satellite Systems in October of 2005; isn't that true? A. I did not put them on probation, if that's what you're 24

asking.

- Q. Or hold money, right?
- 2 A. I did not, sir.
- $3 \parallel Q$. Or order them to retrain their employees, right?
- 4 A. I personally did not.
- 5 | Q. Okay. But you personally received -- and you're not aware
- 6 of anyone else doing any of that in 2005 either, are you,
- 7 Mr. Ahmed?
- 8 A. Any complaint we immediately went to them to make sure
- 9 that, again, no complaints, make sure everything is compliant,
- 10 you are following the laws. That is exactly what we are
- 11 | telling Mr. Tehranchi. We don't want that business.
- 12 Q. So when I looked at the Exhibit 194, which was Scott Novak
- 13 | saying, you know, me, you, the region, that e-mail, it looked
- 14 like Scott Novak was proposing, hey, we've got to do something
- 15 \parallel here. Now you have a verified one. Why did you not make the
- 16 decision, it's only a month later, to sanction them in some way
- 17 or order them to change in some way?
- 18 A. This e-mail, he -- I believe he's claiming that, you know,
- 19 they're going to contact, he's got a relationship with existing
- 20 | DirecTV customers, they're scrubbing the lists with these
- 21 | customers, he feels he has the right to contact these
- 22 | customers. And we're saying that's fine. We're not interested
- 23 | in that. Don't do it. I believe all the issues pretty soon
- 24 after that stopped. He finally got it and he stopped.
- 25 \parallel Q. Well, you weren't at the company from 2006 to 2009, so you

- don't have any personal knowledge of what stopped or didn't stop.
- 3 A. Before I left I think it stopped, yes.
- 4 Q. All right. So what you just testified to is this part of
- 5 the e-mail, right?
- 6 A. Yes, that's what it says.
- 7 \mathbb{Q} . That the customer was a past customer of SSN and had
- 8 purchased DirecTV, SSN had recently started outbound calls to
- 9 | all their 155,000 past DirecTV customer sales, these customers
- 10 are scrubbed against the most recent Do Not Call Lists. Right?
- 11 A. That's what he's telling us, yes.
- 12 Q. And you're aware that Dr. Krakauer is a DirecTV person?
- 13 A. Right. And we're telling him we don't want that; that's
- 14 | against DISH policies, guidelines; we don't want you calling
- 15 | anyone. That's what it says in the next paragraph.
- 16 Q. And, again, on January 30th, 2007, Mr. Oberbillig sends
- 17 | this e-mail chain to risk audit, right?
- 18 A. Yes. That's what it says.
- 19 Q. Now, after 2005, DirecTV -- I mean, SSN did not -- sold
- 20 \parallel only DISH and didn't sell DirecTV. Okay.
- 21 THE COURT: Are you telling him or asking him?
- 22 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 23 \mathbb{Q} . Do you agree with me?
- 24 A. I was not aware when they stopped selling -- seriously, I
- 25 was not aware when they stopped selling DirecTV.

- Q. Do you know at some point they stopped selling DirecTV?
- 2 A. That's what I heard, yes.
- 3 $\|Q$. When did you believe it was?
- 4 A. I don't know exactly when. I was gone from '06 to 2009
- 5 | so --
- 6 Q. When you came back, they were not selling for DirecTV,
- 7 | right?
- 8 A. I believe they were not selling DirecTV. Not for certain,
- 9 but I believe they were not selling DirecTV.
- 10 Q. So sometime before 2009 the SSN-DirecTV relationship
- 11 | severed, right?
- 12 THE COURT: Well, he already answered that, that he --
- 13 move on. He's already answered that.
- 14 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 15 Q. Go to PX190.
- 16 MR. GLASSER: I move the admission of PX190.
- 17 MS. ECHTMAN: No objection.
- 18 THE COURT: It will be admitted.
- 19 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 20 \parallel Q. This is the e-mail that Mr. Bicks showed in opening from
- 21 Charlie Ergen. Do you remember this e-mail, Mr. Ahmed?
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- 23 | Q. All right. And this is back June 28th, 2004, Charlie Ergen
- 24 e-mailing Jim DeFranco and you about how he got this message on
- 25 \parallel his answering machine and wanted to find out more about SSN,

- right?
- 2 A. He's inquiring about -- he received a message. He liked
- 3 | the script and he's inquiring about who this might be, yes.
- 4 | Q. All right. And do you remember from the North Carolina
- 5 complaint the date that North Carolina sued to stop what SSN
- 6 was doing was three days before this e-mail?
- 7 THE COURT: Okay. Sustained. I believe I already
- $8 \parallel$ instructed you to ask this witness about things he knows about.
- $9 \parallel \text{He's testified several times he didn't know about this then.}$
 - BY MR. GLASSER:
- 11 | Q. All right. So this is Satellite Systems that Mr. Ergen
- 12 wants to find out about and copy their technique, right?
- 13 A. He wants to find out who the call came from and we respond,
- 14 | after doing some research, that it was Satellite Systems
- 15 | Network.

- 16 Q. Okay. And in January 2009, Mr. Oberbillig --
- 17 | A. 2007.
- 18 Q. 2007, sorry. Sends this e-mail chain to risk audit, right?
- 19 A. That's what it says there.
- 20 \parallel Q. All right. Mr. Ahmed, from the e-mail we've just reviewed
- 21 in 2004 and 2005, it seems like a couple things were going on.
- 22 | First, you were trying to get them to sell more DISH and less
- 23 Direct. Is that fair to say?
- 24 \parallel A. Yes, we wanted -- we wanted them to sell DISH Network.
- 25 \parallel Q. Second, they had been elevated in the -- I guess in your --

you know, they had come to the attention of the very owner of the company, right, through this e-mail chain we just looked at?

A. That's correct.

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- Q. All right. And you had gone to a very important person in the company, Jim DeFranco, and worked your a-s-s off to get
- 9 Q. And you obviously are having these other e-mails with

Yes, I did, just like any other retailer, yes.

them more economics. You remember that e-mail, right?

- 10 Mr. Novak and others where there are issues around
- 11 telemarketing coming up. Do you agree with me?
- 12 A. There's issues on prerecorded calls that have come to me;
- 13 and every single one of them responsibly I addressed,
- 14 | immediately went to the account, to legal, and compliance to
- 15 \parallel make sure they know and for them to abide by the law and make
- 16 | sure that they correct everything that they are doing and they
- 17 | follow the laws; and they responded yes, they are.
- 18 Q. So you don't feel -- do you felt -- did you feel like there
- 19 was some tension in your own mind between -- you know, the big
- 20 boss has kind of said, Let's go do what these guys are doing.
- 21 | But you're getting these problems? I mean, did you feel
- 22 | tension over that? Like, you didn't want to tuck your tail
- 23 between your legs and just --
- 24 THE COURT: Okay.
- 25 THE WITNESS: Excuse me.

THE COURT: Stop.

BY MR. GLASSER:

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- Q. Did that cause consternation in your mind that they were having these issues when the bosses were interested in signing them up?
- A. No, not at all, sir. I didn't feel like there were any issues. They're addressing that they've got one or two issues that has come to me that they have resolved and they are compliant.
- Q. So now I want to just take you to the class period. You came back to the company. You've already testified about a lot of this. So in that period, which is 2010 to 2011, SSN still
- was providing weekly uploads of calls made to consumers, right?
- 14 A. That's what you're telling me. I was not engaged. They
- 15 were not on my radar. I was not paying any attention to them.
- We had a very, very strong management team overseeing the OE
- 17 retailers. I had many other responsibilities, sir.
- 18 Q. Do you have any reason to believe that -- well, that's
- 19 fine. Do you have any reason to believe that -- no, that's all
- 20 \parallel right. So, I take it you yourself were not involved in any
- 21 disciplinary action having to do with SSN's compliance or
- 22 uncompliance after you came back in 2009?
- 23 A. No, I was not directly involved.
- 24 \mathbb{Q} . Do you agree that DISH had a records retention policy that
- 25 required OE retailers to keep their call records?

A. At one point at some time, yes, we wanted them to
keep I don't know when, but I believe the decision was made
that they need to keep call recordings.
Q. All right. And so if there are no records of calls after
August 2011 in this case, SSN did not comply with that policy,
right?
MS. ECHTMAN: Objection.
THE WITNESS: I don't know when we required that, sir.
THE COURT: All right. So again, ladies and
gentlemen, you'll remember questions are not evidence. The
answers are the evidence.
BY MR. GLASSER:
Q. Well, let me ask you this. In this case, we have call
records from May of 2010 to August of 2011, okay? Are you with
me?
MS. ECHTMAN: Objection. Mr. Glasser is testifying
about
MR. GLASSER: Just setting the time frame.
MS. ECHTMAN: something completely outside the
purview of anything.
THE COURT: The purview of anything? These are the
class records. What do you mean outside the purview?
MS. ECHTMAN: These are SSN call records. He's
talking about what was produced in the case.
THE COURT: Well, the jury is going to see these

records at some point. So if you're just -- if you want to ask him a question, obviously the jury will take the evidence when 2 3 the evidence comes in, but --MR. GLASSER: 4 All right. 5 THE COURT: But if you'll get to your question. BY MR. GLASSER: 6 7 So we have call records in a window 2010 to 2011. You know 8 that Dr. Krakauer was first called in May of 2009. Isn't it true that you have no reason to believe that between May of 10 2009 and the first record in this case SSN changed their ways? 11 A. I don't understand the question, sir. Changed their ways? THE COURT: Okay. I don't understand the question 12 13 Do you have any other questions? either. MR. GLASSER: I'm almost done, Your Honor. 14 (Pause in the proceedings.) 1.5 MR. GLASSER: I think I'm done with this witness. 16 17 THE COURT: All right. We'll stop there then and come back for cross-examination after the afternoon break. 18 19 Ladies and gentlemen, please don't talk about the case 20 among yourselves or with anyone else. Keep an open mind and 21 don't form any opinion about the matter and leave your notes in 22 your chair. Come back to the jury room in 15 minutes. 2.3 (The jury left the courtroom.) 24 THE COURT: The witness can step down. 25 (The witness left the stand.)

1 THE COURT: Okay. So we're not going to have closing argument in questions to witnesses. 2 3 MR. GLASSER: Yes, ma'am. THE COURT: And I don't like to fuss with lawyers in 4 5 front of the jury, but you really gave me no choice, Mr. Glasser, and I'm not -- you know, particularly when we get 6 7 to these areas that are not the crux of the case, not the most 8 relevant time frame, if you're going to argue with the witness, if you're going to use your colorful language in your 9 questions, you know, we're going to have a problem. All right. 10 11 MR. GLASSER: Yes, ma'am. I'm trying to, you know, let you put your 12 THE COURT: 13 case on, but the Defendant has some very good points here about Rule 403 and I'm -- you know, you cannot do this. All right? 14 15 MR. GLASSER: Yes, ma'am. 16 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else we need to take up 17 before the jury comes in? I mean before we take our break. 18 Excuse me. I've gotten turned around again. No? All right. 19 15-minute recess. 20 (An afternoon recess was taken from 3:30 p.m. until 3:45 p.m.; all parties present.) 21 22 THE COURT: All right. Anything we need to take up 2.3 before the jury comes in? 24 MR. GLASSER: We do have one matter, Your Honor. Saturday night, we were delivered a couple of documents.

was, I think, a blast fax, or something like, that showed the assurance of compliance was sent out, and the other was a similar document. Since we only got them on Saturday, they were late disclosed and ought not be allowed to be used. I will note the witness already testified he did disseminate it. So they got the evidence in, but I don't think they should be able to use documents we've never seen until Saturday night.

THE COURT: These are Defendant's --

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MR. GLASSER: 85 and 86, Your Honor.

MS. ECHTMAN: Your Honor, it's not exactly accurate to say they've never seen them.

THE COURT: I'm sorry? Say again.

MS. ECHTMAN: It's not exactly accurate to say they've never seen them. These are all documents that they've produced in the case.

THE COURT: They produced?

MS. ECHTMAN: That we produced in the case. They've had them the whole time. They made a very big deal about this AVC in their opening and with Mr. Ahmed. It's been a centerpiece, and so we think, in all fairness, we should be allowed to use it.

We had moved to exclude the AVC. It's come in. We should be permitted to provide context around it and show that we — they're going to claim they didn't need to comply with it, and we're showing that we did.

1	THE COURT: So you intend to just show it to the
2	witness and ask one or two questions about it? Is that what
3	you're saying?
4	MS. ECHTMAN: I'm not going to show it to this
5	witness. We will likely show it to another witness and ask one
6	or two questions about it to confirm, yes, that it was sent.
7	THE COURT: I couldn't hear the last thing that you
8	said.
9	MS. ECHTMAN: I just wanted to be clear. I don't
10	believe I'm going to show it to this witness, but we should
11	but we will be showing it to a witness and ask one or two
12	questions about it, yes.
13	THE COURT: Okay. In that case, we'll take it up
14	later, and the witness can return to the witness stand.
15	Anything else as to this witness?
16	MR. GLASSER: No, ma'am, not from us.
17	THE COURT: All right. You can bring the jury in.
18	(The witness returned to the witness stand.)
19	THE COURT: And just be sure you're speaking into the
20	microphone. It's a beautiful courtroom, but if you're not
21	speaking into the mike, it's hard to hear.
22	MS. ECHTMAN: All right. I hope I'm all wired up now.
23	THE COURT: All right.
24	MS. ECHTMAN: This battery light is red. Does that
25	mean anything?

1	MR. GLASSER: I think it means it's on actually.
2	THE COURT: We'll hope for the best. If it doesn't
3	work, you can use the
4	MS. ECHTMAN: Is it working?
5	THE CLERK: I thought I could hear it. Try it again.
6	I'm sorry.
7	MS. ECHTMAN: I don't know.
8	THE CLERK: Push the button again just to see.
9	MS. ECHTMAN: Can you hear me now? Can you hear me
10	now?
11	THE COURT: That seems to be working.
12	(The jury returned to the courtroom.)
13	THE COURT: All right. We're ready for
14	cross-examination, and the witness is with the Defendant.
15	MS. ECHTMAN: And, Your Honor, just to clarify, this
16	is going to be a direct examination of Mr. Ahmed.
17	THE COURT: Okay. Well, proceed with your questions.
18	CROSS-EXAMINATION
19	BY MS. ECHTMAN:
20	Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Ahmed.
21	A. Good afternoon.
22	Q. So Mr. Glasser asked you a number of questions today. I'm
23	going to follow up with some more questions, and sometimes I
24	might orient you as to some of the prior questions you were
25	asked just to make sure you and the jury understand the

- context, okay?
- 2 A. Sure.
- 3 Q. Now, Mr. Glasser showed you a document from 2011 that
- 4 | talked about the indirect sales channel. Do you recall that?
- 5 | A. Yes.
- 6 \mathbb{Q} . All right. So that was a DISH document from 2011 about the
- 7 | indirect sales channel?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. And can you describe for the jury what's encompassed within
- 10 | that indirect channel?
- 11 A. Yes. My -- you mean my responsibilities or?
- 12 Q. Yeah, what type of business that DISH does that's
- 13 | considered indirect?
- 14 A. Indirect is channels that are not sold directly by DISH?
- 15 | Q. Okay. And so that includes --
- 16 A. Yes, that would be the OE retailers, our telephone
- 17 | partners, Telco -- it's called Telco --
- 18 THE COURT: And if you can just slow down just a
- 19 | little because -- especially when you're saying things that we
- 20 | haven't heard before. It's hard to take that part in.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Yes, Your Honor. Our OE partners, our
- 22 | Telco Partners, our independent satellite dealers, our national
- 23 | account partners, and I believe in there was also our broadband
- 24 division called Liberty-Bell.
- 25 THE COURT: Called what?

THE WITNESS: Liberty-Bell.

2 BY MS. ECHTMAN:

- Q. Okay. Mr. Glasser asked you about, in 2011, how many activations had there been in the OE retailer channel. Do you
- 5 | recall that?
- 6 A. Yes, it was about the budget in 2011 on that presentation.
- 7 Q. Okay. And do you recall what the size of the budget was
- 8 | for all of the OE retailers?
- 9 A. The OE retail budget was, I believe, a little over a
- 10 | million -- a million ninety nine, I believe.
- 11 Q. And can you tell us -- can you come closer to the mike,
- 12 | please?
- 13 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 14 Q. Thank you. And can you tell the jury about the size of SSN
- 15 | in 2011 and where it fit in the scheme of that overall budget?
- 16 A. I don't have exact numbers, but what I do know is that they
- 17 were extremely small, and they would be less than one-tenth of
- 18 a percent of that budget.
- 19 Q. Now, you also used the word Telco Partners. Can you tell
- 20 | me what companies fit within that Telco Partners description?
- 21 A. Yes, that would be Windstream, Frontier Communications, and
- 22 | TDS Telecom.
- 23 \parallel Q. And are those independent businesses from DISH, those three
- 24 companies you just mentioned?
- 25 A. Yes, they are.

- 1 Q. So I think Mr. Glasser also asked you questions about
- 2 calling the OE retailer partners. Do you remember that?
- 3 A. Yes.
- $4 \parallel Q$. Is that a word you tend to use sometimes internally at
- 5 DISH?
- 6 \blacksquare A. We -- I've always referred to them as OE retailers, but I
- 7 | believe in there it said National Sales Partners.
- 8 Q. Okay. Mr. Glasser also asked you a bunch of questions
- 9 about an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance. Do you recall
- 10 | that?
- 11 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 12 Q. Okay. Could you take out PX55? Do you still have that
- 13 | there?
- 14 A. No, I do not.
- 15 | Q. We'll bring it up on the screen, if we can. And I want to
- 16 specifically direct your attention to the definition of a
- 17 covered marketer on page 6 at 2.9.
- 18 A. Yes, I see it.
- 19 Q. Now, Mr. Glasser asked you about part 1 of this definition
- 20 of a covered marketer. Do you recall that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 $\|Q$. Okay. But he didn't ask you any questions about part 2.
- 23 Can you tell the jury what part 2 says about the companies that
- 24 are included as covered marketers?
- 25 A. Yes, that is anyone that is doing over 51 DISH Network

activations per month.

THE COURT: Slow down.

THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. That is any retailer doing over 51 DISH Network activations per month. So that would be independent satellite dealers, Telco Partners, national account partners, the way I read that.

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- 8 Q. So Mr. Glasser had said a covered marketer is -- has got to
 9 be an OE retailer under Section 1, right?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. Okay. But if you look, is there an or there and then
- 12 | there's a Number 2?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- 14 Q. And Number 2 is broader than the OE retailers, right?
- 15 A. That is correct.
- 16 Q. Okay. And if you also then go on and look, there's a
- 17 definition in here of a third-party retailer; is that right?
- 18 If you go to page 8, Section 2.15, and what does it say here
- 19 | about the nature of the relationship between DISH and a
- 20 | third-party retailer?
- 21 A. It says, "Third-party retailer shall mean one or more
- 22 | independent persons, a corporation, a partnership, or any other
- 23 | type of entity, as the case may be, that is authorized by DISH
- 24 Network to offer, lease, sell, service, advertise, and/or
- 25 | install DISH Network services and/or DISH Network goods."

- Q. Okay. And, specifically, there's the word "independent" in
- 2 | there, right?
- 3 A. Yes, ma'am.
- $4 \parallel Q$. Does that tell you anything about the nature of the
- 5 relationship between DISH and the third-party retailers?
- 6 A. Yes, they're independent business owners.
- 7 Q. Thank you. Now, Mr. Glasser also asked you questions about
- 8 your role at DISH and what you were the boss of in 2011. In
- 9 | 2011, did -- were you the supervisor or boss of a number of
- 10 people at DISH in that time period?
- 11 | A. Yes, I was.
- 12 Q. Now, for SSN, who is the boss of the people who worked at
- 13 | SSN in 2011?
- 14 A. That would be -- SSN, I would assume it would be Sophie
- 15 | Tehranchi.
- 16 Q. At that time it was Sophie Tehranchi. Do you understand
- 17 | she's Alex Tehranchi's sister?
- 18 A. Yes, that's my understanding.
- 19 Q. You weren't the boss -- were you ever the boss of the
- 20 people who worked at SSN?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Okay. We also -- Mr. Glasser asked you questions about
- 23 | being -- about whether you were the founder of the OE tool.
- 24 | Are you a computer programmer?
- 25 A. I'm sorry. No, I'm not very talented in IT.

- Can you explain for the jury exactly what the OE tool or the OE platform is? 2
- From its origination? 3

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- Where did it come from, how did it develop, just give them 4 5 some background, please.
- The OE tool was developed when we did a partnership with They were selling our video services back in 2002, and 8 so we developed a program where we can -- they can process an order for a customer, and we would do the installation; but from its inception, the OE tool has always existed because that 10 is the platform for any channel to process an order. It's just little variations. Do we do the install or does someone else 12 13 do the install? There's -- the platform has always been there to process an order. 14
 - Q. So when you say the platform has always been there, when you talk about the independent satellite retailers, the 3,500, do they use a similar platform to the order entry platform? A. It's almost identical. It's just called R Connect. only difference is -- same platform, same order entry, step by step on the terms and disclosures, equipment, the programming, the fees. The only difference is the independent satellite retailer does their own installation. The OE tool gives the option to the customer or the retailer the availability of an installation date because we perform the installation.
 - So the difference is scheduling an installation through the

tool?

- 2 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 3 Q. But -- so the independent satellite retailers, they can use
- 4 the Internet to access DISH's billing system to input an order?
- 5 A. Yes, it's called R Connect. It's a similar tool. They
- 6 process the same order.
- 7 $\|$ Q. And you said this particular tool was developed for AT&T,
- 8 and so why was it specifically developed for AT&T?
- 9 A. Because AT&T was the first retailer of ours, partner of
- 10 ours that we did the installations for on a national scale.
- 11 | They did not want to carry inventory. This is a telephone
- 12 company. So we created a program for them, took our current
- 13 | program that -- the R Connect, let's just say, and we said,
- 14 | okay, we can go out there. Once we have an installation
- 15 | capability, we can build a calendar in it so we can deliver the
- 16 | hardware for AT&T, service the customer, install the customer.
- 17 Q. And is AT&T an independent company from DISH?
- 18 A. It's AT&T, yes.
- 19 $\|Q$. Do you direct and control the day-to-day activities of
- 20 AT&T?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. And are you still doing that business with AT&T?
- 23 A. Not today, no. They purchased DirecTV.
- 24 THE COURT: I'm sorry? What?
- 25 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.

BY MS. ECHTMAN:

- 2 Q. Go ahead. I'm sorry. I interrupted you.
- 3 A. No, we were not doing business with AT&T. They acquired
- 4 DirecTV.
- 5 Q. So today AT&T owns DirecTV?
- 6 A. Yes, they do.
- $7 \parallel Q$. And I think we talked a lot -- DirecTV is your biggest
- 8 | competitor?
- 9 A. Yes, to this day.
- 10 Q. But you have other competitors, too, right?
- 11 A. Cable companies, and today is totally different. You've
- 12 got Netflix, Amazon, the OTT platform, many competitors.
- 13 $\|Q$. What is OTT, just for the jury?
- 14 A. That's over-the-top. So those are companies like Netflix,
- 15 Amazon, Hulu, YouTube, Sony Television, Sling, those companies.
- 16 | There's different video providers now.
- 17 | Q. You mentioned Sling. Is that -- Sling TV, is that a DISH
- 18 Network over-the-top service?
- 19 A. Yes, it is.
- 20 | Q. All right. So let's just go back. So you developed this
- 21 particular type of tool for AT&T. Did you use it for any other
- 22 | big companies like AT&T?
- 23 \parallel A. Yes. We were doing a lot of business with RadioShack and
- 24 | Sears. RadioShack was the second one that we put on the
- 25 program, and it was important for them. RadioShack had close

- to 5,500 independent stores. They carried the hardware -- DISH

 Network hardware in all the stores. We have multiple skews of

 the hardware, meaning different types of receivers, and they

 were using a third-party installation arm to do all the

 installations. So you can imagine the amount of hardware they

 had to carry, how many skews they had to carry, the

 distribution that they had, the returns.
 - So when we developed this installation program for AT&T, we came to RadioShack, and we said, guess what, we can take you out of the hardware business, and all you have to do is talk to the customers in the store. We'll give you a tool to qualify them, to sell them on our promotions, schedule an installation, and we'll perform the installation for you. We did that for RadioShack. We also launched Sears on that program.
- Q. So, now, are RadioShack and Sears independent companies from DISH?
- 17 A. Yes.

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- 18 Q. Does DISH ever control the day-to-day activities of
- 19 RadioShack and Sears?
- 20 A. No, ma'am.
- 21 Q. But you said they used a tool just like the one you
- 22 provided to SSN; is that right?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 \parallel Q. And so at what time did -- what time, if any, did you allow
- 25 retailers to use this similar tool?

A. This was the latter part of 2003. We started with some large independent satellite dealers. The -- at that time there were more than 3,500, but these were independent satellite dealers that worked in their specific communities. They're mom-and-pops across the country. I'm sure there's many in North Carolina, one in Greensboro, and they -- there's some that were very large. They did tremendous amount of advertising in their community, in their area.

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And our idea was that if you can go and figure out how to advertise — as an example, in Houston, which was one of our first retailers on it, in Houston, you'd know how to market via television, newspaper ads, direct mail adds. Then why can't you take that type of advertising and go to a different city. The issue was for them to go to a different city, they didn't have the operations. They didn't have the infrastructure. They didn't have the installation capability. They had to hire vans, installers, open up facilities.

So we said, look, if you know how to market, you know how to drive calls, we've got something for you. We can help you expand your business, and so we launched some independent satellite dealers on the OE tool. What they did was where they had their current operation, they would still be an independent dealer. They would do the installation, service their customer, because that's in their community, but outside that, we would do the installation.

- Q. And at some point, I think it was in 2004 you testified earlier, SSN came onto the OE tool and became an OE retailer?
- 3 A. Yes, I believe it was around May of 2004.
- Q. But prior to that, SSN had already been a retailer with DISH, right?
 - A. That's correct. They're an independent satellite dealer.
- Q. Did the development of this OE tool, this OE platform, have anything to do with outbound telemarketing?
- 9 A. No.

- 10 | Q. Why not?
- 11 A. Didn't know too much about it. Not a good form, in my
- 12 opinion, to do business. Again, I think we talked about it
- 13 | earlier. It's about getting an educated customer. What I mean
- 14 by educated is a customer, when they see an add, they make a
- 15 \parallel decision. They know who their provider is. They know how much
- 16 | they're paying, what their content needs are, meaning
- 17 programming, and then they're making a decision that maybe DISH
- 18 Network is a better option for me, and then they take the
- 19 | initiative and inquire and they call. So that's a better form
- 20 of advertising and getting a long-term customer.
- 21 \parallel Q. And as we discussed, there was just a slight difference
- 22 | between the OE tool and the tool that every other retailer was
- 23 | using, and that relates to the scheduling of the installations?
- 24 A. That is correct.
- 25 \parallel Q. All right. Now I'm going to show you another document that

you looked at with Mr. Glasser, but I'm going to ask you a few questions about it that Mr. Glasser didn't ask you. 2 3 THE COURT: Okay. MS. ECHTMAN: We have it marked as JTX3, and just for 4 5 ease of reference, Your Honor, is it all right if we bring a 6 small notebook up to the witness? 7 THE COURT: Yes. And I'm sure you all have figured 8 out that JTX just means joint trial exhibit. 9 MS. ECHTMAN: Your Honor, this has already been admitted into evidence. If I might publish it? 10 11 THE COURT: What exhibit is it? MS. ECHTMAN: This is the e-mail chain involving 12 Mr. Ergen from June -- that starts on June 28, 2004. 13 THE COURT: Okay. Any objection to that? 14 15 MR. GLASSER: No, ma'am. 16 THE COURT: It will be admitted. At some point, somebody needs to tell the clerk the Plaintiff's exhibit number 17 just for her records. Go ahead. 18 19 BY MS. ECHTMAN: Q. So I want you to take a look, please, at page -- page -the last page of this exhibit.

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- 22 A. Okay.
- Q. And on that page, Mr. Ergen -- can you tell everyone who
- Mr. Ergen is? 24
- Yes, CEO chairman, co-founder of DISH Network.

- 1 \mathbb{Q} . On that e-mail -- on Monday, June 28th, 2004, at 2:14 p.m.,
- 2 Mr. Ergen sent an e-mail to Jim DeFranco, and we talked about
- 3 \parallel who Jim DeFranco is. Co-founder of DISH, correct?
- 4 A. Yes.
- $5 \parallel Q$. Michael Kelly -- can you tell everyone who Michael Kelly
- 6 | is?
- $7 \parallel A$. Yes, Michael Kelly was at that time head of the call center
- 8 installation group.
- 9 $\|$ Q. And that's DISH's internal call center?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. It went to you and also somebody named Michael Schwimmer.
- 12 Can you tell everyone who Michael Schwimmer is?
- 13 A. Yes, Michael Schwimmer was head of programming.
- 14 Q. And you already talked about this before. Mr. Ergen said he
- 15 | had a call on his answering machine at the ranch over the
- 16 weekend, right?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. And does Mr. Ergen say anything about what he did after he
- 19 | got that call?
- 20 A. Yes, he called back the 800 number, and they -- he says, "I
- 21 called, and they tried to sell me DirecTV. When I asked I --
- 22 | "When I said I lived in an apartment, well, they said they
- 23 | could sell me DISH Network since DirecTV does not sell to
- 24 | apartments."
- 25 \parallel Q. And then he goes on to say, "Check them out." Is that

- right?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 $\|$ Q. Okay. And he wanted to know who is it, and "what's their
- 4 | churn with us"?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. Can you tell the jury what churn is?
- 7 | A. Churn is -- that is -- when a customer disconnects, we call
- 8 | that as churn.
- 9 $\|$ Q. And do you know why Mr. Ergen was concerned about churn?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 MR. GLASSER: Objection. Another person's mind.
- 12 THE COURT: Well, you can rephrase the question.
- 13 BY MS. ECHTMAN:
- 14 Q. Mr. Ahmed, how many years have you worked with Mr. Ergen?
- 15 A. Since 1993.
- 16 Q. Do you know what Mr. Ergen's concerned about in running
- 17 | DISH's business?
- 18 A. Yes, it's my concern also. It's churn, and, basically,
- 19 | what's happened here is he contacted them back. They tried to
- 20 | sell him DirecTV. He immediately said, but I live in an
- 21 | apartment, and they pitched him on DISH; and like we discussed
- 22 | earlier, we do sell to apartments, but, again, apartment --
- 23 | apartment customers tend to be more transient. They move a
- 24 | little bit more often than customers that own single-family
- 25 homes. There are other issues, such as landlord permission.

- 1 There are issues as it relates to the satellite being mounted.
- 2 | The satellite has to be mounted southeast -- facing southeast
- $3 \parallel$ to face the satellites. So there are some issues on that, too,
- 4 | in terms of sites. So, obviously, in his mind, if they only
- 5 tried to sell DISH to apartments, then the churn would be
- 6 | higher, higher disconnect for customers.
- 7 \parallel Q. Because someone might disconnect when they move?
- 8 A. That's correct, at a much faster rate.
- 9 \parallel Q. And did Mr. Ergen actually live in an apartment?
- 10 A. No, he does not.
- 11 Q. And so Mr. Ergen wanted to know who it was?
- 12 A. That's correct.
- 13 \mathbb{Q} . And did you find out for him?
- 14 | A. Yes, I did.
- 15 | Q. And then you told him it was Satellite Systems Network,
- 16 | right?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. And you told him that they were a DirecTV retailer?
- 19 | A. Yes, I did.
- 20 \parallel Q. Okay. And then Mr. Ergen said, "Why don't we just copy
- 21 | their techniques." Do you see that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 \parallel Q. Okay. And did Mr. Ergen, when he talked about -- when he
- 24 \parallel sent you an e-mail about the answering machine message, ever
- 25 say anything about a prerecorded message?

- A. No, he did not.
- 2 Q. Did you have any indication in this e-mail that Mr. Ergen
- 3 received a prerecorded message on his answering machine at his
- 4 ranch?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Okay. And based on your many years of experience working
- 7 with Mr. Ergen, what was your understanding about what he
- 8 wanted to know about their techniques and what he might have
- 9 wanted to copy?
- 10 A. I believe when they -- when he called them, they called --
- 11 | he called them, their pitch on DISH was pretty good, and he
- 12 wanted the entire script. I think the way they tried to
- 13 | qualify him in terms of what his needs are, this is the
- 14 | benefits of DISH, even though he said apartment, I think he was
- 15 | interested in that.
- 16 Q. And why would he want to copy them?
- 17 | A. He --
- 18 Q. If they're selling DISH, why does he want to copy them;
- 19 | they're already selling DISH?
- 20 A. He liked the script, and we just wanted to see if there's
- 21 | something in there that we could learn in terms of our script
- 22 when we tried to qualify a customer and pitch them on DISH
- 23 Network.
- 24 Q. Does DISH do its own pitching on DISH Network?
- 25 $\|$ A. That's correct.

- Q. And so what did you do in response to Mr. Ergen's e-mail?
- 2 A. I contacted, it looks like, Mike Oberbillig, who's the
- 3 account manager, and asked if he can get ahold of the script.
- 4 Q. And did Mike try to get ahold of the script?
- 5 A. Yes, he said he talked to Alex, and Alex would not provide
- 6 the script.
- 7 | Q. So that was Alex Tehranchi at SSN. Mike Oberbillig, who
- 8 | worked for you, had a conversation with him, and he said, no,
- 9 can't have the script?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 | Q. And --
- 12 THE COURT: And just -- I'm sorry. This is a script
- 13 | about DirecTV, correct?
- 14 THE WITNESS: It could be both. I believe they
- 15 | pitched him on DirecTV and DISH. I don't know exactly, but I
- 16 | believe he was more interested in the DISH script.
- 17 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead.
- 18 BY MS. ECHTMAN:
- 19 $\|Q$. And were you asking for the message that was left on Mr.
- 20 | Ergen's answering machine?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 | Q. What were you asking for?
- 23 \parallel A. For the entire script and how they qualified and promoted
- 24 \parallel DISH to him in terms of the benefits and why he should be a
- 25 DISH subscriber.

- Q. Is that something you consider a sales pitch?
- $2 \parallel A$. That is a sales pitch.
- 3 \parallel Q. And then you learned that Mr. Tehranchi said, no, he
- 4 | wouldn't give Mike Oberbillig the script?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. What, if anything, did you do next?
- 7 A. I probably dropped it, didn't do anything.
- 8 Q. Did you have -- did you tell Mike Oberbillig to go back and
- 9 tell Mr. Tehranchi he's got to give us the script?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 | Q. Why not?
- 12 A. Because of two reasons: We're not legally bound to get the
- 13 | script, it's his sales script, it's proprietary, and I don't
- 14 \parallel believe he would have given us the script regardless because
- 15 | we're his competitor also. We're competing for the same
- 16 | household.
- 17 Q. And why wouldn't Mr. Tehranchi just give you his script?
- 18 A. We're not legally bound, and it's his script. It's his
- 19 | sales script.
- 20 Q. And as a matter of practice, did you think you had any
- 21 | right to demand that he give you the script?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 \parallel Q. When Mr. Glasser asked you questions about later in the
- 24 2009 time period when you came back to DISH and folks at DISH
- 25 were reviewing recordings of phone calls from SSN, at that

- point did DISH have access to an SSN script?
- 2 A. Yes, but if we got a script, we were interested in the
- 3 terms and disclosures of the script to make sure our product is
- 4 represented correctly.
- 5 Q. How did you get Alex or Sophie Tehranchi agree to let you
- 6 have access to the script later on?
- $7 \parallel A$. If any retailer gave us a script, we -- it's proprietary to
- 8 them. We cannot use it. We probably told them we cannot use
- 9 it. We will not share it with anyone else. It's the
- 10 | retailer's script.
- 11 MR. GLASSER: Objection. Move to strike. We probably
- 12 | told them? This witness has no personal knowledge.
- 13 | THE COURT: All right. The jury can take that into
- 14 account in evaluating the weight.
- 15 Go ahead.
- 16 BY MS. ECHTMAN:
- 17 | Q. Okay. And in Mr. Oberbillig's e-mail to you on June 30,
- 18 2004, did he tell you anything about the marketing methods that
- 19 SSN was using?
- 20 \parallel A. Yes, he's saying that he's doing -- all his telemarketing
- 21 \parallel is live, but he's focusing more -- that telemarketing is going
- 22 | to be less than -- close to less than 1 percent of his
- 23 | business. He's focusing all his business towards TV,
- 24 | newspaper, and aggressive direct mail campaigns.
- 25 \parallel Q. And what, if anything, did you think about that particular

- marketing plan?
- 2 A. Liked it. That's what I'm used to. That's where the
- 3 | advertising was.
- 4 Q. Okay. And he says that his telemarketing is going to be
- 5 what percent of his business?
- 6 A. Less than 1 percent.
- 7 Q. And does he say anything about whether he's using
- 8 prerecorded messages to make telephone calls?
- 9 A. No, he does not.
- 10 Q. How does he describe his telemarketing?
- 11 A. That it's all done live.
- 12 Q. And did SSN have the ability to decide what type of
- 13 | marketing methods it wanted to use?
- 14 \parallel A. Yes, it's their responsibility to decide what marketing
- 15 | they want to use.
- 16 Q. Did -- did you or anyone else at DISH ever tell them they
- 17 | had to do a particular type of marketing?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Why not? You said you liked particular marketing. Why
- 20 \parallel wouldn't you just tell them to do that type?
- 21 $\|$ A. We -- we could have, but it's their responsibility.
- 22 | They're an independent contractor. They're the ones that are
- 23 | spending the dollars. It's their exposure. So it's their
- 24 \parallel responsibility based on what marketing they want to do. As
- 25 | long as they're doing it correctly, that's good; but, yes, I'm

- 1 sure the field told them this is a good way. I'm glad you're
- 2 going to direct mail, newspaper, and television adds. That's
- 3 good.
- 4 | Q. But direct -- but the field couldn't tell them you have to
- 5 do direct mail?
- 6 A. No.
- $7 \parallel Q$. Could the field tell them how they're going to spend their
- 8 | marketing dollars?
- 9 A. No, they could not. No, they could not.
- 10 Q. I'd like to -- you to turn to JTX1, which is the 2006
- 11 retailer agreement that Mr. Glasser asked you a bunch of
- 12 questions about.
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And, specifically, I want to direct your attention to
- 15 paragraph B of the introduction here.
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 $\|Q$. Can you read that particular paragraph, please?
- 18 THE COURT: Slowly.
- 19 BY MS. ECHTMAN:
- 20 Q. Slowly.
- 21 \parallel A. "Retailer, acting as an independent contractor, desires to
- 22 | become authorized on a nonexclusive basis to market, promote,
- 23 and solicit orders for programming, as defined below, an
- 24 \parallel authorized retailer, in accordance with and subject to the
- 25 terms and conditions of this agreement."

- 1 Q. Can you tell me why is that statement right up there,
- 2 paragraph B of the introduction, on the first page of the
- 3 | agreement?
- 4 A. Because they're independent businesses. They own and
- 5 perate and manage their own business.
- 6 Q. And Mr. Glasser asked you a lot of questions about the term
- 7 | "nonexclusive," and he asked you about whether or not exclusive
- 8 meant they didn't have any exclusive DISH territory. Does
- 9 nonexclusive mean anything else with respect to the retailer?
- 10 A. Yes, that they could sell other competing products or any
- 11 product.
- 12 Q. And so they're allowed to sell your main competitor,
- 13 | DirecTV?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And could they sell any other competitors?
- 16 A. Yes, they could sell cable products, any video product,
- 17 | yes.
- 18 Q. And could they sell products that have nothing to do with
- 19 DISH's line of business?
- 20 A. Yes, of course.
- 21 Q. Okay. I'd like you to turn to paragraph 11 of the
- 22 | agreement, and that's on page 21.
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Mr. Glasser showed you only the first line of this
- 25 particular paragraph.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, just move to what you want to ask him about.

BY MS. ECHTMAN:

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- 4 Q. All right. Can you tell me what the first two lines of this paragraph address?
- A. Yes, that they're independent contractors, and they are not agents or employees of DISH.
- 8 Q. And SSN agreed to that provision in this 2006 retailer
 9 agreement?
- 10 A. Yes, they did.
- 11 \mathbb{Q} . And then at -- can you tell me what the last two lines of
- 12 | this paragraph say, which weren't previously shown to you?
- 13 A. Would you like me to read it?
- 14 Q. Please read what the last two lines of the paragraph say.
- 15 A. "This agreement does not constitute any joint venture or
- 16 partnership. It is further understood and agreed that retailer
- 17 | has no right or authority to make any representation, warranty,
- 18 promise, or agreement or take any action for or on behalf of
- 19 EchoStar or any affiliate of EchoStar."
- 20 \parallel Q. Did SSN agree to that as well?
- 21 A. Yes, they did.
- 22 Q. Can you explain to the jury what the purpose of these
- 23 provisions is?
- 24 A. Yes, they're an independent contractor, meaning they're
- 25 | independent businesses. They own, operate, and manage their

- own business.
- 2 Q. And if you look at the sixth line of this agreement,
- 3 | starting with the word "notwithstanding," does this -- does it
- 4 say anything about whether SSN is allowed to use DISH Network's
- 5 | name or represent itself to be DISH?
- 6 A. No, it does not.
- 7 Q. Does it say --
- 8 A. They cannot use DISH's name or represent themselves as DISH
- 9 Network.
- 10 Q. And why not? Why can't they say that they're DISH Network?
- 11 A. Because, again, they're an independent business. They're
- 12 | not DISH.
- 13 Q. Okay. And it specifically says they can't hold themselves
- 14 out to the public or represent that they are EchoStar or an
- 15 | employee, subcontractor, affiliate, agent, or subagent of
- 16 EchoStar or any EchoStar affiliate. Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And as we discussed previously, EchoStar is DISH, correct?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 \parallel Q. And does this paragraph say who's in charge of SSN's
- 21 | employees?
- 22 A. That would be SSN.
- 23 \parallel Q. Now, I want to turn to paragraph 7 of the retailer
- 24 \parallel agreement, and I'll take you to the page -- or Section 7.
- 25 | That's on page 17, please.

- A. Yes.
- 2 \mathbb{Q} . Can you tell us, what's the title of paragraph 7?
- 3 A. "Orders."
- 4 Q. What are orders?
- 5 A. Orders are the DISH services that the customer is
- 6 purchasing.
- $7 \parallel Q$. So is an order something like an activation at all?
- 8 A. No, it's the -- just like any order, like you order
- 9 something off a restaurant, but it's to put all the hardware,
- 10 programming, all those things in a specific order, which is in
- 11 our platform, right.
- 12 Q. You said it's like a menu when the customer says these are
- 13 the particular DISH services that I want?
- 14 A. Right.
- 15 || Q. Is that correct?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. I think that's easier to understand. Thanks. Let's go --
- 18 is there any difference between an order and a sales pitch?
- 19 A. Yes, this is specifically about what product and services
- 20 | the customer is purchasing.
- 21 Q. So let's look at Section 7.3. Section 7.3 mentions
- 22 promotional programs.
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Can you explain what a promotional program is?
- $25 \parallel A$. Sure. That is a consumer promotion that we have in the

- market for the customers to purchase. So we usually would -at that time we would change it to two to three times a year, and that is the offer that we made to the customers for DISH Network.
- 5 Q. And where this section mentions business rules, can you tell me how business rules relate to promotional programs?
- 8 consumer promotion or the promotional programs because you need to explain what it constitutes, meaning what programming 10 packages are available, what hardware is available, what the 11 pricing is, are there additional fees. All those are our business rules explaining the consumer promotion. 12

Yes. We need to have business rules to explain each

- THE COURT: We're getting a little feedback on the mike there.
- 15 THE WITNESS: I'll step back.
- 16 THE COURT: Apparently, there's a sweet spot. might be just a little too close.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

19 BY MS. ECHTMAN:

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- Q. From time to time, does DISH change its promotional 21 program?
- 22 A. Yes, at least twice a year.
- Q. And are there a lot of details about each of those
- promotional programs and how they work?
- Yes, they're very detailed.

Q. And so when you were asked questions about training on promotional programs, can you explain what that training is about?

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- A. Sure. First of all, it depends on what equipment is 4 5 included in the promotion because it varies based on who the consumer is and what they qualify for. There's different types 6 of equipment. There are charges for specific equipment, such 7 8 as DVR fees. Some do not have DVR fees. Some have high definition fees. Some do not. There are programming packages 10 with a variety of costs. There are additional charges as it 11 relates to additional equipment, as an example, meaning if a customer needs four, five, or six receivers, there might be 12 13 some additional costs. So it's very detailed, and you have to 14 make sure you match those up and you understand exactly what 15 each of the consumer promotions are so it's accurately 16 explained to the customer.
 - Q. And so when you saw the document that explains the OE tool, there was a section with some things that needed to be read.

 Did those relate to the details of the different promotional programs that are available?
- A. It's based on the offer that we have. It would explain key promotional -- or key terms and disclosures on it.
- Q. And why did you want a retailer who might be using the OE tool to read off what the details are of the promotional program?

- Because everything is about customer service. It's about the customer. If you're advertising a special promotion, you 2 have to accurately explain it to the customer, and that's what 3 It's a promotion. So if I can elaborate a little bit 4 5 more? Whether it's us or the competition, there's always going to be a promotional price. Okay. And if you don't explain, as 6 an example, that your price is just for the first 12 months, 8 it's discounted, month 13, your bill is going to go up. You have to explain that. If the customer is buying a DVR 10 receiver, you have to let them know that there's a charge for 11 the DVR receiver or the customer might think it's free. If they're -- if the agreement is for two years, the customer 12 13 needs to understand that it's for two years, and there's some 14 charges if they disconnect and do not return the equipment. 15 I can go on and on, but it's very important for the customers to understand exactly the terms and conditions and the 16 17 retailers to explain it. So separate and apart from the terms and conditions of 18 19 programming packages and what a customer needs to know when an 20 order is being taken, I want to talk about a sales pitch. Have 2.1 you ever considered in practice that DISH had the right to
- 23 A. No.

24 Q. And why not?

control SSN's sales pitch?

25 \parallel A. Because the -- the retailers feel that they understand it

- 1 better than us, to be honest. They feel that they have better
- 2 marketing expertise. It's their dollars that they're spending,
- 3 and we just -- you know, we're concerned about providing a
- 4 great consumer offer, that the customers hopefully do want to
- 5 purchase DISH, and we want to make sure that the terms and
- 6 conditions are accurately represented honestly to the customer.
- $7 \parallel Q$. Are terms and conditions sales pitches?
- 8 A. No, they're not.
- 9 Q. And so, in practice, did DISH have control over SSN's
- 10 marketing sales pitch strategies?
- 11 $\|$ A. No, we did not.
- 12 Q. Who decided whether SSN would use the TV, the newspaper, or
- 13 direct mail, or telemarketing?
- 14 A. That would be SSN.
- 15 $\|$ Q. And did DISH ever require SSN to invest in a particular
- 16 | type of marketing?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. And did DISH ever have the power to require SSN to invest
- 19 | in a particular type of marketing?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 | Q. Who paid for SSN's marketing?
- 22 A. SSN would.
- 23 \parallel Q. To your knowledge, did DISH ever tell SSN that it should
- 24 | telemarket?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. To your knowledge, did DISH ever provide SSN with telephone
- 2 | numbers to use in any marketing?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. And who decided how many employees SSN might have in its
- 5 | call center?
- 6 A. That would be SSN.
- $7 \parallel Q$. And who decided what time SSN's employees should show up at
- 8 | SSN's offices?
- 9 A. SSN would.
- 10 | Q. And who decided what time SSN's employees should go home?
- 11 A. SSN.
- 12 Q. Who selected SSN's management team?
- 13 A. That would be SSN. I assume the owner at that time, Alex
- 14 or Sophie.
- 15 $\|Q$. And who made arrangements for SSN's office space?
- 16 A. SSN would.
- 17 Q. Did SSN have its own office space?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 $\|Q$. Did you ever have an opportunity to go to SSN's office?
- 20 A. Yes, I did, once in 2004.
- 21 THE COURT: In two thousand what?
- 22 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. 2004.
- 23 BY MS. ECHTMAN:
- 24 Q. And that was SSN's office?
- 25 A. That's correct.

- $\mathbb{I} \mathbb{Q}$. And in 2004, when you went there, who did you meet?
- 2 A. I met Alex Tehranchi for about 30 minutes in a
- 3 meet-and-greet.
- 4 Q. Other than that conversation you had with Alex Tehranchi in
- 5 2004, did you ever have any other conversations with him?
- 6 A. No, I did not.
- $7 \parallel Q$. And who arranged for all the equipment that might have been
- 8 | in SSN's offices when you were there?
- 9 A. SSN would.
- 10 | Q. Who paid for that equipment?
- 11 A. SSN.
- 12 Q. Who decided what that equipment would be?
- 13 A. SSN.
- 14 Q. And who obtained SSN's telephone systems?
- 15 A. SSN would.
- 16 Q. Who obtained SSN's website, if they had one?
- 17 A. SSN.
- 18 Q. And who obtained -- who maintained SSN's website?
- 19 A. SSN would.
- 20 Q. And who managed SSN's day-to-day operations?
- 21 A. I assume it would be Alex.
- 22 Q. Did DISH ever want to control the day-to-day operations of
- 23 | SSN?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 \parallel Q. And even if you had wanted to, as a practical matter, could

- you have ever controlled the day-to-day operations of SSN?
- 2 A. No.
- $3 \mid Q$. Why not?
- 4 A. One, they wouldn't let us. They're -- they were their own
- 5 | business, but it's not SSN. We're talking about they're an
- 6 | independent contractor and do better business. We have
- 7 | thousands of them. We couldn't manage or control thousands of
- 8 businesses. It's impossible, not that we would want to either.
- 9 Q. Did you have resources to send someone to SSN every day?
- 10 A. That's not possible.
- 11 | Q. And based on your experience of working with retailers over
- 12 the years, how do you think SSN would have reacted if DISH
- 13 | tried to control its day-to-day operations?
- 14 $\|$ A. They would resist. That would not happen.
- 15 $\|$ Q. Did you -- did DISH put this -- ever think that this
- 16 | Section 11 in -- about independent contractor in the retailer
- 17 | agreement had anything to do with avoiding responsibility for
- 18 anything?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 \parallel Q. Was it about what you understood the relationship to be?
- 21 A. Yes, they're independent contractors.
- 22 | Q. I want you to turn to paragraph 9.1 of the agreement on
- 23 page 18.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 \mathbb{Q} . Okay. What is paragraph 9.1 about?

- A. It's compliance -- compliance with laws.
- 2 | Q. And if you look specifically at the last sentence of this
- 3 paragraph, whose responsibility is it to comply with the law
- 4 under this contract with SSN?
- 5 A. The retailer, which would be SSN.
 - Q. Was it ever okay with DISH for SSN to violate the law in
- 7 any way?
- 8 A. Never, no.
- 9 Q. Did you ever, at any time, acquiesce in SSN violating the
- 10 | law?

- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. What did you do if you found out that there was a complaint
- 13 | about a potential violation of the law?
- 14 | A. Immediately contacted Retail Services & Compliance, the
- 15 | account management team; at times, legal, to contact the
- 16 retailer and make sure there's a complaint came in and for them
- 17 to immediately fix it and comply with the laws.
- 18 Q. If you'd please look at paragraph 17.5, and I'll give you a
- 19 page number. That's on page 27.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Do you see that paragraph?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 \parallel Q. Okay. And so, that paragraph says that this is the entire
- 24 | agreement. Do you see that?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 \mid Q. Okay. And it specifically says here that the parties --
- 2 and the parties to this are DISH and SSN; right?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 | Q. The parties specifically acknowledge that there are no
- 5 unwritten side agreements or oral agreements between them which
- 6 | alter, amend, modify, or supplement the agreement. Do you see
- 7 | that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- $9 \parallel Q$. Okay. And did you understand that to be accurate, that
- 10 there were no unwritten side, oral agreements between DISH and
- 11 | SSN?
- 12 A. That's correct.
- 13 Q. Did DISH ever, to your knowledge, have any unwritten side
- 14 | agreements with SSN?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. So, the writings are the whole contract?
- 17 A. That's, yes, the entire agreement.
- 18 Q. Now, I want to bring your attention back to another
- 19 provision on page 19, Section 9.5. Do you see that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 $\|$ Q. In that provision, the title is, "Subscriber Information."
- 22 Do you see that?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 \parallel Q. Now, Mr. Glasser asked you questions about whether this
- 25 might have applied to all of the telephone calls that SSN made

- 1 when it was telemarketing. Does this apply to every phone call
- 2 | that SSN ever made?
- $3 \parallel A$. No. This is specific to subscribers. When they activate
- 4 | and become our subscriber, we want to protect that consumer's
- 5 | information. I think that's the right thing to do.
- 6 Q. Okay. So this only applies to people who have actually
- 7 | signed up for DISH's services?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 \mathbb{Q} . It doesn't apply to every person that SSN might have called
- 10 on the telephone?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. All right. So now, I want to show you -- you also looked
- 13 | at JTX -- another retailer agreement with Mr. Glasser from
- 14 2010. I'm not going to walk through that. Is that the same in
- 15 | all material respects?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 | Q. Okay. And so now, I want to show you -- I want you to look
- 18 at DX84, which is in your binder.
- 19 MS. ECHTMAN: And, Your Honor, I want to move this --
- 20 | first I'll ask you.
- 21 BY MS. ECHTMAN:
- 22 | Q. Do you recognize DX84, please?
- 23 A. Yes. It's a retailer agreement.
- 24 Q. Okay. And who are the parties to this retailer agreement?
- 25 A. SSN and DISH.

1 MS. ECHTMAN: Your Honor, I'd like to move this --BY MS. ECHTMAN: 2 3 What's the date of this particular retailer agreement? A. March 7, 2001. 4 5 MS. ECHTMAN: Your Honor, I'd like to move this 6 particular agreement into evidence, please. 7 MR. GLASSER: No objection. 8 THE COURT: It will be admitted. BY MS. ECHTMAN: 10 Q. Okay. So now, I want to take your attention back -- you 11 can put that aside. I'd like to bring you back to the Assurance of Voluntary Compliance, PX55, that you talked about 12 13 for a few minutes. Now, you were asked a lot of questions about words, and so I want to show you something at the top 14 here. It says "voluntary." Do you see that? 1.5 16 Α. Yes. 17 Q. What does "voluntary" mean? A. Exactly what -- it's voluntary. You can help me with the 18 19 explanation, but --20 It means nobody forced this on them? 21 Yes, it's voluntary, yes. 22 Q. And under the retailer agreement, SSN already had to comply with the law; right?

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A. Yes.

Okay. You can put that aside.

- 1 ∥A. Okay.
- 2 Q. Okay. I also want to show you -- we're going to go back to
- 3 PX186, which is that North Carolina court document that you saw
- 4 earlier. If you could bring that up, PX186.
- 5 | A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Now, I want you to look at the title on that. There's a
- 7 word there. It says, "Judgment by Consent," and "Stipulated
- 8 Permanent Injunction." Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 | Q. Do you see the word "consent"?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. What does "consent" mean to you?
- 13 **THE COURT:** Okay. Well --
- 14 BY MS. ECHTMAN:
- 15 \parallel Q. Does this show you that SSN agreed to this particular
- 16 | injunction, because it's on consent?
- 17 A. I believe they agreed to it. Is that -- I --
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. Legal words -- legal language based on judgment and
- 20 | stipulation, but, they're consenting to this agreement, which
- 21 | is they're agreeing to it, I guess.
- 22 Q. Okay. And I'd like you to turn to page 6, please. On
- 23 page -- on pages 5 to 6, you saw some language earlier about
- 24 | making -- using recorded messages --
- 25 A. Yes.

- Q. -- do you see that? And it specifically says that they're not going to use recorded messages without the express consent of the residential telephone subscriber receiving such call.
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.

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- Q. And there was some back and forth about discussions people at DISH had with SSN about its telemarketing. And when you folks asked SSN about its telemarketing, what did SSN tell you?
 - MR. GLASSER: Objection. Witness has clearly testified he only had one conversation with Alex about this in 2004.
- 12 THE COURT: Okay. Well, do you want to --
- MS. ECHTMAN: Well, there's the information in the

 e-mails that Mr. Glasser showed him where people who worked for

 him --
- 16 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead.
- 17 | MS. ECHTMAN: -- reported on what their response was.
- 18 THE COURT: He can answer.
- 19 BY MS. ECHTMAN:
- 20 \parallel Q. What was reported to you?
- A. That he is compliant, he's following all the laws, he is scrubbing his customers on the Do Not Call List.
- 23 Q. And, in fact, in the e-mail involving Mr. Novak where he
- 24 wanted to have a chance to talk to him, do you recall what
- 25 Mr. Tehranchi wanted to tell Mr. Novak about his calling, his

- telephone calls?
- 2 A. He wanted to speak to him on how he telemarkets, and he's
- 3 | saying that he's following all the laws and he's compliant.
- 4 Q. And do you recall that he said anything about whether these
- 5 people had gone to his website and he was calling them back?
- 6 A. I would like to --
- 7 Q. Let's look at PX120, please.
- 8 A. If you could put that up, please.
- 9 $\|$ Q. And if you go to the second page, there's an e-mail from
- 10 Mike Oberbillig to you and a number of other people on Friday,
- 11 | September 30, 2005, at 8:43 a.m. And it says: Team, he -- and
- 12 | that's Alex Tehranchi -- claims it is not him and that any
- 13 | telemarketing he does is done by the law, and they have only
- 14 called people who called into his center. Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 16 Q. And do you understand that Mr. Tehranchi's saying he
- 17 | believes he's got the legal right to call these people?
- 18 A. That's what he believes, yes.
- 19 Q. And, in fact, that injunction refers to consent; do you
- 20 | recall that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. At another time, did he tell you he was calling -- did he
- 23 | tell Mike Oberbillig he was calling his own customers?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 \parallel Q. And do you understand that under some circumstances,

- telemarketers can call their own customers?
- 2 A. Yes. I believe there are laws where they can call their
- 3 customers.
- 4 | Q. Okay. Mr. Ahmed, did there come a time when you left DISH
- $5 \parallel \text{in early } 2006$?
- 6 A. January 31, 2006.
- $7 \parallel Q$. Did you leave for personal reasons?
- 8 A. Yes, I did.
- 9 $\|Q$. And do you mind just sharing them with the jury?
- 10 A. Sure. I actually moved to Dallas. We were based out of
- 11 | Denver. We moved to Dallas early part of 2005. My daughter,
- 12 she was 11 at that time. Her name was Ella. She was diagnosed
- 13 | with an illness called High-Altitude Pulmonary Syndrome, and
- 14 \parallel she could not live at high altitude, which was Denver. So, we
- $15 \parallel moved$ to Dallas, which was at sea level, and so it was for
- 16 personal reasons. And, basically, I was commuting back and
- 17 | forth on a weekly basis to Denver from Dallas.
- 18 Q. But there came a time in 2009 when you came back?
- 19 A. Yes, May 31 of 2009.
- 20 \parallel Q. And I think you said that when you came back, was SSN on
- 21 your radar at all?
- 22 A. No, they were not.
- 23 $\|Q$. And why wasn't SSN on your radar?
- 24 A. I had many other responsibilities. We had a VP overseeing
- 25 the OE retailers, Brian Neylon, who had worked for me for about

- 12 years and was overseeing the OE retailers while I was gone. We had Mike Mills as the director overseeing the OE retailers.
- We had a very good compliance team while I was gone that was put together headed by Reji Musso and Bruce Werner, and they were a very, very small retailer. They just were not on my radar at all.
- Q. And does it benefit DISH in any way if a retailer, SSN, is making calls that violate the law?
- 9 A. No.

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- 10 \mathbb{Q} . Why not?
- 11 A. Costly. It's bad reputation. It's bad customer service.
- 12 We're in the customer service business, and it does not make
- 13 sense.
- Q. You also saw an e-mail earlier about a lot of -- a lot of issues; do you recall that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Do you know what you were referring to when you talked
- about these issues regarding sales? And I'll ask -- it's
- 19 PX656.
- And, Trudy, if you could bring that up and go to the e-mail at the bottom of the first page.
- I have also had to deal with all his issues related to sales, et cetera. Do you see what you said there?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 \parallel Q. Do you know what you were referencing in that e-mail from

- back in 2004 about Mr. Tehranchi's issues related to sales, et
 cetera?
- 3 A. Yes. At that time, this is referencing -- it was not just
- 4 \parallel them -- other retailers. Our system would go down and the OE
- 5 | tool would go down, and the retailers were having a problem
- 6 | qualifying the customers or getting on it, and so there were
- 7 sales issues. And I had to go out there and try to figure out
- 8 from IT how to fix it. And it was a lot of meetings with IT
- 9 just trying to figure out what we need to do to make it more
- 10 stable.
- 11 Q. So it didn't have anything to do with telemarketing when
- 12 you were talking about issues regarding sales?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 || Q. Then there was another e-mail, which is PX1160, and in this
- 15 one, if you just bring it up, and, Trudy, the e-mail at the top
- 16 there from July 29, 2004, at 1:41 p.m.
- 17 You're saying, make sure -- you say "he," meaning Alex
- 18 | Tehranchi; right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 \parallel Q. Make sure he understands the exception process. Can you
- 21 | tell us what the exception process is?
- 22 A. Sure. This is relating to that other e-mail, too. Again,
- 23 \parallel the tool would go down. When they would go down, the
- 24 customers, obviously, are stuck on the phone. So, we figured
- 25 \parallel out how at that point to contact DISH so we could help them

- process an order, and there was an exceptions line when the tool would go down, meaning the platform.
- Q. And here, you say in this last sentence: I'm hearing a lot of complaints on Sat Systems on telemarketing calls to
- 5 customers. Do you see that?
- 6 A. Yes.
- Q. Had you, in fact -- do you know for a fact that you had received a lot of complaints at that time?
- A. This is me. I am being aggressive on this e-mail. There
 was a complaint that came to me. There were probably one or
 two complaints that I might have heard about, but this is -this is how I acted. I am being aggressive. I am sending a
 very strong message to the account management team that I've
 heard about a few complaints. Please make sure that they
 understand they need to be compliant, do everything correctly.
- 16 We want no issues at all. That's all I'm doing here.
- Q. And why are you doing that? Why are you being aggressive there on this e-mail where you just got them some more money?
- 19 A. Because I do not -- one complaint is too many to me. I do
- 20 not want a complaint on my desk or an issue with a customer.
- Q. And I think you said something earlier about the fact that you were commuting from Dallas at one point. So, at one point,
- 23 you were commuting from Dallas. And then January 31, 2006, you
- 24 | actually left DISH?
- 25 A. That's correct.

- Q. And what did you do when you left DISH in 2006?
- 2 A. I -- when I left DISH, I figured out how to go pick up the
- 3 | kids at school because I had never done that in my life; my
- 4 kids were 11 and 13. I went to volleyball practices. I spent
- 5 | time with them. We went on a spring break for the first time
- 6 in four years together as a family, and we spent the summer.
- 7 We went to Italy. We spent a month-and-a-half in Hawaii with
- 8 | friends. That's what I did. I became a good dad and a good
- 9 | husband.
- MS. ECHTMAN: Thank you, Mr. Ahmed. I don't have any
- 11 | further questions at this time.
- 12 **THE COURT:** Redirect?
- 13 MR. GLASSER: I really think I only want to follow up
- 14 on that last point.

15 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. GLASSER:

- 17 | Q. So you're saying that you didn't get to do any of those
- 18 things that you just described when you were working at DISH,
- 19 | but after you left, you had that freedom to do those things
- 20 with your family that you wanted to do?
- 21 A. Sir, I was living in Dallas, and I was commuting every
- 22 | single week, sometimes twice a week on flights because we're
- 23 | based out of Denver. That's what I did for nine straight
- 24 months. As a matter of fact, I would miss most of the weekends
- 25 \parallel because we would have meetings on Saturdays. Yes.

So DISH was a pressure environment to work in? 2 I think I like the pressure. I think I like to work hard. 3 I want to do the right thing. Yes. And that's -- that's who I That's correct. am. Q. But it's one reason it grew so fast, right, because it --5 it had a lot of pressure? Sir, we had a phenomenal technology just as DirecTV. 8 came out with a technology that had never been out in the industry. It was just the cable companies that had analog 10 video, we came out with digital, inter -- excuse me, high --11 high definition that no one had ever seen at a price that was about 30 percent lower than cable. Yes. Just like you have 12 13 any new product, whether it's an iPad or iPhone, it explodes. 14 That's what the technology was, yes. 15 MR. GLASSER: I don't have any further questions, Your 16 Honor. 17 THE COURT: All right. Anything else on those limited 18 topics? 19 MS. ECHTMAN: No, Your Honor. 20 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. You can step down. 2.1 (The witness left the stand.) 22 THE COURT: I think, we still have 10 minutes, 2.3 technically, but we probably can't get much done in 10 minutes, so we'll stop for the day here. 24 25 Ladies and gentlemen, please remember not to discuss the

case among yourselves or with anyone else. Don't communicate about it in any form, words, written, Internet, no tweeting, 2 3 you'll remember, no snap chats, et cetera. Keep an open mind since you have not heard all the evidence about the matter, and 4 5 continue to avoid any contact with the lawyers, parties, or 6 witnesses should you see them in the hallways or on the 7 elevators. We'll start back tomorrow morning at 9:30. Please leave 8 9 your notes in your chair, and the jurors are excused. 10 everyone else will remain seated while they step out. 11 (The jury left the courtroom at 4:50 p.m.) 12 THE COURT: All right. So, for planning purposes, 13 tomorrow your witnesses will be? 14 MR. GLASSER: Reji Musso, Your Honor, will be the first witness. And then I think we will go to some video. 1.5 16 THE COURT: Okay. And for Ms. Musso, you anticipate 17 most of the morning? 18 MR. GLASSER: Yeah. It won't cover the morning, but 19 it will be shorter than Mr. Ahmed. 20 THE COURT: Okay. All right. And the video depositions. 2.1 22 MR. GLASSER: Are all fairly short. I think the sum 2.3 total of three might be under an hour. 24 MR. BARRETT: And one will be read, Your Honor. 25 THE COURT: Okay. All right. So we could even get to

your expert tomorrow afternoon.

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MR. GLASSER: We could if we don't need to call any more DISH witnesses, which we'll make that call once we see what evidence comes in through Ms. Musso.

THE COURT: All right.

MS. ECHTMAN: So, Your Honor, I just want to clarify whether Mr. Glasser was changing his order of the witnesses, because, originally, what we got in the Court filing was that it was going to be Ms. Verkhovskaya before we got to Mr. Mills or Mr. Werner.

MR. GLASSER: Yeah, that's still my plan. That's still my plan. But, I guess what I'm saying is it's possible that all the evidence we need will be in by the end of Musso. I'm just not sure.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. Well, you all just keep communicating about that. So, I know you -- except for the video -- so the depositions, you don't know exactly what somebody's going to say or how they're going to say it, so that's shown true for both sides.

All right. But, in any event, you think you're well in line to finish your case if not -- well, it would be unlikely to be tomorrow because your expert would presumably take a little bit of time, right? But probably sometime on Friday?

MR. GLASSER: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: Okay.

1 MR. GLASSER: Housekeeping. Two items. One, PX241, the last page needs to be removed from the Court binders or 2 3 whatever. And then the cross-reference for that exhibit you 4 were looking for was PX190. 5 THE COURT: Thank you. All right. Did you get that? 6 That was Joint Exhibit 3. All right. 7 MS. ECHTMAN: Okay. Thank you. 8 THE COURT: I think that makes Ms. Sanders' life 9 easier. Okay. Anything else for the Plaintiff before we 10 recess for the day? 11 MR. GLASSER: No, ma'am. What about for the Defendants? 12 THE COURT: 13 MR. BICKS: I would just alert the Court one thing. Mr. DeFranco, you know, is coming into town. And we're really 14 hoping, you know, we can get him done by Friday just because 1.5 16 he's got scheduling issues. And so, hopefully, we can -- it 17 looks like we'll meet that, but I just wanted to alert the 18 Court that, you know, if we need some flexibility, hopefully, 19 we can work it out. 20 THE COURT: It doesn't sound like that'll be a problem 21 for him to get on the witness stand on Friday. 22 MR. GLASSER: I don't think so. 2.3 THE COURT: No. Okay, good. 24 MR. BICKS: Thank you. 25 THE COURT: All right. Anything else?

We'll be in recess until 9:30 tomorrow morning. 1 2 (Proceedings concluded at 4:54 p.m.) 3 4 5 CERTIFICATE 6 I, LORI RUSSELL, RMR, CRR, United States District Court Reporter for the Middle District of North Carolina, DO HEREBY 7 CERTIFY: 8 That the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings had in the within-entitled action; that I reported the same in stenotype to the best of my ability and thereafter reduced same to typewriting through the use of Computer-Aided 10 Transcription. 11 12 13 Lori Russell, RMR, CRR Date: 1/11/17 Official Court Reporter 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 2.3 24 25

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THE COURT: Good morning.

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MR. GLASSER: Good morning, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I gave a little thought last night to the evidence that the jury has heard and may hear more of about complaints and also about testimony about the witnesses or the declarant's, if it's in a document, understanding of the law, and I wrote out a couple of instructions that I think might help the jury understand that — how they're to use that evidence.

You know, I don't think I did a bad job yesterday, but I think I could do a better job. So I've left a copy for you all on the table. I can do it when they first come in or I can do it when the issue next arises, or I cannot do it. You know, but I wanted to hear if anybody had any thoughts. Does the Plaintiff have any thoughts about that?

MR. GLASSER: I mean, we read it -- I read it, Your Honor. I think you've given both of these at some points in the case already. So, I was kind of thinking it would maybe should just go in the final instructions just like the rest of them, since they've had limiting instructions like this along the way.

THE COURT: That's certainly an option. I mean, when I started working on it, I was doing it for the final instructions, and then I thought, well, I wonder if they're

confused. So, all right. So it would be your preference to just wait until the final instructions unless something happens 2 3 during the trial to cause some confusion about it? MR. GLASSER: Yes, ma'am. 4 5 THE COURT: Okay. What does the Defendant say? 6 MR. BICKS: I agree, Your Honor, that there's no need 7 to read it now. I thought what you did yesterday was 8 appropriate. 9 THE COURT: Oh, good. I'm getting As. 10 MR. BICKS: And the Court knows that the whole 11 question of knowledge, you know DISH's position, that it's not relevant to agency. And so I --12 13 THE COURT: Right. Yeah, and, you know, I tend to 14 agree it's not particularly relevant to control, but the whole 15 acting outside the scope, you know, that -- that's a different -- different issue, so -- but in any event, well, 16 17 I'll hold off on it. If anything happens today to make me concerned that they're confused or that I need to clarify it 18 19 with the jury, I may give one or both of these instructions, 20 but I won't do it to begin with. All right? 2.1 MR. BICKS: Thank you. 22 THE COURT: Any other housekeeping matters or any

other issues we need to take up before the jury comes in for

Yes, Your Honor. This morning, from

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the Plaintiff?

MR. BARRETT:

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Ms. Musso, you may hear testimony regarding established business relationship. And you will hear that testimony when we play the video deposition of Ms. Tehranchi. We had objected to that portion of the designation, and Your Honor had overruled the objections. But we do propose a limiting instruction regarding EBR.

If you recall, at our last pretrial hearing, DISH had stated that we had -- we had worked out the EBR issues. We had excluded people on the DISH customer list, and so EBR is not an issue in this case. So I have a proposed limiting instruction that I'd like to hand up to the Court, if I may.

THE COURT: All right.

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MR. BARRETT: And hand to counsel. One slight modification to what I am handing to counsel, and I can put that on Your Honor's copy.

(Documents handed to counsel and the Court.)

MS. ECHTMAN: Your Honor --

THE COURT: Hold on. Let me just look at it.

(Pause in the proceedings.)

20 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead, Ms. Echtman.

MS. ECHTMAN: Your Honor, this is the first time that we've seen this. And we're not claiming that Dr. Krakauer had an established business relationship with SSN for the class period 2010 to 2011. But we heard a lot about this 2009 call. And, in fact, Mr. Glasser said again and again that there would

be more claims in this case if they had more call records. Well, 2009 is outside the Statute of Limitations period so we haven't been litigating over that call. And we don't really appreciate the inference there could be a claim over that call or any other call other than the calls for which they have call records.

But in any event, there was an assertion that they had a business relationship with -- with Dr. Krakauer at the time of that call. Then they were asked to be put on a Do Not Call List. That overrides an EBR. So I don't -- I think this is not appropriate. And I think in terms of the issue of knowledge and what DISH knew about whether SSN was making calls in violation of the law, it's very relevant to this case whether SSN said they had a business relationship with those people and had the right to call them.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. Well, I mean, this is kind of one of the things that this instruction I gave you all about the law --

MR. GLASSER: Right.

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THE COURT: -- relates to. You know, I'm not going to tell them that this testimony has no bearing on the claims in this case, because if that were true, I would not let the evidence -- I would not admit the evidence. So, you know, I'm not going to give the instruction to that extent. I'll just wait and see how it looks when it comes in. If I need to

explain EBR to them, I will, but I might have to -- you all told me it wasn't an issue in the case, and it's not directly, so I have put it out of my mind. But, I can probably tell them that the statute does, in some circumstances, allow calls when there's an established business relationship, and the specifics of that are not necessarily important in the case, the specifics of that law.

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But, you know, a lot of times you have to understand what somebody thinks the law is in order to understand their testimony. And that's why I've let some of that testimony in and why I probably will let some more of it in. I think both sides have objected to it along the way, but I'm probably going to let it in both ways, because a lot of times, the witness just can't explain what they did if they don't tell why they did it.

So I'm not going to give it the way the Plaintiff has asked for it, but I'll keep an ear open for that and consider, depending on how the questions come, you know, I don't want the jury to be confused about it.

So if I think there is a reason to give them a special instruction on that when the evidence comes in, I will do it.

And you can ask me again, certainly. The Plaintiff can ask me again when the time comes. All right. Anything else?

MR. BARRETT: Just two quick matters.

THE COURT: Uh-huh.

1 MR. BARRETT: Your Honor, do you recall the call category stipulation that the parties have entered into --2 3 THE COURT: Yes. MR. BARRETT: -- that is also tied to the verdict 4 5 form, at least in its prior iteration that we reviewed. 6 would like to -- and Your Honor has, I believe, indicated that you would read that potentially or --7 8 THE COURT: The stipulation? 9 MR. BARRETT: -- communication -- pardon me? 10 THE COURT: The stipulation? 11 MR. BARRETT: Yes, ma'am. THE COURT: 12 Yes. 13 MR. BARRETT: And I would like to use that with Ms. Verkhovskaya as a kind of a demonstrative exhibit just to 14 walk her through the challenges, and basically frame -- frame 15 16 discussion for the challenges. So I wanted to call that to the Court's attention. 17 THE COURT: All right. So the one I'm looking at is 18 19 the amended joint stipulation regarding call categories. 20 that the one you want me to read to them? 2.1 MR. BARRETT: Yes, Your Honor. 22 THE COURT: All right. Just whenever you want me to 2.3 read it to them, just tell me, I'll read it to them. 24 MS. ECHTMAN: So, Your Honor, there is a stipulation, but we just want to put an objection on the record.

Mr. Verkhovskaya never gave any affirmative opinions about those defenses and, in fact, the document — the exhibits supporting them have been precluded from this case as those — Exhibit 31, defense exhibits, the Plaintiffs successfully moved to preclude. So we object to any testimony in Ms. Verkhovskaya's chase in chief about those because they're not part of any opinions she disclosed in this case.

THE COURT: About the exhibits.

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MS. ECHTMAN: About the categories. She never addressed those categories in any of her work that was disclosed to the Defendants. We have no idea what she might say about any of them. She didn't do that work. And so, we object to that coming in through her direct testimony because we --

THE COURT: Okay. But aren't you just going to ask
her -- I mean, I hear what you're saying about the lists. But,
as I recall, and I could be wrong, but as I recall, she did do
work about LexisNexis and the various information on these
LexisNexis reports. And so, why can't he ask her questions
about that, about her work on, for example, one, two, three,
and four and five -- well, all of them are LexisNexis numbers.

MS. ECHTMAN: She got a report from LexisNexis. This is her report that she asked for from LexisNexis. But she never added up these categories or analyzed it in this way.

And so, for her to give opinions about this is outside the

scope of anything that she's disclosed.

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MR. BARRETT: Your Honor, we've stipulated to the numbers. Those were presented in April of this year. She gave her deposition probably a year before that. Her testimony at her deposition was that all of these numbers were residential, and DISH called a couple weeks before the pretrial that we had back then, produced all of these challenged categories.

THE COURT: What are you going to be asking her about these categories?

MR. BARRETT: First, I'm going to ask her, are the numbers that you had testified in your report, were they residential? She will say, yes, they were residential based upon the data she reviewed.

I will say there are some challenges that the jury will -I may say, if Your Honor lets me, the jury will potentially
consider that are in this stipulation of call categories. Does
that change your opinion about whether these telephone numbers
were residential?

Her opinion has always been the telephone numbers were residential. What is new is that challenge that they provided to us through those excluded exhibits back in April of this past year. That's the only thing that's new.

She's responding to challenges that have been raised and that are on the verdict form.

THE COURT: All right. Are you intending to do that

in her direct testimony or --2 MR. BARRETT: Yes, Your Honor. 3 THE COURT: So DISH didn't even mention this in opening statement, so I wasn't sure if maybe it had just all 4 5 gone away. MS. ECHTMAN: It hasn't gone away, but we had more 6 7 important issues in the case, like agency. 8 THE COURT: Okay. Because, you know, not every 9 defense gets raised at trial, so --10 MR. BICKS: Yeah. 11 MS. ECHTMAN: And that's the issue, Your Honor, that these are defenses. And so, for Ms. Verkhovskaya to now be 12 13 opining in her affirmative direct testimony it's outside the scope of her affirmative opinions. 14 15 THE COURT: No. I mean, how can you say that? testified, didn't she, originally that all of these numbers 16 17 were residential? MS. ECHTMAN: That's what Mr. Barrett's saying. 18 19 Are you saying that's not so? THE COURT: 20 MS. ECHTMAN: I'm saying she doesn't have sufficient 21 proof of that, but that'll come out during her testimony. THE COURT: All right. Well, you all can just object 22 2.3 when it happens, if it does. 24 MS. ECHTMAN: All right. Thank you, Your Honor. 25 THE COURT: You know, I thought I asked you all at the last pretrial, in view of all the stipulations, if there were going to be any issues with experts and we needed to have more discovery, and you all told me not. So, I mean, I may not have asked it quite that explicitly, but I thought I asked if all these stipulations were going to give rise to any new issues, but maybe I wasn't clear about that.

MS. ECHTMAN: I'm sorry, Your Honor, I didn't understand that. I had actually raised that at a pretrial, that if Ms. Verkhovskaya was going to change her opinions, that that would have to reopen expert discovery.

THE COURT: All right.

MS. ECHTMAN: And I understood that not to be an option.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, you know, it depends on what she says. If she's just saying they're residential, I understood that she said that before. I mean, she had to say it before or we would not be here, so, you know, so if she's just going to say, yeah, these are residential, and, you know —

MS. ECHTMAN: The issue's going to be if she gives a new reason why that she hasn't previously disclosed.

MR. BARRETT: I don't think that will be hard because these have never been presented to her. They were presented in April, and they were excluded, and then they were incorporated in a stipulation, and they are not new opinions. They are

1	attacks on her opinion, which they can raise at any time,		
2	attacks on her opinion that these are residential numbers.		
3	That's always been her opinion.		
4	THE COURT: Okay. Well, we'll just deal with it when		
5	it comes up. Thank you for alerting me. Anything else for the		
6	Plaintiff?		
7	MR. BARRETT: No, Your Honor.		
8	THE COURT: Anything for the Defendant?		
9	MR. BICKS: No, Your Honor.		
10	THE COURT: All right. You can bring the jury in.		
11	(The jury entered the courtroom.)		
12	Good morning. I'm sorry we had a little delay in getting		
13	you all in here, but I was trying to take care of issues with		
14	the lawyers so I wouldn't have to make you all go back and		
15	forth. Thank you for your patience.		
16	We're ready to proceed, and the Plaintiff can call his next		
17	witness.		
18	MR. GLASSER: The Plaintiff calls Reji Musso, Your		
19	Honor.		
20	REJI MUSSO, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN		
21	DIRECT EXAMINATION		
22	THE COURT: All right. Go ahead.		
23	BY MR. GLASSER:		
24	Q. Hello.		
25	A. Good morning.		

- Q. Can you please tell the jury your name.
- 2 A. My name is Reji Musso.

THE COURT: Ms. Musso, you're going to need to speak
into the mike. Feel free to move it around. I know you want

5 to look at the jury. You may not be able to do it that way,

6 though. Yeah.

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THE WITNESS: My name is Reji Musso.

THE COURT: That's better. Thank you.

9 BY MR. GLASSER:

- 10 Q. Great. Ms. Musso, I understand that from 2006 through the
- 11 class period in this case, which is 2011, you served as the
- 12 compliance manager at DISH over the OE retailers; is that
- 13 | correct?
- 14 | A. I did.
- 15 Q. Also called national sales partners, right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 $\|$ Q. And you left that job in the summer of 2003, in the fall?
- 18 **THE COURT:** Three?
- 19 MR. GLASSER: I'm sorry, 2013. Thank you, Judge.
- 20 THE WITNESS: I did, yes.

21 BY MR. GLASSER:

- 22 $\|$ Q. Okay. What -- but while you had that job, you were the
- 23 | boss of the compliance function in DISH, having to do with
- 24 | these national sales partners, right?
- 25 A. Yes, essentially.

- Q. Did you report up to Bruce Werner?
- 2 A. I did.
- 3 | Q. Okay. How many people reported to you? What was your
- 4 | staff?
- $5 \parallel A$. I had an average staff of six.
- 6 Q. Six people?
- 7 THE COURT: Okay. And so now the mike is not picking
- 8 you up. So I'm not sure exactly -- you may need to sit up a
- 9 little closer.
- 10 THE WITNESS: How about this? Sit a little closer.
- 11 THE COURT: Yes. Thank you.
- 12 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 13 Q. Now, from your perspective, you understood that your job
- 14 was to ensure retailer compliance with the retailer agreement,
- 15 || right?
- 16 A. That is correct.
- 17 | Q. Okay. And I already went over the retail agreement in
- 18 detail yesterday with Mr. Ahmed, so we're not going to grind
- 19 through that with you.
- 20 A. Thank you.
- 21 Q. You do not believe that the role of compliance manager
- 22 | involved an obligation on the part of DISH to enforce the
- 23 | nation's telemarketing laws; isn't that right?
- 24 \parallel A. I do not. I believe that was covered in the retailer
- 25 | agreement and an expectation of the relationship.

- 1 Q. Okay. So in your position as compliance manager, you would
- 2 get complaints about telemarketing activity from time to time,
- 3 || right?
- 4 A. That is correct.
- $5 \parallel Q$. And when a complaint about a national sales partner like
- 6 SSN came in, you did not see your role as actually deciding if
- 7 | the consumer's complaint was legitimate or not legitimate?
- 8 A. That is true.
- 9 Q. So DISH had approximately 18,000 employees at this time,
- 10 || right?
- 11 A. I -- I guess.
- 12 Q. A lot?
- 13 A. Fifteen -- about fifteen when I started, so --
- 14 Q. Okay. And you had a compliance staff, as you've described,
- 15 || right?
- 16 A. That is correct.
- 17 Q. Okay. But as you sit here today, you don't know if any of
- 18 the complaints you received about SSN were legitimate or not?
- 19 A. I don't think that was my responsibility to determine that.
- 20 \parallel The call was made by a retailer. The retail -- the information
- 21 was furnished to the customer or consumer, and then they worked
- 22 with the retailer and the determination was -- happened at that
- 23 | time.
- 24 Q. All right. So all the way through the time you left in
- 25 | 2006 to 2013, because you were in charge of the compliance

- function, there's not a single individual in DISH devoted to
 determining if consumer complaints against national sales
 partners are legitimate?
- A. I think we -- I don't think that that was the role. I
 think that you could ascertain that there were things that
 happened that were not within the realm of expectations, but at
 the same time, it was really up to the retailer to work it out
 with the consumer and customer.
- 9 Q. Now, we looked yesterday at some budgets for national sales
 10 partners that basically said that in 2010 and 2011, the
 11 expectation at DISH was that they would sign up roughly a
 12 million new customers a year, okay?
- 13 A. If that's what happened. It's outside of my realm.
- Q. Is that directionally correct in terms of size that you understand, the amount?
- 16 A. I can't speak to that.

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complaint?

- Q. Okay. But in any event, do you think it's possible that that could be accomplished, any amount of bringing on a large amount of new consumers without a legitimate consumer
- A. I'm not saying they were -- the complaints were or were not legitimate. I'm saying that wasn't my role to determine that.
- Q. Okay. And so whatever activity you undertook in response to a complaint ought not be characterized as an investigation to determine legitimacy? It was an investigation to determine

- . \parallel which -- which national sales partner to refer it out to?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. All right. Well, in any event, as compliance manager, you
- 4 came into contact with SSN and its owners, Alex and Sophie
- 5 | Tehranchi, right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 | Q. And you also -- your office, and, in fact, I think you're
- 8 on the e-mail, handled the complaint of Dr. Krakauer, the
- 9 Plaintiff in this case?
- 10 A. That is true.
- 11 Q. Oh, before I get to that, from 2006 until the end of the
- 12 class period, it is true that, so far as you know as compliance
- 13 manager, SSN was never terminated by DISH?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Correct, right?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 \mathbb{Q} . Okay. From 2006 until the end of the class period, so far
- 18 | as you know as compliance manager, DISH never imposed a
- 19 monetary fine on SSN?
- 20 \parallel A. Not to my knowledge, but we didn't see any reason to.
- 21 \parallel Q. Got it. Okay. From 2006 to 2011, the end of the class
- 22 | period, so far as you know as compliance manager, DISH never
- 23 | withheld any compensation to SSN as a result of telemarketing
- 24 | activity or any other reason?
- 25 $\|$ A. Not to my knowledge.

- 1 Q. From 2006 all the way to the end of the class period, so
- 2 | far as you know, as a result of telemarketing issues or
- 3 anything else, DISH never suspended the right of SSN to
- 4 | telemarket for any period of time?
- 5 A. Once again, no, but it's because we didn't deem that
- 6 necessary based on what was transpiring with SSN.
- $7 \parallel Q$. Okay. From 2006 all the way until the end of the class
- 8 period, as compliance manager with DISH, you're not aware of
- 9 SSN ever being prohibited from doing any telemarketing by DISH?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 | Q. Correct, right?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. Okay. On the transcript, that "no" might come out no.
- So from 2006 to 2011, as compliance manager, you're unaware
- 15 of any specific --
- 16 THE COURT: Okay. Maybe you could ask it a little
- 17 differently. You're -- the -- ambiguity in the answer flows
- 18 from the question.
- 19 MR. GLASSER: Okay.
- 20 THE COURT: So if you can --
- 21 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 22 | Q. From 2006 to 2011, so far as you know, DISH never required
- 23 || SSN to --
- 24 THE COURT: Okay. I'm asking you to ask a question,
- 25 did DISH ever require.

1 MR. GLASSER: Okay. 2 **THE COURT:** So do you see what I'm saying? 3 BY MR. GLASSER: Q. Did DISH ever require SSN to terminate any employee who was 4 5 violating telemarketing? A. No, that was not within our expectations. That was not 6 what we did. 8 Q. And from 2006 to 2011, did DISH ever specifically require SSN itself to retrain its employees on TCPA compliance? 10 THE COURT: I'm sorry. What was the end of your 11 question? MR. GLASSER: TCPA compliance, retrain. 12 13 THE COURT: Compliance. 14 That falls into the expectation of THE WITNESS: 1.5 adherence to federal, state, and local laws, which was a provision in the retailer agreement. That was SSN's 16 17 responsibility. BY MR. GLASSER: 18 19 So the answer is, no, not a specific direction to them to retrain? DISH did not give a specific direction to them. 21 22 I understand you no longer work for DISH? Α. I do not. 24 Okay. When did you leave DISH?

I left in 2013, but I left a lot of my heart there.

- Q. Okay. All right. Fair enough. When -- when you left, at
- 2 | that time had SSN been put on hold or terminated in 2013 when
- 3 | you left?
- 4 A. It's my understanding that they had been.
- 5 | Q. Okay. You -- so are you saying it may have happened after
- 6 you left? You just understand now that it happened, or it
- 7 | happened before you left?
- 8 A. There was a period of time that I was not involved in the
- 9 | compliance department. I was working in a different
- 10 department. So I don't recall the specific date. I do recall
- 11 discussing since -- you know, recently that they had been put
- 12 on -- they had been put on hold -- their access to the OE tool
- 13 | had been suspended.
- 14 | Q. But you don't know the reason for it?
- 15 | A. No, I don't.
- 16 | Q. And you don't know when they were actually terminated?
- 17 A. If memory serves me, I think it was 2014 when the retailer
- 18 | agreement expired.
- 19 | Q. Oh, expired under its terms. Okay. Okay. When you left
- 20 DISH, did you sign a severance agreement of some kind?
- 21 | A. No.
- 22 | Q. Okay. So you don't have any contractual relationship with
- 23 DISH?
- 24 A. I have loyalty to DISH.
- 25 \parallel Q. Okay. Now, the job of an OE retailer, as I understand it,

- 1 or a national sales partner is to go out and get a new customer
- 2 for DISH, right?
- 3 A. Marketing, yes.
- 4 Q. To sign the customer up, the sales agent is on the order
- 5 entry system, right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 $\|$ Q. Those payments flow directly from the customer to DISH,
- 8 | right?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And then DISH compensates the national sales partner on a
- 11 weekly basis for new activations, right?
- 12 A. That's my overall understanding, yes.
- 13 Q. Is it fair to say that the vast majority of consumer
- 14 complaints you got while you were working in compliance at DISH
- 15 were as a result of that process?
- 16 MR. BICKS: Objection.
- 17 | THE WITNESS: I don't understand the question.
- 18 THE COURT: All right. Rephrase since nobody -- the
- 19 | witness doesn't understand.
- 20 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 21 Q. Could national sales partners use DISH trademarks and
- 22 | logos?
- 23 \parallel A. Yes, they were authorized retailers of DISH, and they were
- 24 allowed to do so.
- 25 $\|$ Q. And could these national sales partners like SSN tell

- consumers they were authorized retailers of DISH?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 $\|$ Q. In fact, they were required to tell them that they were
- 4 | authorized retailers of DISH, right?
- 5 | A. Yes.
- 6 Q. As compliance manager, you kept files on individual
- 7 | national sales partners, right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 $\|Q$. Called the compliance file for X, right?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. These files relate to the history of those retailer's
- 12 telemarketing activities on behalf of DISH, so far as you knew,
- 13 || right?
- 14 A. When you -- I'm -- I'm confused.
- 15 | Q. Well, let me say this. When you have -- like you'd take
- 16 the SSN compliance file.
- 17 | A. Uh-huh.
- 18 Q. When you wanted to kind of remember something about what
- 19 | had happened before, you could look back through it, and that
- 20 way it kept a history, right?
- 21 A. Initially, we kept paper files, but that became cumbersome.
- 22 So we kept them -- they were a self copy.
- 23 THE COURT: They were what?
- 24 \parallel THE WITNESS: They were in a server on the -- they
- 25 were not hard copies.

BY MR. GLASSER:

- 2 Q. All right. So this compliance file let you, in the
- 3 compliance department, track the history of that national sales
- 4 partner, right?
- 5 A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.
- 6 Q. Sometimes internal communications about the national sales
- 7 partner are also in those specific files, right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 $\|$ Q. You would regard those files as important to your work and
- 10 your ability to function as compliance manager, right?
- 11 A. The information, yes.
- 12 Q. And it was your job to supervise keeping those files
- 13 complete and up to date, right?
- 14 A. I oversaw it, yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. Let's look at Plaintiff's Exhibit 15, which I think
- 16 you'll recognize as the compliance file for SSN.
- 17 MR. GLASSER: I move its admission, Your Honor.
- 18 **THE COURT:** It will be admitted.
- 19 MR. BICKS: Your Honor, I -- we just -- in terms of
- 20 | our position on that, there's hearsay within hearsay within
- 21 some of these documents. So that would be the objection.
- 22 | THE COURT: Okay. Well, ladies and gentlemen, we'll,
- 23 | I'm sure, go -- the parties are going to go through this.
- 24 You're entitled to consider it as evidence of what -- of the
- 25 | information DISH had in its files. That doesn't necessarily

mean every single thing in there was true. We'll address that more specifically as the need arises, and if there's an objection, if you can make it -- I try to pause, but make it as quick as you can. Okay. 4 MR. BICKS: Thank you. THE COURT: Go ahead. JUROR: Excuse me. The document -- your lamp isn't There's just shadows on the page. MR. GLASSER: Thank you very much. I appreciate it. THE COURT: It's a little better. There's still 11 some --MR. GLASSER: I'll go -- is that better? 12 THE COURT: All right. 14 BY MR. GLASSER: 1.5 Q. There -- if it's easier for you to look sometimes at the paper copy, I'll also put it up here on the ELMO for you, but 17 I'm going to look -- on the bottom right-hand corner, there are these numbers called Bates numbers. 18 19 Α. Yes. 20 Okay. So I'm going to start talking about the document at 8060. 2.1 22 MR. BICKS: Say it again.

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BY MR. GLASSER:

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All right. Ms. Musso, let's just start here at the top of

- Document 8060. This is an e-mail that you're on, right,
- 2 Ms. Musso? That's you at the top?
- 3 THE COURT: Keep your voice up, Mr. Glasser. You're
- 4 | fading off at the end of your sentence.
- 5 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 6 Q. That's you at the top right here on this?
- 7 A. Oh, yes, uh-huh.
- 8 Q. And it has to do with a TCPA complaint of Mr. Thomas
- 9 Krakauer, right?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 | Q. And the date is May 19th, 2009, right?
- 12 A. That's correct.
- 13 \parallel Q. I'm going to the next page behind it. I want to go down
- 14 here to the bottom. So it says, "Thomas Krakauer received a
- 15 | call last" -- well, can you read this to yourself here, and
- 16 | I'll ask you some questions about it, how's that? From Thomas
- 17 Krakauer received a call all the way down to the end of this
- 18 part. Just look up when you're done reading it.
- 19 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 20 A. I've read it.
- 21 Q. Okay. So this lady, Rebecca Dougherty, was she one of the
- 22 | ladies who worked with you?
- 23 A. She was not. In fact, she worked in the escalations group
- 24 | in the customer service center.
- 25 | Q. Okay.

- 1 A. Which is where the TCPA complaints would be initially
- 2 received?
- 3 | Q. Okay. And then you track it as a TCPA complaint, right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Give it a record number, right?
- 6 A. That's the way the system was set up, yes.
- 7 Q. You say the customer is on the National Do Not Call
- 8 Registry?
- 9 A. That information comes from the call center, yes.
- 10 Q. All right. Now, you're aware as the compliance manager
- 11 that you can just type on the computer the number and check the
- 12 Registry. Does the center check if he's on the National
- 13 Registry or not? Is that confirmed or just reported by the
- 14 | customer?
- 15 $\|$ A. I'm saying that the information that we get on this e-mail
- 16 comes from the customer service center, and we record this
- 17 | information, yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. But I'm asking a slightly different question, which
- 19 | is does DISH independently just check the number and see?
- 20 **THE COURT:** You mean phone number?
- 21 MR. GLASSER: Yes, ma'am.
- 22 | THE WITNESS: Whether they're -- well, they did in the
- 23 | call center, yes.
- 24 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 25 Q. Okay. So it's confirmed that it was on the national call

- center?
- 2 \mathbb{A} . I would make that assumption, yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. And so the complaint from Dr. Krakauer is that he
- 4 was called by somebody impersonating DirecTV, right, trying to
- 5 | switch him to DISH?
- 6 A. Okay. I think another point that's very important to
- 7 | understand is when we would get these complaints, the -- the
- 8 | folks in the escalations team were instructed to confirm -- to
- 9 share that information that the customer gave them as -- as
- 10 word for word as they could. So this is exact -- this, to my
- 11 understanding, is what Mr. Krakauer told Ms. Dougherty.
- 12 Q. So the customer, Dr. Krakauer, had reported that somebody
- 13 | impersonating a DirecTV person had tried to switch to DISH; is
- 14 ∥ that right?
- 15 $\|$ A. That was his assessment.
- 16 Q. And the guy's name, according to Dr. Krakauer, was Ken,
- 17 || right?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 | Q. And that a credit card check was run on him last night is
- 20 something that Ms. Dougherty independently discovered, right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And then Ms. Dougherty tells -- let's see who first got
- 23 | this. It looks like tells Joshua Slater. Does he work for
- 24 | you?
- 25 \parallel A. He does not. Actually, I think the -- let's see where she

- -- did she send it --
- $2 \parallel Q$. She sent it --
- 3 \blacksquare A. She sent it --
- 4 | Q. To POE support, retailer escalation?
- 5 A. So it can get a little confusing. There are a lot of
- 6 different people and departments involved. David Laslo was on
- 7 | the escalations team. He was, if memory serves, a coach. POE
- 8 | Support stands for partner order entry support, and they
- 9 oversaw any e-mails or activity with the -- with the OE
- 10 partners. Retailer escalation was actually another team that
- 11 | really had the relationship with smaller retailers, not the OE
- 12 retailers, and then TCPA was actually in the call center. This
- 13 originally didn't come to vendor inquiries, which would have
- 14 been -- it eventually did, but at this particular exchange
- 15 | didn't.
- 16 Q. Okay. All right. But, ultimately, it got up to you?
- 17 | A. It did.
- 18 Q. All right. So -- but on this part right here where the
- 19 | call center employee, Ms. Dougherty -- I quess she could check
- 20 on her computer to see if a credit check was run on
- 21 Mr. Krakauer?
- 22 A. There was -- and I didn't do that or -- or my team didn't
- 23 \parallel do that, but, yes, she had the ability to see whether a credit
- 24 check had been run.
- 25 Q. And the --

- A. Go ahead.
- 2 Q. And that's how she determined -- one of the ways she
- 3 determined that SSN had keyed that in on the order entry
- 4 | system, right?
- 5 A. That's a key point, that SSN was the one who apparently had
- 6 | run this credit check.
- $7 \parallel Q$. Well, no, they had requested on the order entry system that
- 8 | a credit be run?
- 9 A. Actually, as I understand it -- and, believe me, I'm no
- 10 expert on these systems, but as I understand it, SSN puts it
- 11 | in. SSN gets the information back. We keep the record.
- 12 Q. Because DISH pays for it?
- 13 A. That I don't know, and I truly don't know.
- 14 \parallel Q. All right. So then do you know why no one at DISH said to
- 15 Ms. Dougherty or anyone else, tell Dr. Krakauer that a credit
- 16 check has been run?
- 17 A. I'm not sure I could know that. That's kind of a
- 18 hypothetical question, but it would be her responsibility, if
- 19 | she felt it prudent, to tell him. She probably didn't want to
- 20 upset him. We care very deeply about our customers, and, you
- 21 | know, she knew that if they ran a credit check without telling
- 22 him, that that was against all DISH policy, regulation, and
- 23 | expectations. We even had a Q/A form that it had on there that
- 24 they had to do that.
- 25 Q. Okay. So then the decision, while it may have been made by

- 1 a lower-level DISH employee, not to tell Dr. Krakauer about
- 2 this in a way protected the national sales partner from being
- 3 | found out, right?
- 4 A. I don't think that was her intent at all. I think that --
- $5 \parallel \text{if I had to guess, knowing the relationship that I had with}$
- 6 this team of people, she cared very much about his feelings and
- 7 didn't want to upset him, and, plus, if she did, she didn't
- 8 have any answers for him.
- 9 $\|$ Q. Okay. All right. Now let's go to page 7981.
- 10 A. Am I going to need this one again?
- 11 $\|$ Q. So it may get confusing. Just try and keep them in the
- 12 | right order. So put it back in the right order. Keep that
- 13 | clip on it maybe. Let me try and run it on the ELMO, and then
- 14 we'll bust that one up if you need it.
- 15 A. I'm sorry. What number did you say?
- 16 \parallel Q. We're going to go to 7981. All right. So here at 7981
- 17 | Serena Snyder -- now, she works for you, right?
- 18 A. She did.
- 19 Q. All right. She sends an e-mail to sophie@yourdish.tv.com.
- 20 | That's Sophie Tehranchi, right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. The sister of the owner of SSN, so far as you know?
- 23 A. So far as I know.
- 24 \parallel Q. DISH did not object and permitted them to use the e-mail
- 25 address yourdish.tv? That's part of being able to use the

- trademarks, right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 $\|$ Q. And the -- the notice to Ms. Tehranchi says that "a fax of
- 4 | a notice of alleged complaint, Do Not Call violation, was sent
- 5 | today. I'm sending a copy of the letter via e-mail. Please
- 6 comply with the requirements therein. Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Okay. Let's see if the letter's attached. The letter is
- 9 not attached, but I think we'll find it later in the file.
- 10 And then let's go to 7980, which is the very -- the
- 11 responsive page. So here is an e-mail back in response on
- 12 May 28th, 2009, at 3:31 p.m., right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. It's from patty@yourdish.tv, and it copies Sophie, which
- 15 you believe to be Sophie Tehranchi, right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 | Q. And it looks like she's sending an e-mail in response to
- 18 the complaint, right, that we saw prior?
- 19 A. Yes, because I signed the letter, so they always put my
- 20 name on there.
- 21 | Q. Okay. Got it. Okay. So she tells you that that -- that
- 22 the first they heard of it was on the 20th, right?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 \parallel Q. She tells you that on the 20th, "We've taken Mr. Krakauer's
- 25 \parallel phone number out of our master lead list and put his number on

- our Do Not Call List, " right?
- 2 | A. Yes.
- 3 | Q. And then it says: "Our lead for Mr. Krakauer was generated
- 4 | by us. We sold him DirecTV back in April of 2003 when we were
- 5 | a DirecTV retailer, " right?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 $\|Q$. And then she says: "We do not have a date for scrubbing
- 8 this lead through Possible NOW because at the time we are not a
- 9 PossibleNOW member, " right?
- 10 A. Yes. They were doing business, to the best of my
- 11 understanding, with DNC.com for scrubbing.
- 12 Q. Okay. She doesn't say that -- isn't it true that in this
- 13 responsive e-mail she doesn't say that she scrubbed it
- 14 | anywhere?
- 15 \parallel A. And I -- in further discussions about this, they indicated
- 16 that they had a customer relationship with him and felt it was
- 17 okay to call him.
- 18 Q. All right. So you see here that the date of this customer
- 19 | relationship was 2003, right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 | Q. Okay. Now -- but you're not making a judgment about its
- 22 | legitimacy or illegitimacy. You're simply forwarding the
- 23 complaint, right, and she said, fine, I'm going to take him off
- 24 the list, correct?
- 25 \parallel A. That's true.

- Q. You do not ask ever who else are you calling from that unscrubbed list; isn't that true?
- A. There was still some investigation to be done. I was not under the impression that they needed to scrub a list of customers that they already had relationships with, and it wasn't my business to determine whether -- whether that was necessary or not. We were talking about one issue here.
- Q. Okay. And then -- but they also tell you that the sales representative named Ken is the top employee of the -- of SSN, right, the guy who impersonated DirecTV, Ken, is their top employee?
- MR. BICKS: Objection, Your Honor, to the -
 THE COURT: Well, the jury will remember the evidence

 about that.

Go ahead. You can answer.

THE WITNESS: I was not under -- I mean, I don't know that in truth he -- I didn't hear a recording of this phone call, so I don't know that that, in fact, happened. That's what Mr. Krakauer believed to have happened.

BY MR. GLASSER:

- Q. Okay. And nobody asked that a recording of the call be uploaded to DISH to check, right?
- $\|$ A. We did not at that time, no.
- Q. Okay. Let's go to page 7983. This is an e-mail chain from on or about April 2009, right?

- A. Forgive me. What number did you say?
- 2 Q. I'm at 7983.
- $3 \parallel A$. I'm sorry.
- 4 Q. It's also on your screen there, if that helps.
- 5 | A. I like to look at the whole --
- 6 Q. Okay. All right. And this is about two TCPA issues in
- 7 | April of 2009, right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. And -- and this is an e-mail from Sophie Tehranchi
- 10 | in response to -- if you look on the prior page, you guys had
- 11 | asked about the complaints of Angela Schooler and Kitty Fowler,
- 12 | right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And you were asking her to follow up on what had gone on
- 15 | with those two people, right, who had called in about TCPA
- 16 problems, right?
- 17 A. Yes. And since you've highlighted that, I would also like
- 18 to point out that the complaints that we received from those
- 19 | two people were about frequent and persistent and infrequent,
- 20 persistent harassment. They were not Do Not Call complaints,
- 21 | not that that's any less serious, but I would like to make that
- 22 distinction.
- 23 \parallel Q. But the telephone -- the Telephone Consumer Protection Act
- 24 is -- is what your retail agreement says ought to be complied
- 25 with, right?

- 1 $\|$ A. I understand that, but in our estimation, when a -- two
- 2 calls to me might seem like a lot. Two calls to another
- 3 customer might not. So a lot of times these particular caveats
- 4 of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, in my mind, are in
- 5 sort of the eye of the beholder.
- 6 Q. And I know you just testified that it didn't have anything
- $7 \parallel$ to do with Do Not Call, but you ask here for the date the leads
- 8 were scrubbed with PossibleNOW, right?
- 9 A. Yes, but that's because that's part of the standard -- the
- 10 form letters that we use. That's the excerpt from the form
- 11 | letter.
- 12 Q. Okay. And it says here that the contact for the leads was
- 13 | Jeff Rogers. "We were with DCN.com. We were not with
- 14 Possible NOW." Do you see that?
- 15 $\|$ A. That is correct.
- 16 Q. All right. So did you take that answer to be actually it's
- 17 | not been scrubbed with Possible NOW?
- 18 A. No, I did not.
- 19 Q. But she's telling you --
- 20 A. Well, I didn't -- yes, it wasn't scrubbed with PossibleNOW,
- 21 | but it was scrubbed with DNC.com is how I interpreted it.
- 22 | Q. Okay. But I understood that your company wanted people to
- 23 go scrub their list with PossibleNOW, right?
- 24 \parallel A. But not at that time. They're talking about a lead before
- 25 \parallel the requirement.

- Q. In 2009? The calls were on 2008 and 2009.
- 2 THE COURT: What's your question?
- 3 BY MR. GLASSER:
- $4 \parallel Q$. When was the requirement put in place?
- $5 \parallel A$. Forgive me.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. I'm confused.
- 8 Q. So it was during the period of the requirement, right?
- 9 A. Looks to be, yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. And they're telling you they didn't scrub it with
- 11 | PossibleNOW, right?
- 12 A. If I understand -- in reading this, if I understand, they
- 13 got the leads prior to the obligation to be enrolled with
- 14 | PossibleNOW.
- 15 \mathbb{Q} . When was the obligation to be?
- 16 A. It was in October, but they could have gotten a scrub lead
- 17 | list from DNC.com prior to that and used it.
- 18 Q. All right. Now, it says here: "The outbound dialer was
- 19 | with Five9, but they were too expensive, so we changed about
- 20 | three weeks ago and are with Chase Data. We have no records of
- 21 | the consumer phone numbers since we're no longer with Five9."
- 22 Do you see that?
- 23 A. I do.
- 24 Q. I want to put on the screen Defendant's Exhibit No. 2.
- 25 MR. GLASSER: I move it's admission, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: It will be admitted. 2 BY MR. GLASSER: 3 Okay. This is a facts blast. It's hard to say that word, F-A-C-T-S blast, facts blast. 4 Do I have that? 5 Α. No, ma'am. I'm just putting it up here. I only have one 6 7 with me. Can I approach and you can read it? 8 Please. Α. 9 Q. Okay. 10 (Document handed to the witness.) 11 So when you're done with it, I just -- just hold it up. I'll come get it, and then I'll put it on the ELMO. 12 13 MR. GLASSER: I move it's admission, Your Honor. MR. BICKS: Do you want to give her a copy? 14 15 MR. GLASSER: Oh, great. 16 THE COURT: I think I already admitted it. Is that right, Ms. Sanders? Yes, ma'am. 18 THE CLERK: 19 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 20 BY MR. GLASSER: Q. So this -- this is -- this is how -- this is one of the 2.1 ways that DISH imposes what are called business rules on its 22 national sales partners, right, sending these facts blasts? 24 A. Yes. And so this is one of those, right?

- A. This is one of the methods, yes.
- 2 \mathbb{Q} . Okay. And the date of this is November 20 --
- 3 November 11th, 2006, correct?
- 4 A. That is correct.
- $5 \parallel Q$. And this says that they must maintain current Do Not Call
- 6 documentation, right?
- $7 \parallel A$. Correct.
- 8 Q. And they must retain call records. You should be able to
- 9 produce documentation for each and every outbound call placed
- 10 by you or on your behalf by a third party, right?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. That was the requirement that DISH had in place at the time
- 13 Ms. Tehranchi wrote back and said that she had no call records,
- 14 | correct?
- 15 \parallel A. That was the requirement, but it wasn't practical for us
- 16 to -- to -- to gather all those phone records. We didn't have
- 17 | the personnel or the ability to go through those phone records,
- 18 so we didn't, like, collect them. There was just that
- 19 requirement that they retain them.
- 20 $\|$ Q. All right. So on October 8th, 2009, just before the class
- 21 | period in this case, Ms. Tehranchi tells you she's not
- 22 | retaining records because they're not at Five9 any more. So
- 23 | isn't it true that that made it impossible for you to say,
- 24 \parallel well, just give me the list of people you called last week so I
- 25 can see you're not calling people on the Do Not Call List?

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That was not my job to see whether -- as I mentioned, they
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   had a requirement under the retail agreement to abide with all
   federal, state, and local laws, and one of those laws is not to
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    call people on the Do Not Call List. We couldn't possibly
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   police all the retailers and whether or not we could look at
   their call records to see if they bumped up. That would be
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    like us rescrubbing the list.
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    Q. Now, I noticed that on page 7484 --
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             THE COURT: Let's see. We're back in which exhibit
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             THE COURT: Plaintiff's Exhibit 15?
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       It looks like -- is the submitted date the date you first
   asked SSN to respond?
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       That's the date that we got it.
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   Q. Okay. Would it be your practice to send along the inquiry
   to the national sales partner on or near the time you got the
   complaint?
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- So the document should tell us that SSN had not responded for approximately six months or five months, right? 2
- I don't see their response in here. 3
- It's on the page -- it's on the next page where we were 4 5 just looking, which is 7983, where, remember, they said they're 6 not keeping the phone records? Right here.

7 **THE COURT:** Are you asking about the response? MR. GLASSER: Yeah, I'm asking about the time period.

BY MR. GLASSER:

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- Q. Because they did respond, so -- you said you couldn't recall that they responded, and I'm saying do you agree that this is their response, April 8th, 2009?
- 13 A. Yes. And if you also look at this e-mail, we had done an 14 audit in my group and found out that we had not gotten a response. 1.5
- Q. Yeah. Okay. Great. Actually, that is. That's right 16 17 here. It says: "We originally sent these to Alex on 11-20-08 and 3-27-09." You see that? 18
- 19 And part of the problem for that was the management of the operation had changed from Alex to Sophie, and we weren't aware 2.1 of that. So, you know, once we got that straightened out and 22 we found that missing information, then we sent it out to 2.3 Sophie.
- And, actually, if you turn to 7988, you'll see a copy of 24 the letter that was sent to Mr. Tehranchi about the Angela

- Schooler complaint, right? Do you see that?
- 2 | A. Yes, I do.
- $3 \parallel Q$. I take it this is a form letter?
- 4 A. It is.
- $5 \parallel Q$. If we look at all the letters, they'll be the same, right?
- 6 A. Well, in this time period, they will be the same. When we
- 7 \parallel first started, we -- we had one iteration of the letter, but as
- 8 you get into the middle of processes and managing procedures,
- 9 you find that things are either not doable, not feasible, so
- 10 you -- or not really an expectation, so then you just -- so the
- 11 | letter has been modified, but, essentially, it's the same
- 12 letter.
- 13 Q. Okay. And at the bottom, it always tells them, you know,
- 14 | that additional incidences of this nature may result in
- 15 disciplinary action up to and including termination?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Turning to 7991, now, this is another way that business
- 18 rules can be disseminated to national sales partners, just send
- 19 them a letter, right?
- 20 A. No, this -- this letter, in fact, was sent to initiate a
- 21 process that evolved into our quality assurance program. This
- 22 | had not been created as a business rule. It was more of a
- 23 notification.
- 24 \parallel Q. All right. And so it looks like the date of this letter is
- 25 February 20th, 2007, right?

- A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And you're saying that we're going to have live, on-site
- 3 people at your business, right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 | Q. We're going to have live remote ability to listen in on
- 6 your phone calls, right?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 | Q. We're going to have the ability to record your phone calls
- 9 | remotely, correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 | Q. We're going to record your phone calls on site, right?
- 12 A. That's what it says, but, understand, these were the
- 13 | options that we were trying to make available to us. They
- 14 weren't doing all four of them. Some of their phone systems
- 15 \parallel were limited. We had smaller retailers, and so we -- we -- we
- 16 could listen to phone calls side by side and couldn't hear but
- 17 one side of the conversation. This was the very initial
- 18 beginning of a -- of a quality assurance program that evolved
- 19 | into something much different than this.
- 20 $\|$ Q. Okay. And it was to -- it was to -- I don't think that
- 21 word is in here. Subsequent visits will occur biweekly,
- 22 | according to this, right?
- 23 A. I'd like to point out also --
- 24 THE COURT: Okay. Ma'am, just listen to his question
- 25 \parallel and answer his question, and then you can explain your answer,

but first answer the question.

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

THE COURT: So if you can repeat the question.

BY MR. GLASSER:

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- Q. Does the letter inform Mr. Tehranchi that subsequent visits will occur biweekly?
- A. It informs that if we choose that option, that the -- we hope that the visits will be biweekly.

I'd also like to point out that this was an effort to make sure we were delivering a world-class customer experience, which is in the first paragraph. So we were trying to work with our retailers to — to help them share all the terms and conditions with the customers regarding the purchases that they made. We wanted our customers to have a world-class buying experience, and this was the foundation for that.

- Q. Okay. And all these things have to do with monitoring the substance, what's going on inside the call in the sales process, right?
- 19 A. As it relates to terms and conditions, yes.
- 20 \parallel Q. Well, you don't turn the monitoring device off?
- 21 A. But we didn't evaluate, for instance, the sales script or
- 22 how they marketed. We -- we listened for terms and conditions
- 23 and disclosures.
- 24 \mathbb{Q} . But you heard the entire sale, correct?
- 25 A. We could, yes.

- \mathbb{Q} . And -- and you got recordings of the entire sale, correct?
- 2 A. In some cases.
- 3 Q. Okay. But all of these call monitoring initiatives have to
- 4 do with selling more DISH product better, right?
- 5 A. I didn't say more. Selling what they had and selling it
- 6 | right?
- $7 \parallel Q$. If you sell it right, do you think you'll sell more?
- 8 A. I think if you have a good reputation and you provide
- 9 customers with a good buying experience, that would be the
- 10 consequence of that.
- 11 Q. And does the word "monitoring" mean to you kind of a
- 12 continuous process of watching?
- 13 A. It's a continuous process of listening.
- 14 Q. Okay. And -- well, okay, of listening in this case. Got
- 15 | it. But this call monitoring had no aspect that had to do with
- 16 who's being called, did it?
- 17 A. No. As I mentioned, that was under the expectations of
- 18 following the letter of the law. We expected our retailers to
- 19 do it because it was a requirement.
- 20 Q. Okay. Turning to 7994, this is a communication in the file
- 21 between you and Mike Oberbillig in May of 2007, right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 \parallel Q. And there's a garnishment issue. Do you see that?
- 24 | \$15,000?
- 25 A. I do.

- 1 Q. So a garnishment is when a creditor of SSN tells you about
- 2 their right to money, and then you give it to them, right?
- $3 \parallel A$. In all honesty, I was not involved in this garnishment.
- 4 | Those things came through legal. I knew about it, but I didn't
- 5 | have anything to do with it.
- 6 \parallel Q. Okay. And so you don't know what that was about?
- 7 | A. I do not.
- 8 Q. All right. Have you -- and then it says: "Have you talked
- 9 to Alex about the Spafford case? What are we doing here?" Do
- 10 you see that?
- 11 A. I do.
- 12 Q. That was a Do Not Call case, right, Spafford?
- 13 \parallel A. To the best of my understanding, it was a class action suit
- 14 | in the state of Washington.
- 15 Q. About Do Not Call?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 \mathbb{Q} . That SSN was involved in, right?
- 18 A. Yes. I don't think they had very many calls, though.
- 19 | Something like two.
- 20 Q. Two connected or two made?
- 21 \parallel A. I don't know. I just -- the two is all I know.
- 22 Q. All right. Then on the next page back, 7996, February 9th,
- 23 | 2007, here we have two more customer complaints, a Jeffrey
- 24 | Mitchell and a Gregory Fisher, who have identified Satellite
- 25 Systems Network, right?

- A. To the best of my memory, yes.
- 2 Q. And Jeffrey Mitchell was a Do Not Call complaint, right?
- 3 A. Jeffrey Mitchell and Gregory Fisher. I believe these phone
- 4 calls were made in 2005.
 - Q. All right. And they are Do Not Call?
- 6 A. Yes, that was the allegation.
- $7 \parallel Q$. And you never determined whether it was true, right?
- 8 A. Not my job. It wasn't my responsibility.
- 9 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Keep your voice up.
- 10 THE WITNESS: It wasn't my responsibility to do that.
- 11 BY MR. GLASSER:

- 12 Q. Okay. Now we go to 7995, and this is you, Ms. Musso, in
- 13 | February of '07, talking to somebody called Robb Origer. Who
- 14 | is Mr. Origer?
- 15 $\|$ A. He was the director of retail services at the time.
- 16 | Q. All right. All right. So who's Brian who told you that
- 17 SSN is doing well and going on the incentive trip?
- 18 A. I can only assume. I don't know for sure. It's been quite
- 19 | a while ago, but I can assume it's Brian Neylon.
- 20 \parallel Q. All right. And you say: "So once again, this is a
- 21 | business decision, " right?
- 22 A. A business decision for them going on the incentive trip.
- 23 \parallel Q. Correct. I guess we just need to let the attorney know
- 24 that, as far as we know, they have, quote, and it's in quotes,
- 25 | righted the wrongs. Do you see that?

- A. I do.
- 2 Q. All right. Is it true, Ms. Musso, that even -- that you
- 3 personally, as the compliance manager, did not have the power
- 4 or authority to terminate a retailer on your own decision?
- 5 A. I -- you know, I had a lot of influence, and I -- I had the
- 6 best relationships with these -- all the folks that I worked
- 7 with, and I could definitely go to them and let them know if
- 8 there was a concern that I felt warranted termination, and if I
- 9 did and showed -- would show them the evidence, they would
- 10 often agree with me. So I don't think I didn't have any
- 11 | influence, but I didn't have the final say-so.
- 12 Q. All right. And I understand that Mr. Bruce Werner, who was
- 13 the head of risk audit, also did not have that power and
- 14 | authority. The power and authority was in the sales side of
- 15 | the company, right?
- 16 A. No, the power and authority was collaborative. It was with
- 17 sales and legal and compliance and, you know, the relationship.
- 18 So it was a collaborative decision.
- 19 Q. All right. So you had to have a committee meeting to
- 20 determine whether to discipline a business -- national sales
- 21 partner?
- 22 A. I apologize. I think that makes light of a decision that's
- 23 | very impactful to a lot of people on the retailer side, too.
- 24 | They have businesses and employees and everything. So we took
- 25 these decisions very seriously for their benefit as well as our

own.

- 2 Q. Okay. Let's start with termination. To terminate would
- 3 | there have to be numerous people in the room?
- 4 A. A collaboration does require other people, yes.

say-so. It -- people who touch that relationship.

- $5 \parallel Q$. Who are all the required decision-makers to terminate?
- 6 A. Sales, legal, compliance, customer service might have a
- 8 Q. Okay. There's not a -- you can't give me the -- there's
- 9 no -- it's kind of -- there's no actual person with whom the
- 10 | buck stops?
- 11 A. I would -- I would say the buck stopped at legal.
- 12 Q. All right. So we talked about termination. What about
- 13 punishing them by saying, you know, your pay is going to be
- 14 | cut?

- 15 THE COURT: Say again?
- 16 MR. GLASSER: Punishing them by changing their pay.
- 17 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 18 Q. Is that the same type, kind of massive group of people who
- 19 would be participating in that decision?
- 20 MR. BICKS: Objection, Your Honor.
- 21 THE COURT: Okay. Sustained as to the --
- 22 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 23 \parallel Q. Is that the same large number of people that would be
- 24 participating in such a decision?
- 25 A. I think when you have a decision that's serious to make,

- 1 you do have to find out if there are any ramifications when you
- 2 make that decision. So, yes, I think there would still be the
- 3 same people involved.
- 4 Q. Would that answer hold true for each of the types of
- 5 discipline that we talked about in this case already at the
- 6 | beginning of your testimony?
- 7 A. I would say yes.
- 8 Q. So in compliance, you did not have the independent power to
- 9 mete out discipline when you felt it was warranted,
- 10 | independently?
- 11 A. I have made recommendations, and the collaboration agreed
- 12 | with me.
- 13 Q. Turn to 8002. This is September 2006. Okay. Do you see
- 14 | this? Reji Musso, and the attachments are 25,500-dollar fine
- 15 ordered against Vitana in 2004 and consumer complaint with
- 16 rebuttal by DTV. You understand DTV is DirecTV, right?
- 17 A. I do.
- 18 Q. Saying they termed, terminated, right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. That's what termed means?
- 21 A. Yes, that's what it means.
- 22 Q. The retailer.doc. Do you see that?
- 23 A. I do.
- 24 Q. All right. And then who is Ron Dufault who sent you this
- 25 | fine ordered against Vitana in 2004 doc and the thing about

- DirecTV terminating the retailer?
- 2 A. Excuse me.
- 3 Q. Who is Ron Dufault?
- 4 A. Ron Dufault was an employee of Bruce's, but we all -- you
- 5 know, we had a small group, so we all worked together.
- 6 Q. So Ron Dufault is an employee who works in the risk audit
- 7 department?
- 8 A. Yeah, he did research for us.
- 9 \parallel Q. Okay. And he said he just cracked it. It is Satellite
- 10 Systems Network. The owner is Alex Tehranchi. They were fined
- 11 25,500 by North Carolina in 2004 for TCPA violations, right?
- 12 A. That's what it says.
- 13 Q. Okay. All right. So we've looked in this case already at
- 14 Plaintiff's Exhibit 186, which is a consent decree, an
- 15 | injunction against Vitana and Satellite Systems Network from
- 16 | North Carolina.
- Did you, after getting this e-mail, ask legal to go figure
- 18 out what was going on in North Carolina?
- 19 A. Sir --
- 20 MR. BICKS: Again, Your Honor that would be
- 21 privileged, I think.
- 22 MR. GLASSER: Not what she asked.
- 23 | THE COURT: Well, sustained as to what she asked
- 24 | legal?
- 25 MR. GLASSER: I don't want their advice. I just want

to know if she tasked legal to go figure out -
THE COURT: Well, sustained.

BY MR. GLASSER:

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- Q. Did you task anyone to go figure out what happened in North Carolina?
- A. So if I may point out, this happened this exchange happened, like, a month after I got there. So when I when I was doing my on—the—job training, there was no download about anything about the SSN relationship with DirecTV, and at that when I took over the position and then I have subsequently found out that this had to do with prerecorded calls, and they no longer engage SSN no longer engaged in that type of marketing. So there there really wasn't any reason to download me, in my opinion, on that past experience because their business model had changed, and now we were evaluating them based on their new business model, which was telephone marketing without the prerecorded —

THE COURT: So that means your answer is no?

THE WITNESS: That means my answer is no. Thank you,

Your Honor.

BY MR. GLASSER:

- Q. But you did find out in that process that the State of Florida had also sanctioned them, which is the fine in 2004, right?
- A. For the same type of business practice.

- 1 Q. All right. So the State of Florida, just like the State of
- 2 | North Carolina, had ordered Alex Tehranchi to stop using
- 3 | automessages and autodialers in violation of Telephone Consumer
- 4 | Protection Act?
- 5 A. They were under a court order, yes.
- 6 Q. And you understood, at least from this e-mail, that DirecTV
- 7 | terminated them around this time?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. The second page of the e-mail shows Alex Tehranchi's
- 10 website, which is yourfreedish.tv. Do you see that?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. All right. He was able to use the website yourfreedish.tv
- 13 | because DISH consented to his using of their trademarks, right?
- 14 A. And he had the authorized retailer logo on the website.
- 15 Q. Okay. Now I'm on 8005. This is actually the Thomas
- 16 Krakauer letter that you sent to the Tehranchis. Do you see
- 17 | this one?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And it's the exact same form letter, isn't it, that was
- 20 sent in the prior instance, the Schooler instance?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. You don't know if Dr. Krakauer was even ever told that it
- 23 was SSN in 2009, right?
- 24 A. The responsibility for communicating with Dr. Krakauer fell
- 25 in the area of the -- that was under the umbrella for the

executive resolutions team. My team did not communicate with 2 customers and consumers. Oh, okay. So you're saying in this whole thick file, 3 your -- you and your six people never once in all -- from 2006 4 5 until the time you left in 2013 talked to an actual consumer? It wasn't -- that wasn't our responsibility. Our 6 responsibility, if I could delineate, was the complaint would 8 come from the escalation resolutions team, which was known as ERT. We would get the complaint through that process that we set up that sent the e-mail from TCPA, which stood for, 10 11 obviously, the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, and then to vendor inquiries, which was our inbox. We would then research 12 13 and investigate the claim by the consumer. We would communicate if we could identify who it was, and more often 14 than not, we couldn't identify these complaints. We would 1.5 share that information with the retailer, and then we would 16 17 also share that with the call center. The call center's responsibility was to call the consumer back and handle it with 18 19 them, and then the retailer we encouraged to reach out to them. 20 Q. But as far as you know, no process was ever put in place to actually send a letter with the potential culprit's name on it 2.1 22 to Dr. Krakauer or any other consumer? I -- I don't want to sound like I don't care about Dr. Krakauer and his complaint or any complaint by any 24 consumer, but that -- the call center was very strict about

- managing the relationship with the individuals. So I wouldn't
- 2 know if they ever sent a letter to Dr. Krakauer.
- 3 | Q. So here's a March -- I'm on page 8006 of the complaint
- 4 | filed -- or the compliance file. This is the Kitty Fowler
- 5 complaint, the Kitty Fowler complaint, March 2009, right?
- 6 A. Right.
- 7 | Q. Same form letter to Alex Tehranchi, right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. I'm now on page 8009 of the file, and this is Jeffrey
- 10 | Mitchell's garnishment against DISH for \$15,000. Do you see
- 11 | that? You can look through the file. It's a multipage
- 12 document.
- 13 A. I see the document.
- 14 Q. And you understood that Mr. Mitchell had gotten a judgment
- 15 | against SSN for TCPA Do Not Call violations in the amount of
- 16 | \$15,000, right?
- 17 A. That's what it says, yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. At page 8035, November 2007, there's a complaint
- 19 | from Ms. Jeanette Payne, right? And she believes her calls
- 20 were in violation of Telephone Consumer Protection Act, right?
- 21 \parallel A. That was the standard -- yes, that's correct, and that's
- 22 the standard phraseology in the form letter.
- 23 | Q. All right. And this looks like it was an earlier version
- 24 of the form letter?
- 25 A. Yes, yes.

Q. So here, January 17th, 2007, it looks like another complaint from Mr. Mitchell?

THE COURT: What page is that?

MR. GLASSER: This is on page 8037.

BY MR. GLASSER:

- Q. Do you see that?
- 7 | A. I do.

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- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. If I might offer up, Mr. Mitchell appeared quite frequently
- 10 | in our -- in our records. He and -- we had -- we had several
- 11 consumers who tended to make a living placing TCPA complaints,
- 12 and while -- so -- so Mr. Mitchell did come up for a number of
- 13 different retailers and a number of different complaints.
- 14 Q. And he won his case, right?
- 15 \parallel A. Well, he's -- he's what we refer to as a harvester or
- 16 | frequent flyer. Now, what I also want to add about that is
- 17 | even though we saw his name a lot, we still thoroughly
- 18 investigated all of the allegations, but he was one of many
- 19 | folks who had multiple phone numbers and --
- 20 \parallel Q. But -- I know you just said that you thoroughly
- 21 | investigated, but didn't we establish right when you took the
- 22 | witness stand that you did not see your role as investigating
- 23 to determine legitimacy?
- 24 \parallel A. Right, but we investigated to identify the retailer.
- 25 \parallel Q. Okay. So identifying the retailer is, in your mind,

- thoroughly investigating?
- 2 A. In my mind, it is.
- 3 Q. Okay. December 28th, 2006, Mr. Gregory Fisher believes he
- 4 was called in violation of the telephone consumer --
- THE COURT: Did you say what page that was?
- 6 MR. GLASSER: Yes, ma'am. It's page 8042.

7 BY MR. GLASSER:

- 8 Q. That's another complaint in December of 2006, right?
- 9 $\|$ A. I'm sorry. What page did you say?
- 10 Q. 8042, ma'am. Gregory Fisher.
- 11 A. Yes, that's what this letter is about.
- 12 Q. And, again, it's the same process of getting a complaint,
- 13 | identifying a retailer, and sending the form letter to the
- 14 | retailer, right?
- 15 $\|$ A. That is correct.
- 16 Q. Turning to 8055, this is a letter from 2006 to
- 17 Mr. Tehranchi, right?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 $\|Q$. And this -- this is the beginning of the monitoring of
- 20 | inbound and outbound phone calls, the content of phone calls
- 21 | from the phone center, right?
- $22 \parallel A$. This is the -- this is similar to the earlier letter we had
- 23 | that had the four options in it. This was the precursory
- 24 | letter to him about that, and it's about monitoring for terms
- 25 and conditions of the sale.

- 1 Q. Okay. So even though you're saying you monitored for terms
- 2 and conditions, the person from DISH hears the whole call,
- 3 | don't they?
- 4 A. It depends on whether or not the phone system allows that.
- 5 | As I mentioned, they had different -- I don't know about
- 6 Mr. Tehranchi's phone system at this time.
- 7 \parallel Q. Now I'm turning to the next page, 8056. This is that
- 8 | Schooler complaint and the identification. It's almost the --
- $9 \parallel \text{it's the same type of e-mail we saw with Dr. Krakauer. It's}$
- 10 the process -- you've identified the retailer, and this is the
- 11 | precursor internally to sending the form letter, right?
- 12 A. If I could have a moment, please.
- 13 Q. Actually, this is Kimble and Schooler.
- 14 | (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And the date of this is October 2008, right?
- 17 A. That is correct.
- 18 Q. Page 8063, this is the March 2009 complaint of Kitty
- 19 | Fowler, right, and Satellite Systems is identified? This is
- 20 the precursor to the Kitty Fowler form letter, right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. And then the rest of the file is the retailer agreement
- 23 | we've gone through, right?
- 24 THE COURT: Well, she wasn't in here when we went
- 25 | through it.

BY MR. GLASSER: 2 Yeah. Okay. We're at the back. So at the back, I'm at 3 8008104. These are the -- you don't use EchoStar anymore, right? 4 5 Α. No. But these are the trademarks they were entitled to use 6 under the contract? 8 A. From a long time ago. They've had other iterations since then. 10 Q. Okay. 11 THE COURT: Is this a good time to stop for the 12 morning break? MR. GLASSER: Yes, ma'am. 13 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, I'm 14 going to give you a 15-minute break. Please remember not to 1.5 16 discuss the case among yourselves or with anyone else. Don't 17 have any contact with the lawyers, parties, or witnesses. Keep an open mind and come back to the jury room at 11:15. 18 19 jurors are excused. Leave your notes in your chair. 20 (The jury left the courtroom at 10:58 a.m..) 2.1 THE COURT: Okay. So are you done with questions 22 pre --2.3 MR. GLASSER: Of this -- of this exhibit, yes, ma'am. 24 THE COURT: All right. Okay. Anything else before we take our morning recess for the Plaintiff?

1 MR. GLASSER: No, ma'am. THE COURT: For the Defendant? 2 3 Nothing, Your Honor. MR. BICKS: All right. We'll take a 15-minute recess. 4 THE COURT: 5 (A morning recess was taken from 10:58 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.) 6 7 THE COURT: All right. Anything we need to take up 8 for the Plaintiff? 9 MR. GLASSER: I don't think so, Your Honor. THE COURT: For the Defendant? 10 11 MR. BICKS: No, Your Honor. I am trying to give you all enough time --12 THE COURT: 13 you know, when one party says we move the admission of exhibit whatever, I'm trying to pause and give you enough time; but, 14 you know, if I'm not seeing any movement, I'm assuming there's 1.5 no objection, but, you know, I prefer for you to object before 16 17 I go ahead and say it's admitted. I admit it if I don't hear an objection. So please speak up quickly if there's an 18 19 objection. Okay? 20 MR. BICKS: Yes, thank you. 21 THE COURT: I believe we're ready for the jury. 22 (The witness returned to the witness stand.) 2.3 (The jury entered the courtroom.) 24 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Glasser, you may resume

your questions.

- 2 Q. I'm approaching you, Mrs. Musso -- is it Ms. or Mrs.?
- 3 A. Ms.
- 4 Q. Ms. Musso, with Exhibit 191.
- 5 THE COURT: Plaintiff's exhibit?

- 7 Q. Plaintiff's Exhibit 191. Just read it for yourself, just
- 8 the first paragraph. It's a press release from the Florida
- 9 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, right, dated
- 10 | November 2004?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And it discusses that 25,500-dollar civil penalty against
- 13 -- that we were just discussing before we broke, right?
- 14 A. It does.
- 15 \parallel Q. And I think before we broke, you had said that you believed
- 16 the Florida sanction against SSN was only for autodialing and
- 17 | automessaging and not Do Not Call, right?
- 18 A. I believe that, yes.
- 19 | Q. All right. So now that you've reviewed the press release
- 20 | from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer
- 21 | Services, has it refreshed your recollection that it was Do Not
- 22 | Call violations?
- 23 A. I see that in the first paragraph, yes.
- MR. GLASSER: I move the admission of PX191, Your
- 25 | Honor.

1 MR. BICKS: Objection, Your Honor, as hearsay, remote in time, and irrelevant. 2 3 THE COURT: Overruled. It will be admitted. BY MR. GLASSER: 4 5 Q. So it's the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The date is 11-4-2004, and it says the Florida 6 Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner has obtained a 8 25,500 civil penalty against the company for violations of the State's Do Not Call List, and it goes on to identify the 10 company, right? 11 That's what it says. MR. BICKS: But he didn't read --12 13 THE COURT: All right. Let's move on. 14 BY MR. GLASSER: 1.5 Q. Now, I'm approaching with three -- I need 656, too. 16 Okay. Ms. Musso, I'm approaching with three exhibits that were admitted yesterday in the examination of Mr. Ahmed. 17 They're dated -- they're Plaintiff's Exhibit 656, Plaintiff's 18 19 Exhibit 503, and Plaintiff's Exhibit 504, and each of them are 20 an e-mail that was forwarded to your boss, Bruce Werner, on 2.1 January 30th, 2007. Can you take those? 22 I can. Α. And can you take the compliance file and confirm for the

jury that none of those exhibits are in the compliance file?

You want her to look through the hundreds

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of pages? 2 MR. GLASSER: It's not hundreds, Your Honor. 3 THE COURT: Which exhibit is the compliance file? MR. GLASSER: 15. 4 BY MR. GLASSER: 5 Have you looked before we came here today to see? 6 7 Α. No. 8 Okay. Have you ever seen any of those three e-mails before? 10 I'll need a minute, please. 11 Q. Okay. (Pause in the proceedings.) 12 13 And by "before," I mean, why don't we be specific, before the end of the class period, August of 2011, before this 14 1.5 litigation. MR. BICKS: I would object to this as irrelevant. 16 17 THE COURT: Well, you're asking her if she had seen them before the end of 2011? 18 19 MR. GLASSER: Yes, ma'am. 20 THE COURT: All right. Overruled. THE WITNESS: These do not look familiar to me. 2.1 22 BY MR. GLASSER: Q. Okay. I'll take them back. Thank you. 24 So far as you know, these three e-mails that Mr. Oberbillig sent to Bruce Werner having to do with SSN, all on

- January 30th, 2007, with no comment were never forwarded onto you?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- Q. And in January or February of 2007, I take it, you don't recall any briefing from Bruce Werner about anything --
- 6 THE COURT: Anything?

- $8 \parallel Q$. -- having to do with SSN?
- 9 A. It's a long time ago. I don't recall.
- Q. I'm approaching you with Plaintiff's Exhibit 607, which has not been previously admitted.
- MR. GLASSER: I move the admission, Your Honor,
- 13 | Plaintiff's Exhibit 607.
- 14 THE COURT: It will be admitted.

- 16 Q. So this is a fourth e-mail sent by Mr. Oberbillig to Bruce
- 17 Werner on January 30th, 2007, right, Ms. Musso? Do you agree?
- 18 A. Yes, I do, except can I just read, please?
- 19 | Q. Sure. Take your time.
- 20 | (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 21 A. Okay.
- 22 Q. All right. So if we go to this page, the underlying e-mail
- 23 || is --
- 24 THE COURT: All right. What's your question for this
- 25 witness about --

BY MR. GLASSER: 2 The underlying e-mail is about SSN, right? 3 Yes. Okay. And --4 Q. 5 THE COURT: First you need to establish this witness 6 knows something about this. 7 MR. GLASSER: I moved its admission as a party 8 opponent's admission. 9 THE COURT: I admitted it, but --10 MR. GLASSER: Okay. 11 THE COURT: -- there's nothing to indicate this witness --12 13 BY MR. GLASSER: Q. Did you ever get this e-mail forwarded to you by Bruce 14 1.5 Werner, to your knowledge? A. I did not. 16 17 Q. Okay. Turning to Plaintiff's Exhibit 8 --18 I move the admission of Plaintiff's MR. GLASSER: 19 Exhibit 8, Your Honor. 20 MR. BICKS: Can I just quickly look at it, Your Honor? 21 THE COURT: All right. 22 (Pause in the proceedings.) 2.3 MR. BICKS: No objection. 24 THE COURT: It will be admitted. BY MR. GLASSER:

- Q. Plaintiff's Exhibit 8, Ms. Musso -- here, I'll approach you with one so you can have it.
- 3 **THE COURT:** Keep your voice up, Mr. Glasser.
- 4 | (Document handed to the witness.)

- 6 Q. -- is another consumer complaint. It's dated May 4th,
- 7 2010, right, and it went to you? Do you agree?
- 8 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 9 Q. It's a TCPA complaint by a gentleman named Richard
- 10 | Campbell, okay?
- 11 A. Yes.

- 12 Q. I didn't see it in the compliance file. Do you think it --
- 13 do you know why this complaint was not in the compliance file?
- 14 It's in May of 2010.
- 15 A. You mean in this paper file?
- 16 Q. Yes, ma'am.
- 17 A. So, as I stated, we also had electronic copies. We didn't
- 18 make hard copies of everything. So it's conceivable that
- 19 | it's -- I would assume it's in the electronic file.
- 20 \parallel Q. Okay. And this complaint says that "As stated in the
- 21 Attorney General's complaint, the issue was rude behavior."
- 22 THE COURT: If you can slow down, please.
- 23 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 24 Q. Okay. "The agent appears to be a sales partner agent, as
- 25 \parallel he told the customer he worked for DirecTV." Do you see that?

- A. I do.
- 2 Q. "And then proceeded to try and get the customer to switch
- 3 | from DirecTV to DISH." Do you see that?
- 4 A. I do.
- $5 \parallel Q$. Okay. So you agree that this complaint in May of 2010,
- 6 about a year after Dr. Krakauer's May 2009 complaint, is the
- 7 | same subject matter, a person pretending to be DirecTV trying
- 8 to switch him to DISH?
- 9 MR. BICKS: Objection, Your Honor. It's
- 10 | argumentative.
- 11 THE COURT: Well, overruled.
- 12 | THE WITNESS: It seems to be the same context, yes.
- 13 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 14 Q. Okay. And then the internal process says that the consumer
- 15 | is on the national Do Not Call List, right?
- 16 A. Yes, it does.
- 17 | Q. And identifies Satellite Systems as the national sales
- 18 partner responsible for this call, right?
- 19 A. Yes, it does.
- 20 Q. I'm approaching you with Plaintiff's Exhibit 52. Maybe I
- 21 can just do it here on the ELMO. Do you recognize Plaintiff's
- 22 | Exhibit 52 --
- 23 MR. GLASSER: I move the admission of 52, Your Honor.
- 24 THE WITNESS: It's our -- yes, it's our standard
- 25 | letter that we send.

1 MR. GLASSER: I move the admission. 2 All right. It will be admitted. THE COURT: 3 Your Honor, we've -- the same objection we MR. BICKS: 4 made to these types of document I would just have on the 5 record, but Your Honor has already addressed it. 6 THE COURT: All right. Overruled. BY MR. GLASSER: 7 8 Q. So this is Mr. Richard Campbell. It's May of 2010, and this is the same person of the exhibit we just looked at who 10 said -- who was talking about the impersonation of -- or trying 11 to move him from DirecTV to DISH by saying he worked for DirecTV. Got it, right? 12 13 Yes. Α. 14 And the same form letter goes to SSN, right? 1.5 It does. Α. Turning to Exhibit 899 -- I'm approaching you with 16 17 Exhibit 899. Do you recognize Plaintiff's Exhibit 899 as an e-mail from you to a gentleman named Rehan who works at 18 Satellite Systems Network? 19 20 A. I do, yes. MR. GLASSER: I move the admission of Plaintiff's 2.1 22 Exhibit 899, Your Honor. 2.3 MR. BICKS: No objection. 24 THE COURT: It will be admitted.

- 1 Q. Okay. So the complaint of Mr. Campbell -- this has to do
- 2 | with Mr. Campbell's complaint, right?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 | Q. It's dated May 172, 2010, right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. The complaint of Mr. Campbell came in through the
- 7 Pennsylvania Attorney General, right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- $9 \parallel Q$. All right. And at the bottom here, Rehan from Satellite
- 10 | Systems -- at your -- from Satellite Systems, e-mails and says
- 11 | that "We'd previously done business with the customer. We've
- 12 added the phone numbers to the DNC, " right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. All right. "Let me know if you have more questions or
- 15 | concerns, " right?
- 16 A. Right.
- 17 | Q. And you ask: "Did you rescrub the number?" Do you see
- 18 | that?
- 19 | A. I did.
- 20 Q. And he says: "No, this record was not rescrubbed," right?
- 21 A. That is correct.
- 22 Q. So with respect to Dr. Krakauer's complaint in 2009, they
- 23 | said they hadn't scrubbed it, and they say the same thing here,
- 24 || right?
- 25 A. They did.

- 1 Q. And then you say: "Long time ago, Sophie will remember,
- 2 when I first came over to retail services, there were some
- 3 | issues, but not again until now. Possible NOW can help you or
- 4 help your own legal counsel, particularly if you're calling
- 5 | nationwide. A complaint is an allegation, not necessarily a
- 6 | violation. We just want to encourage you to be cautious." Do
- 7 you see that?
- 8 A. I do, and the sentence about the existing business
- 9 relationship, which is --
- 10 Q. But you know that there are very specific and special rules
- 11 on that, and you have no reason to believe, based on the
- 12 evidence in this e-mail, that such a relationship existed, do
- 13 | you?
- 14 A. I do not, but I wanted to caution my retailer, as was my
- 15 \parallel responsibility, that they needed to be aware of all of the
- 16 parameters surrounding that in every state in the country.
- 17 $\|$ Q. So you had no reason to believe that it was correct that
- 18 they had one with Dr. Krakauer, nor in this instance, correct?
- 19 A. That is correct.
- 20 \parallel Q. So -- so now we have the -- the two complaints,
- 21 \parallel Dr. Krakauer and Mr. Campbell. They both -- in response to
- 22 | both, Satellite Systems has told you no scrubbing, right?
- 23 A. That's -- yes, that's correct.
- 24 \parallel Q. All right. You did not ask them, did you, are you still
- 25 scrubbing people from this unscrubbed database?

- A. I did not.
- 2 Q. You didn't ask them why they're still calling people from
- 3 this unscrubbed database, did you?
- 4 A. I did not.
- $5 \parallel Q$. You did not require them to run the list of people through
- 6 this -- of this unscrubbed database through Possible NOW, did
- 7 you?
- 8 A. I did not, no.
- 9 Q. Even though the exact same complaint came in with the exact
- 10 same excuse, right?
- 11 A. That is correct.
- 12 Q. You did not ask them to upload a month's worth of call
- 13 | records to Possible NOW for auditing and checking, did you?
- 14 A. I did not. It's impractical. There was no way I could
- 15 manage having that done.
- 16 Q. DX2, which we looked at, which was the records retention
- 17 policy, requires them to maintain records, right?
- 18 | A. It does.
- 19 | Q. You could have had your field service representative
- 20 | spot-check those records against some Do Not Call, couldn't
- 21 | you?
- 22 A. Again, that did not fall under the purview of my team, nor
- 23 of DISH. They are independent contractors, and they need to be
- 24 the ones familiar with their marketing practices and the laws
- 25 as they relate to those.

- Q. So even as late as May 2010, your group within the company was just not set up for that kind of affirmative investigation, correct?
- 4 A. That's correct, but not -- not only were we not set up, 5 that was not our understanding of the relationship.
- Q. And as late as May 2010, your group was not set up for that kind of affirmative monitoring, right?
- 8 A. No, we were not. We did our monitoring proactively in our 9 investigations.
- Q. Obviously, the choice about the ambit of your job and authority was set by people above you, right? You were given the job; you did it, right?
- 13 A. I had input into what I could do, yes, but they --
- 14 | Q. But --
- 15 A. Yes, of course, I had a job description.
- 16 Q. And that's what you've described to the jury today, right?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- Q. I'm approaching you with Plaintiff's Exhibit 1048, which I move the admission of.
- 20 MR. BICKS: Can we just look at it, Your Honor?
 21 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- Your Honor, I would object because this applies to a different retailer and a bunch of different ones as well, consistent with what Your Honor has ruled.
- 25 THE COURT: All right.

1 MR. GLASSER: Let me maybe lay a little foundation, Your Honor. 2 3 THE COURT: Okav. BY MR. GLASSER: 4 5 Q. Can you turn to page 10487? 10487, which is where? 6 THE COURT: 7 10487, it's about 7 pages into the MR. GLASSER: 8 exhibit, Your Honor. It's at the bottom of the page, Your Honor. 10 BY MR. GLASSER: 11 Q. Ms. Musso, do you recognize that -- the questions -- the 46 questions to be answered on this page 7 are the quality 12 13 assurance questions that were routinely administered or checked at each national sales partner as part of the quality assurance 14 process in sales? 1.5 This was the -- yes, this was the quality assurance form 16 17 that had several iterations due to changes in promotions and 18 programming. 19 And, you know, I can move the admission MR. GLASSER: 20 of just this one page, Your Honor. I just want to use an example of what was going on. 21 22 THE COURT: All right. Any objection to that page? 2.3 MR. BICKS: No, Your Honor. 24 THE COURT: All right. So page 7 of Plaintiff's 1048

will be admitted as Plaintiff's 1048.

- All right. It's hard to see each of these, but, basically, 2 3 do you agree, Ms. Musso, that the Q/A process, which we've talked about in general, was just a series of checks on the 4 sales process and a series of questions that are answered each 5 week where the national sales partner is graded on each of 6 these items? For example -- let's just pick one. Did the 8 agent inform the customer that they can check their balance, make payments, and find information on dishnetwork.com, for 10 example?
- 11 A. These are the terms and conditions of the sale, yes.
- Q. And so what this is, it's a list -- when we've said in this case you're listening on phone calls, you're listening to recording of phone calls, these are the things that those field service representatives are scoring the national sales partner against, these 45 categories, right?
- 17 A. No, that's not correct.
- 18 Q. Okay. Tell me --

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A. As I mentioned early on, when we looked at the different options, this particular — by the time we had this form, we actually had the national quality assurance team of the call center, their vendor, listen to these phone calls. So it wasn't FSDRs. It wasn't employee — some — some were listened by employees, but mostly a vendor listened to it, and they listened specifically for this. They had no knowledge of, you

- 1 know, anybody's sales or scripting or anything like that. It 2 was particularly for these things.
- Q. Right. And these 45 or 46 items do not include any monitoring for Do Not Call violations, correct?
- 5 A. That is correct.
- Q. And that's true at any time up until when you left the company, right?
- 8 A. That is correct.
- 9 Q. So what aspects of quality were policed in a granular way
 10 was a decision made by people elsewhere in the company other
- 11 than compliance, right?
- A. No, I would -- I was completely involved in the whole
 process of developing these forms and working with the
 retailers to implement, to make sure that they adhered to
 the -- you know, we were looking at their Q/A scores. We
 really wanted the customers to have an informed buying decision
 because these were complicated promotions with a lot of ins and
- outs, commitment periods, and so forth. So based on -- at the
- 19 time I left, we had about 68 of these things because the
- 20 promotions would get -- you know, depending on the promotion
- 21 they bought, the disclosure would apply.
- 22 Q. I take it then it was an iterative process over the years
- 23 \parallel of what would be in the quality assurance program and what
- 24 would not be?
- 25 \parallel A. There were some basics, but, yes, we had the basics, and

- then we would modify certain things based on -- terms would change, you know, equipment would change, programming would change, so we did that based on the marketing.
- Q. All right. At any time after June of 2009, at any of the meetings you were involved in, having to do with choosing what to monitor at your national sales partners, did anyone at any time ever suggest monitoring for Do Not Call compliance?
- A. No, sir. And I do believe that that would be because it's impossible to do. We would have to rescrub their lists, as I understand it, to know whether they were calling someone on the
- Do Not Call List. I don't see how that could be practical.

 Q. Couldn't you just scrub a week's worth and see how many
- 13 errors are in there?

- A. It's not practical for us to do that. It's their responsibility to abide by the law.
- Q. So -- okay. I think you've said two things. On the practical standpoint -- I mean, you've got a company that's already looking at them on 68, as you said, by the end items and has 18 satellites in space. As a practical matter, can you not compare one list of numbers for a week against a Do Not
- 21 Call List, as a practical matter?
- A. It wasn't -- no, it wasn't our responsibility. I don't see how we could have done that.
- Q. Okay. So is it -- is your position a practical one or just we're just not going to do it?

- Α. It's more -- it's more practical. 2 Let's go to 1294. 3 THE COURT: That's Plaintiff's Exhibit 1294? MR. GLASSER: Yes, ma'am. 4 5 BY MR. GLASSER: I'm approaching you with Plaintiff's Exhibit 1294. 6 7 MR. GLASSER: I move the admission of it, Your Honor. 8 MR. BICKS: Let me just look at it, Your Honor. 9 (Pause in the proceedings.) 10 MR. BICKS: No objection, Your Honor. It will be admitted. 11 THE COURT: BY MR. GLASSER: 12 13 Q. All right. So this is Plaintiff's Exhibit 1294. 14 e-mail from Rehan, the same gentleman -- this is in June 2010, 15 right? A. Yes. 16 17 Q. All right. This is the same Rehan that sent the e-mail that we just looked at in the Campbell case, which was May of 18 2010, right? 19 20 A. Yes. Sends it to Bruce Werner and you, right?
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- 22 Α. Yes.
- And this says: "Q2 sales script," right? 2.3 Q.
- 24 Α. Yes.
- Q. "Direct to DISH script, Q2." Do you see that?

- A. Yes.
- 2 | Q. All right. The Campbell complaint was in the second
- 3 quarter of 2010, right, May?
- 4 A. Yes.
- $5 \parallel Q$. And this e-mail is about the Q2 sales script for moving
- 6 people from Direct to DISH, isn't it?
- $7 \parallel A$. That's what it says. I don't know that's what it meant.
- 8 Q. And it says: "Here's the sales scripts for Q2," right?
- 9 A. That's what it says.
- 10 Q. "Please let me know if any changes are warranted," right?
- 11 A. That is correct.
- 12 Q. "I also have some questions before submit an automated
- 13 disclosure script." Do you see that?
- 14 A. I do.
- 15 \parallel Q. So it's clear from this e-mail that this is not a script
- 16 | for automatic disclosure because he has questions before he
- 17 | submits that script; isn't that right?
- 18 A. No, that is not right.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 | A. What the --
- 21 Q. So even if this e-mail says --
- 22 MR. BICKS: Your Honor, he interrupted the witness.
- 23 THE COURT: You can ask another question. She
- 24 answered the question. Go ahead.

- Q. All right. So when he says sales script for Q2 in the first sentence and then says he has some questions before he gives the automated disclosure script, you don't believe those
- 5 are two different things?
- 6 A. I don't. I believe that there's a misunderstanding about
- 7 | this e-mail. So in our processes, in those Q/A disclosures,
- 8 there were some that could be recorded in an automated
- 9 disclosure script. The rest of them could be contained -- they
- 10 | needed to be delivered to the customer verbally. So they would
- 11 | incorporate these disclosures into their sales script, which we
- 12 didn't evaluate for sales. We were only looking to check off
- 13 | that they mentioned each of the caveats that needed to be
- 14 verbally required. He submitted that first so then he would
- 15 \parallel know what he could have -- what he could put into the
- 16 | recording. I actually sent out e-mails that said this has to
- 17 | be verbal. This has to be recorded. So that's what that
- 18 meant.
- 19 Q. All right. But it is the case that you knew and DISH knew
- 20 \parallel that they were calling a series of people, a list of people,
- 21 trying to move them from Direct to DISH at this exact time,
- 22 || right?
- 23 A. I -- I didn't take it as that, no.
- 24 \parallel Q. Well, the Campbell complaint, which was probably two weeks
- 25 before this, was about a Direct-to-DISH sales pitch, wasn't it?

- A. Yes.
- 2 | Q. Okay. And Dr. Krakauer's complaint was about a
- 3 Direct-to-DISH sales pitch, right?
- 4 | A. It was.
- $5 \parallel Q$. And we know from the responsive e-mails from Satellite
- 6 Systems that the list wasn't scrubbed, right?
- $7 \mid A$. That it wasn't rescrubbed.
- 8 Q. Okay. And -- and -- and so this continued calling was
- 9 pursuant to a script that had been approved, right?
- 10 A. We didn't approve the script, sir. I've mentioned that
- 11 | several times. We looked for the containment of the
- 12 disclosures within the context of the sales script as it
- 13 related to whether they were verbal disclosures or recorded
- 14 disclosures.
- 15 $\|$ Q. So the complaint -- the exact complaint from Dr. Krakauer
- 16 and from Mr. Campbell was that these guys were pretending to be
- 17 somebody else to do this switcheroo, right?
- 18 A. To the best of my knowledge, that's what the complaint
- 19 said.
- 20 \parallel Q. I take it because you never decided whether they were
- 21 | legitimately complaining, you never asked SSN to stop?
- 22 A. They were in charge of their own marketing practices. I
- 23 did not ask them to stop.
- 24 Q. So, just to summarize, in all the years you worked in
- 25 compliance, no one was ever told to check who SSN -- whether

- SSN was calling on the Do Not Call List physically?
- 2 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 3 \parallel Q. And in all the years you were the compliance manager, no
- 4 one was ever told to look at SSN's calling documentation to
- 5 compare it to the Do Not Call?
- 6 A. Not to my knowledge.
- $7 \parallel Q$. And this decision had to do with what to do or not do, that
- 8 was set above you?
- 9 A. That had to do with what we believed to be covered in the
- 10 retailer agreement.
- 11 | Q. I'm approaching you with Plaintiff's Exhibit 70.
- 12 MR. GLASSER: And I move its admission.
- 13 MR. BICKS: I'm looking at it, Your Honor.
- 14 | (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 15 MR. BICKS: Objection on relevance, Your Honor.
- 16 THE COURT: All right. Well --
- 17 MR. GLASSER: I can lay a foundation before we show
- 18 | it?
- 19 **THE COURT:** All right. Go ahead.
- 20 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 21 | Q. Ms. Musso, you recognize this as an e-mail you got from Guy
- 22 Caldwell of PossibleNOW on or about October 12th, 2009,
- 23 | correct?
- 24 A. Yes. I need a minute, please.
- $25 \parallel Q$. Oh, okay.

- (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 2 A. Could you repeat the question, please?
- 3 Q. You recognize it as an e-mail you received from an employee
- 4 of PossibleNOW to you, right?
- 5 | A. I do.

- 6 Q. In it, Possible NOW is making a business proposal about
- 7 different levels of compliance, surveying, assessment, or
- 8 certification that could be rolled out to national sales
- 9 partners, correct?
- 10 A. That is correct.
- 11 MR. GLASSER: I move it's admission, Your Honor.
- 12 MR. BICKS: Objection again, Your Honor, on relevance
- 13 grounds, hearsay.
- 14 | THE COURT: Overruled.
- 15 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 16 Q. Okay. And so, just to bring it home before we get to the
- 17 | exact suggestions, at the end of the day, DISH decided not to
- 18 do this with the national sales partners, right?
- 19 A. So the -- they didn't make them do that.
- 20 $\|$ Q. Exactly.
- 21 A. But if I could elaborate?
- 22 \parallel Q. Let me ask you a few questions, and you can elaborate maybe
- 23 during that or as your counsel asks you some, okay?
- So part 1 was just a compliance survey, and it would be
- 25 \$1,000 per authorized retailer, right?

- A. That's what it says.
- 2 Q. And for this compliance survey, they would just go on in
- 3 and gauge the call center's knowledge of federal, state and --
- 4 | laws and guidelines from DISH, right?
- 5 A. That's what it says.
- 6 Q. And the effectiveness of this program would be augmented by
- 7 performance of a periodic Do Not Call data audit, right?
- 8 A. Yes, that's what it says.
- 9 Q. Then they offered a Tier 2 compliance assessment that would
- 10 cost \$2,500 per authorized retailer that would be, you know,
- 11 one step higher, kind of provide a more comprehensive Do Not
- 12 | Call review, right?
- 13 A. Yes, that's what it says.
- 14 Q. And then they offered a Tier 3 where they'd actually
- 15 certify compliance of the national sales partner, right?
- 16 A. That's what it says.
- 17 \parallel Q. And that would be \$4,500 per authorized retailer, right?
- 18 A. That's what it says.
- 19 Q. And this is a program that DISH declined to pay for or to
- 20 | order the national sales partners to participate in; isn't that
- 21 | true?
- 22 A. DISH did not require the partners to participate in it.
- 23 MR. GLASSER: I don't have any further questions, Your
- 24 | Honor.
- 25 | THE COURT: All right. Questions for DISH?

1 MR. BICKS: Thank you, Your Honor. 2 CROSS-EXAMINATION 3 BY MR. BICKS: 4 Q. And good afternoon, Ms. Musso. 5 THE COURT: Still morning, 10 minutes. I should say good morning. To put things in context for 6 7 us, let's focus on the time period, say, 2006 to 2010. Are you 8 with me? I am. Α. 10 Q. And if you had to estimate, how many calls during that time 11 period would you think a retailer like SSN would make? in the millions? 12 13 Absolutely. Α. 14 Q. All right. And you were asked questions for a couple 1.5 hours, and we'll go through some of the complaints, but I counted less than 10. If you see less than 10 complaints, as a 16 17 person involved in retailer compliance, against a background of millions of calls, what does that tell you about the nature of 18 19 whether there is a telemarketing Do Not Call problem? 20 A. It tells me that there's not a red flag for that OE 2.1 retailer. 22 And there were questions about roles and responsibilities. Do you remember that? Α. I do. 24

Did you turn a blind eye to what was going on with SSN?

- A. No, not at all. I didn't turn a blind eye to any of the retailers.
- Q. And you were shown a handful of complaints, and I'll ask about those. Did you investigate every one of those complaints?
- 6 A. We did.
- 7 Q. And describe just generally the kind of steps that you and 8 folks working with you would do in evaluating those complaints.
- 9 A. When we got the information from the call center, we would 10 take the complaint. We would research the phone number. We
- 11 | would research -- sometimes the consumer would provide a name.
- 12 We would research the name. We would look at whether the
- 13 Caller ID that they provided, if they provided one, appeared
- 14 anywhere in our documentation. We would sometimes Google, you
- 15 know, or do an Internet search to try to determine if we could
- 16 find any information. So in my opinion, we did a very thorough
- 17 investigation with the information we had available to us to
- 18 try to determine the retailer responsible.
- 19 Q. And does that apply to the retailer that we're talking 20 about here, which is SSN?
- 21 A. Yes, it does.
- 22 Q. And as a consequence of the investigations that were
- 23 performed, did you make judgments about the right way to act?
- 24 \mid A. The right way for the retailer to act?
- 25 \parallel Q. The right way for DISH to act, the right steps to take?

- A. Oh, absolutely. I had a -- or thought I had a fairly clear understanding of, you know, what the expectations were with respect to DISH and my direction.
 - Q. And when you see a complaint, is a complaint something that is different from a confirmed telemarketing violation?
- $6 \parallel A$. Yes, it is.

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- Q. And can you share with our jury some of the challenges involved in determining whether there's something really behind a complaint?
- 10 A. Well, most often, when a customer appeared on a Do Not Call 11 List and we got a complaint, it was -- there had been an opt-in. In fact, the retailer in question didn't do 12 13 telemarketing. They did Internet opt-in -- Internet sales, and 14 there was an opt-in that the customer would sign. In other 15 words, they would check a box and say it's okay to give me a 16 call. And then, you know, the customer would not often 17 remember that they had asked for that -- you know, that contact. So in those cases, we would ask for the opt-in, and 18 19 most often, we would get it, but we -- there were also mistakes 20 sometimes. You know, they -- humans load the list and humans 2.1 download the list, so sometimes there can be some mistakes, 22 but, you know, we -- the thing was we took each issue and evaluated it on its own on the basis of that one and would run
 - Q. And in evaluating whether or not to terminate a retailer,

into just different types of things.

- is that a serious consequence of terminating a retailer?
- 2 | A. Oh, yes.
- Q. And what can be the consequences to a retailer like SSN if they are terminated?
- 4 | they are terminated?
 5 | A. Well, I think I mentioned earlier that we have to take into
- 6 consideration, first of all, whether there's -- there's a
- 7 pattern of ill behavior, whether it's egregious, whether there
- 8 | are -- you know, whether or not we get responses from the
- 9 retailer, and then we also have to think about the ripple
- 10 effect, which is the business that they run that has employees
- 11 and -- so they'll lose a revenue stream. The employees lose
- 12 their jobs. So we think about all of that when we make those
- 13 determinations.
- 14 Q. And those factors that you've talked about, the number of
- 15 \parallel the violations, the egregiousness of them, and things like
- 16 that, are those all factors that you took into account when you
- 17 were dealing with Satellite Systems Network?
- 18 \mathbb{A} . Yes, that was.
- 19 \parallel Q. And what did you conclude and judgments did you make based
- 20 on that information that you had at the time?
- 21 \parallel A. Based on that information and knowing the number of phone
- 22 | calls they had probably made and knowing that we had gotten
- 23 \parallel less than 10 complaints over that period, there was nothing
- 24 egregious looking about it, there was no ill pattern of
- 25 \parallel behavior, I didn't -- I didn't think there was any reason at

- all to terminate them.
- 2 Q. And is it in DISH's interest if a consumer is called when
- 3 | that consumer doesn't want to be called?
- 4 A. No. In fact, I -- I mean, I think we've all gotten a call
- 5 | from somebody we didn't want to hear from, and the first thing
- 6 we say is I will never do business with those people again. So
- 7 | if you get that call, you know, we've got thousands of
- 8 customers who don't want to ever do business with us, we've
- 9 | lost -- essentially we've lost money.
- 10 Q. And you were asked questions about is it practical for you
- 11 to start rescrubbing lists that a retailer like SSN has
- 12 | indicated were scrubbed. Remember those questions?
- 13 | A. I do.
- 14 Q. Can you explain to our jury, when a company like DISH has
- 15 \parallel 3,500 retailers around the country, why that is impractical?
- 16 A. There's no way we could have the staff, the time, the
- 17 | systems to -- to manage all of those lists even on a weekly or
- 18 daily basis and could check that -- could check to see if these
- 19 phone numbers were scrubbed.
- 20 \parallel Q. And our jury has heard PossibleNOW.
- 21 | A. Right.
- 22 | Q. Can you tell our jury what Possible NOW was, that company?
- 23 A. Possible NOW is a -- actually a very respected vendor in the
- 24 | business who scrubs Do Not Call Lists. So they also are the
- 25 | repository for DISH's internal Do Not Call List, and we did

business with them for -- for that particular purpose, and the reason our retailers were required to sign up with them was so they could load any consumer or customer numbers into that list.

- Q. And was SSN using PossibleNOW?
- A. Yes, they were.

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- 7 Q. And do you know whether they started using them in or about 8 October of 2008?
- $\Theta \parallel A$. Yeah, that's what I recall.
- Q. And the class period in this case is 2009 and 2010 moving forward. As a compliance trained employee, what comfort, if any, does the retention of a firm like PossibleNOW provide to you when you're making compliance decisions?
 - A. They were a great resource for me. I actually formed a relationship with them about 2007, and when I was -- when I was -- you know, I was new to the compliance world and got a -- got great training through legal and -- and then through my own research, but I also used PossibleNOW for -- if something came up that I wasn't clear about, I would -- I would call them. I also used our legal department, but PossibleNOW also provided webinars that, you know, I participated in or I listened to about laws and changing laws, and they also provided that same possibility -- if the retailers were signed up with them, they could get that training from them as well. So they're a good company.

- 1 $\|$ Q. And given that the class period in this case, 2010 into
- 2 2011, when SSN is signed up with PossibleNOW since
- 3 October 2008 --
- 4 A. Yes.
- $5 \parallel Q$. -- what comfort, if any, does that provide you about SSN
- 6 and what they're doing?
- 7 A. That they were scrubbing numbers through Possible NOW at
- 8 | that time.
- 9 $\|$ Q. And do you have any ability on a day-to-day basis to be at
- 10 | PossibleNOW's offices in Irvine, California, to double-check
- 11 what they're doing with Possible NOW?
- 12 A. You mean SSN in Irvine?
- 13 Q. SSN.
- 14 A. No, not at all.
- 15 \parallel Q. Would that be possible with 3,500 retailers around the
- 16 | country?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. All right. Now, you were asked some questions about
- 19 e-mails that were sent to Mr. Werner, and you were asked did
- 20 you see those e-mails. Do you remember that?
- 21 A. I do.
- 22 Q. Were you on those e-mails?
- 23 A. No, sir.
- 24 Q. Describe for our jury the nature of the relationship you
- 25 | had with Mr. Werner and how often you all worked together to

- try to deal with compliance issues.
- 2 A. Bruce and I were -- Mr. Werner and I were -- he hired me.
- 3 He and Robb Origer hired me, and we talked -- well, we always
- 4 | talked on a daily basis unless one of us was out of the office
- 5 and quite often more frequently than that. So we were
- 6 constantly keeping each other in the loop on things going on.
- 7 | So there were some things that I didn't -- I didn't know
- 8 | because I was -- there was no need for me to know them, but he
- 9 was very good about keeping me informed, and I thought I was
- 10 very good about keeping him informed.
- 11 Q. And you were asked questions about the retailer file and
- 12 whether certain documents were in them, right?
- 13 A. Right.
- 14 Q. Can you explain to our jury -- the suggestion might have
- 15 | been that you didn't see a complaint or it should have been in
- 16 | that stack over there; is that fair?
- 17 | A. You know, I don't -- I don't think so because we really
- 18 did -- when we started -- when I first started, the paper file
- 19 seemed like a reasonable thing to do, but as we went on with
- 20 | multiple retailers, it didn't seem practical at all to maintain
- 21 paper copies when we could keep electronic copies. So we
- 22 | had -- the paper file is probably limited. The -- the
- 23 \parallel electronic file has -- is probably more complete, and there may
- 24 be some duplication in there, you know.
- 25 \parallel Q. And let me just back up a little bit -- a little bit on

- your background. Tell us where you grew up and where you went to school.
- 3 A. I was born and raised in Columbia, South Carolina. I went
- 4 to Newberry College in Newberry, South Carolina. Actually, I
- $5 \parallel$ went to -- I went to my first three years in Charlotte,
- 6 North Carolina, grammar school so -- and after I graduated from
- 7 college -- do you want me to go on?
- 8 Q. Yeah, just tell us a little about your employment history
- 9 after you got out of college.
- 10 A. I was a branch manager for South Carolina National Bank.
- 11 | then was a stay-at-home mom for about 12 years, which was one
- 12 of the hardest jobs I had. And then -- and then I went to work
- 13 \parallel for United Artists Cable, part of the cable industry, as a --
- 14 | in customer service and eventually worked up to dealing with
- 15 \parallel consumer and customer complaints for the executives at TCI. So
- 16 | not to be long-winded, after that, I went to Moen Incorporated
- 17 | and did the same thing. I've always been in customer and
- 18 consumer services so -- and, ultimately, I ended up at DISH,
- 19 and I spent 13 years there. So --
- 20 \parallel Q. And are you being paid in any way to come here today?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 | Q. And you have no ongoing business -- you're not employed by
- 23 | DISH anymore?
- 24 A. Sadly, I don't even have any stock anymore.
- 25 $\|Q$. So tell our jury why you're here.

- It's kind of like -- it's kind of like a child. You know, you -- you have this entity and then you want to protect it and 2 take care of it, and that's how I feel about this. I -- you 3 know, I built this department. We weren't perfect by any 4 5 stretch of the imagination. We learned a lot along the way, but I will tell you that I was passionate about it. 6 that job more than any job I ever had, and I felt like it was 8 really important for me to get to tell my story. Q. And speak to the caliber and quality of the people who you 10 hired on your compliance group. Tell our jury about that. 11 A. They stayed with me virtually the whole time I was there. We had a very cohesive group. We flowed very well. We could 12 13 have somebody go on FMLA, and I didn't even have to get any 14 extra help because we could all pick it up and take care of the 1.5 situation. So I think we had a great group, a small group, but 16 it was a good one. 17
 - Q. And tell our jury a little bit about the folks who work with you, how many people, who were they, and what did they do.

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- A. I had six people as an average, and they all -- we -- I was a firm believer in cross-training people, not just because it was prudent from a -- you know, if somebody was out on FMLA, but also because it helped them understand more about what was going on, so it made sense to do that, but, yeah, they were good.
- Q. And tell the jury just a little bit who they -- what the

names of some of them were and what they did with you. A. Let's see. Serena Snyder was like my right hand. 2 3 -- she could work. She was amazing. And then I had Dylan Monasmith, Lorraine Winkler, Kathleen Donnelly. I had Jennifer 5 Pacher. I had Joel Ebel. A couple of those left, but, yeah, 6 it was good. And tell our jury what steps you personally took to 8 familiarize yourself with telemarketing laws so you could do your job. 10 A. Well, when I got over to compliance -- I took the position 11 primarily because I had a history -- because I worked for DISH for 13 years. So prior to that, I was in the installation side 12 13 of the business. So I had kind of a history of building processes and procedures for new things that needed to be taken 14 care of. So that's why they initially -- you know, that's one 1.5 16 of the reasons they hired me. 17 So when I -- when I got over there, I was -- it's overwhelming because the laws -- there's a lot of caveats to 18 19 the law, but I actually did print out the TCPA, which is about 20 this thick, and I did read it. I mean, I couldn't tell you I 2.1 understood everything, but I did read it. Then the TSR, which 22 is the Telemarketing Sales Rule, I read that, too. As I mentioned, I got great downloads from our legal department. worked with them real closely at the outset just to make sure I 24

had my arms around what was expected of me and then also with

our -- with Bruce and the rest of our team.

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But the -- to be clear, though, the complaints were being handled. It's just that, you know -- because DISH took TCPA very seriously and -- but what happened was we needed a central repository so we would have one point of contact and there wasn't one here and one there, and that way we could keep, you know, information about them all. So --

- Q. And can you describe just the attitude of the folks you worked with in all these different departments to deal with compliance in trying to solve problems?
- A. Well, we were all very passionate about it. It's -- you 11 know, it's a -- I had -- I had customer service involved. 12 13 had -- and we wrote a process that worked very well. In fact, 14 when we initially started that in 2006, the process is still 15 pretty much the same today for sharing those complaints, and, you know, we -- we tried to keep everybody up to speed and 16 17 the -- I had sales involved, I had legal involved, I had CSC involved, field representatives. We were all focused on 18 19 minimizing these complaints.
- Q. And did you ever take training yourself on telemarketing issues?
- A. Oh, with PossibleNOW. You know, I worked with them and took webinars, and I also -- you know, I did my own research.
- 24 \parallel Q. And let's talk a little about SSN. Who did you deal with?
- 25 \blacksquare A. Primarily Sophie.

- Q. And tell our jury who Sophie Tehranchi is. Her videotaped deposition will be shown.
- 3 A. She's the sister of the owner of the company.
- 4 Q. And did you interact with her brother, Alex Tehranchi?
- $5 \parallel A$. Just early on, and then he turned over the -- or I assume
- 6 he did. Subsequently, she took over the operation of the
- 7 company, and that's who I dealt with.
- $8 \parallel Q$. And so during the time period when you were compliance
- 9 | manager, say 2006 forward, 2010 and 2011, in those two years,
- 10 who were you primarily dealing with?
- 11 A. With Sophie Tehranchi.
- 12 Q. And what was your general impression based on those
- 13 dealings of SSN and how it was dealing with telemarketing
- 14 | issues?
- 15 A. She took them very seriously. She responded quickly. She
- 16 | had plausible responses, and I didn't have any issues with her
- 17 | at all.
- 18 Q. And you were asked about a North Carolina injunction. Do
- 19 you remember that?
- 20 A. I do.
- 21 | Q. And did you become aware of that?
- 22 A. I did after I took the position and after it had all
- 23 | transpired, yes.
- 24 Q. And was that related to calls involving DISH or DirecTV?
- 25 A. DirecTV.

- Q. And did that cause you to be concerned about SSN's telemarketing compliance?
- A. Well, by the time I found out about it -- I mean, I found out about the Vitana thing, but all of it together, I had -- you know, I had some dealings with SSN, so I didn't have any reason to be concerned; and as I tried to say and maybe I didn't, but the people that handled all this prior to my arrival were very competent. So when I was downloaded, that wasn't one of the things I was downloaded, and that was because
- Q. And did that injunction that you talked about, did that say that SSN couldn't telemarket?
- 13 A. The injunction, no.

it had been handled.

- Q. And did that involve -- the jury has heard again about prerecorded calls, right?
- 16 A. Right.

- 17 \mathbb{Q} . Did the -- to your knowledge, did the issues with SSN and
- 18 DirecTV in 2004 and 2005, did that involve prerecorded calls?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 $\|Q$. Is that something different from a call to the Do Not Call
- 21 Registry?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 \parallel Q. And during your entire time period that you were the
- 24 compliance manager, 2006 until the time that SSN was
- 25 | terminated, did you ever see any issue involving a prerecorded

- call?
- $2 \parallel A$. No, sir.
- 3 \parallel Q. When you became the compliance manager, did you see every
- 4 | single complaint about a retailer?
- 5 A. Every single TCPA complaint, yes.
- 6 Q. And did consumers always identify the retailers to you?
- $7 \parallel A$. Sometimes they did, yes.
- 8 Q. And were there other times where you did not know the
- 9 | retailer?
- 10 A. Yes, the information provided to us from the consumers or
- 11 | customers wouldn't have any information or it wouldn't have any
- 12 information that we could confirm. You know, the customers
- 13 didn't -- you know, they gave us what they had. Sometimes they
- 14 didn't have very much.
- 15 $\|Q$. And with respect to the handful of complaints involving
- 16 SSN, did DISH follow up on every single one?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And was SSN generally responsive when you asked for
- 19 | information?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 | Q. Did you ever have the sense that they were misleading you
- 22 or keeping information from you?
- 23 A. I never had that sense.
- 24 \parallel Q. Are there red flags when someone like you in compliance
- 25 \parallel sees that gives you pause to concern about when a retailer is

- doing certain things?
- 2 A. Yes. They're -- when we were looking for -- looking at our
- 3 | information that we retained, we would look at the frequency,
- 4 so how often you saw this -- this phone number or this retailer
- 5 pop up. The volume was certainly impactful, and then we would
- 6 look at whether or not the retailers were responsive, when we
- $7 \parallel$ were able to identify them, and reached out.
- 8 | Q. So you were shown Dr. Krakauer's complaint May of 2009. Do
- 9 you remember that?
- 10 A. I do.
- 11 | Q. And then the next complaint you were shown was a year later
- 12 | in May of 2010. Do you remember that?
- 13 A. That is correct.
- 14 Q. Did you see any complaints in that interim year?
- 15 A. Not that I recall.
- 16 $\|Q$. And what does that tell you, as someone in compliance, when
- 17 | a year goes by, millions of calls are being made, and you don't
- 18 see one complaint?
- 19 A. It tells me that they are following the letter of the law,
- 20 | and they're not -- they're not initiating any complaints.
- 21 | Q. Have you seen situations as a compliance manager when, even
- 22 | though lists are scrubbed, there can be mistakes in the
- 23 scrubbing process?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And can you explain to our jury, based on your experience

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in compliance, what you've seen in that respect?
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      There are, as I mentioned earlier, human error for uploads,
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   human error for downloads. Excel spreadsheets have a lot of
    columns on them. You can shift them out.
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   of those, but those were some of the explanations that I would
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   get. I also -- you know, you'd have -- you'd have some
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    employee who fat-fingered a number, and it was -- it was
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   somebody on the Do Not Call List. There were any number of
    innocent ways to create violations that were not egregious or,
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   you know, balking at the law.
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   Q. So I want to show you -- you spoke about Possible NOW.
   want to show you an Exhibit DX28.
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             MR. BICKS:
                        Your Honor, I have a couple of documents
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    in a notebook. If I could approach?
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             THE COURT: All right.
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        (Notebook handed to the witness by Mr. Bicks.)
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             MR. GLASSER: No objection to 28, Your Honor.
             THE COURT: All right. Did you want to --
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                        If I could publish it, Your Honor.
             MR. BICKS:
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             THE COURT:
                         You may.
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             MR. BICKS: Can we bring in and put it up, and, Trudy,
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    if you can go to page 2?
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             THE CLERK:
                        I'm sorry. Is it not on?
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             THE COURT:
                        Okay. Is it up?
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             MR. BICKS:
                         Yes.
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BY MR. BICKS:

- 2 Q. Do you see page 2, Ms. Musso?
- 3 A. I do.
- 4 | Q. And do you see there's reference there -- it says: "Jim
- 5 and Erik have mentioned compliance with all laws." And do you
- 6 | know who Jim and Erik is referring to?
- 7 | A. Jim DeFranco is the founder of the company, and Erik
- 8 | Carlson has a new title. I think he's president now.
- 9 \mathbb{Q} . And was telemarketing compliance taken seriously by the
- 10 people who were at the top of the company?
- 11 A. Absolutely.
- 12 Q. And did you see that yourself firsthand while you were
- 13 | there?
- 14 | A. I did.
- 15 $\|$ Q. And describe for the jury kind of what you saw in terms of
- 16 what people like Jim and Erik were doing.
- 17 A. They were constantly reinforcing the adherence to laws
- 18 on -- so a retailer chat, which is what this is a deck for, was
- 19 | a video chat that the owner and -- sometimes the owner, but
- 20 executives, would have for our retailers, and they would use
- 21 | that forum to share important things with the retailers, and
- 22 one of them was compliance with laws, and, yes, I -- I had
- 23 \parallel access to everybody I needed. I could knock on any door.
- 24 | There was -- you know, and I got -- I always had my phone calls
- 25 returned. Most of the time they answered, so, yes.

- Q. And what was the purpose of this presentation? Do you know?
- A. This particular one -- well, there were a lot of things
 that were presented, but this one was about PossibleNOW and
 giving the retailers some kind of heads-up if they were going
 to be contacted by this company so that they could -- so that
 they could form a relationship to upload the internal Do Not
 Call List. At the same time, they were available to work with
 the retailers with respect to the -- the particular business
 model that the retailer had on how to fully support adherence
- Q. And if we can go to page 3, we'll see reference there to something called DNC Solutions. Do you see that?
- 14 A. Yes.

to the laws.

- 15 $\|$ Q. And tell our jury what that is.
- A. DNC Solutions is the interface that PossibleNOW had for the retailers to upload calls into the Do Not Call List.
- 18 Q. And if you see it, page 4, the third bullet point, do you 19 see that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And what is the benefit of PossibleNOW offering these
- 22 | various kinds of solutions?
- 23 A. There were a lot of retailers with a lot of different
- 24 marketing, so you had everything from, as I mentioned earlier,
- 25 \parallel the Internet opt-in to when the retailer has an Internet page

- and it pops up and you decide you want somebody to call you,
 or, I mean, we had everything to retailers who did the Iowa

 State Fair, so they got leads in a fish bowl. You know, you
 still want to be careful with those. The business models that
 the retailers use just ranged, and PossibleNOW would have a
- 6 solution for every one of them.
- Q. And if we can go to page 5, do you see the reference to PossibleNOW will have a booth at Team Summit in Nashville?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Tell our jury what's that about.
- 11 A. So PossibleNOW, when we worked together, I had asked them
- 12 | if they would come to our Team Summit, which is an annual
- 13 conference that DISH has for the retailers, and set up a booth
- 14 \parallel so they could explain to retailers face to face what they did.
- 15 | Q. And let me show you Defendant's Exhibit 6. Do you remember
- 16 | whether or not SSN actually was trained on Possible NOW?
- 17 A. Defendant's 6?
- 18 Q. Yeah -- putting aside -- was SSN trained by Possible NOW?
- 19 A. Oh, yeah. Yes, they were. They -- they signed up with
- 20 them and, shortly after, had their training.
- 21 Q. And if we look at Defendant's Exhibit 6 --
- 22 MR. BICKS: I don't believe there's objection?
- 23 MR. GLASSER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: It's admitted. Okay.
- 25 | MR. BICKS: If we can blow that up, Trudy, the top

paragraph.

2 BY MR. BICKS:

- 3 \parallel Q. Do you see the reference there in the second sentence that
- 4 says: "We got Possible NOW on 10-23-2008 and did the training
- 5 on 10-27-2008?" Do you see that?
- 6 A. Yes, that's what it says, yes.
- $7 \parallel Q$. And as a compliance manager, when you receive information
- 8 like that, what does that tell you about SSN and their focus on
- 9 | telemarketing compliance issues?
- 10 A. It tells me that they're up and running and using the
- 11 system.
- 12 Q. And is it a good thing, do you think, to do that
- 13 | PossibleNOW training?
- 14 A. Yes, I think it's imperative.
- 15 | Q. And how thorough -- having done some of that training
- 16 yourself, how thorough is that training?
- 17 | A. I can't specifically speak to what -- how theirs worked,
- 18 but in respect to me, it was very thorough, very knowledgeable
- 19 and, you know, they're experts.
- 20 \parallel Q. And is PossibleNOW the company that the Government uses to
- 21 keep the national Do Not Call List together?
- 22 A. I do believe that is.
- 23 \parallel Q. And in your experience in compliance, do you know of any
- 24 \parallel other company that is more expert than PossibleNOW?
- 25 A. No. I looked around. No.

- Q. And were you one of the people involved in bringing them on board?
- 3 \parallel A. I was the -- I managed the relationship, yes.
- Q. And how much homework did you do to try to determine if they were the best?
- 6 A. I -- I looked at their list of clients. I also had
- 7 knowledge that they had worked with another pretty big company,
- 8 some firsthand knowledge, and then -- and then I didn't find
- 9 anything bad about them, so -- but, yeah.
- Q. Let me ask you some questions about Dr. Krakauer's complaint.
- MR. BICKS: And if we can bring up DX9, the May 27th, 2009, letter.
- MR. GLASSER: No objection.
- 15 BY MR. BICKS:
- 16 Q. This is a letter that has got your signature on it, is it
- 17 | not?
- 18 A. Yes, it does.
- 19 | Q. And are you informing SSN here of Mr. Krakauer's complaint?
- 20 | A. Yes, I am.
- 21 $\|$ Q. And you say in the letter -- right up front, it says: "A
- 22 complaint was filed against DISH, "right?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 Q. And what do you mean by a complaint was filed?
- 25 \parallel A. That the customer had called in to the call center and

- 1 advised our escalations team that he had a complaint against
- 2 DISH, which we subsequently found out was SSN, but it wasn't
- 3 | like a formal complaint.
- $4 \parallel Q$. And in this letter, the sentence in that paragraph, the
- 5 second one, says: "Please immediately ensure that this phone
- 6 number has been added to your internal Do Not Call Registry."
- 7 Do you see that?
- 8 A. Yes, I do.
- 9 $\|Q$. And why did you request that that be done?
- 10 A. Because we wanted to make sure Mr. Krakauer didn't get any
- 11 | additional calls.
- 12 Q. And you were asked questions -- this was called a form
- 13 | letter. Do you remember the questions about the form letter?
- 14 | A. Yes.
- 15 $\|Q$. Is, in fact, the actual letter adjusted depending on the
- 16 | facts, who the consumer may be, phone number, things of that
- 17 | nature?
- 18 A. Well, it has to be, yes, for those pertinent pieces of
- 19 | information, yes.
- 20 \parallel Q. And from your perspective, is this an important
- 21 communication when it's sent out?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 \parallel Q. And can you tell our jury why?
- 24 \parallel A. It advises the retailer that we are aware that a customer
- 25 \parallel is unhappy with something they did and gives them the

- 1 information that we have, however limited, and sometimes we
- 2 have more. And then it asks them for certain specific things
- 3 | to -- to share with us relative to that complaint.
- 4 Q. And the letter refers to something called an internal Do
- 5 Not Call Registry?
- 6 A. Yes.
- $7 \parallel Q$. Tell our jury what that is, please.
- 8 A. The internal Do Not Call Registry is something that a
- 9 retailer needs to maintain under the law for their own
- 10 | business. Each business is required to retain one, and then we
- 11 need to have one for DISH as well.
- 12 Q. And did SSN, to your knowledge, have an internal Do Not
- 13 | Call Registry?
- 14 A. Based on the references in Sophie's return e-mails, yes.
- 15 \parallel Q. And then at the bottom of this letter, you ask for certain
- 16 | information, do you see that, within five days?
- 17 | A. I do.
- 18 Q. And is -- did you get that information from SSN in response
- 19 to this letter?
- 20 $\|$ A. To the best of my knowledge, I did.
- 21 \parallel Q. And when a retailer responds promptly to a request like
- 22 | this, what, if anything, does it tell you about their attitude
- 23 | toward dealing with these kinds of issues?
- 24 \mid A. That they take -- they take it seriously.
- 25 | Q. Were you, in this kind of a communication, trying to help

- get to the bottom of Dr. Krakauer's issue?
- 2 A. That's certainly how I saw it.
- Q. And let me show you Defendant's Exhibit 8, which was SSN's 4 response. Are you familiar with this?
- 5 MR. GLASSER: No objection.
- 6 THE COURT: Okay.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Yes, I am.
- 8 BY MR. BICKS:
- 9 Q. And this is May 28th of 2009; right?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. And your letter was dated one day before; right?
- 12 A. I believe so, yes.
- 13 $\|$ Q. And so, when you get a response one day later, what does
- 14 | that tell you about the seriousness with which this is being
- 15 | taken?
- 16 A. A sense of urgency for sure.
- 17 $\|$ Q. And if you look at this letter, I want to talk to you a
- 18 little bit about it. The first sentence says: We first heard
- 19 of this issue with Mr. Thomas Krakauer on the 20th when
- 20 \parallel Terrence advised us of the Do Not Call violation. Do you see
- 21 | that?
- 22 A. I do.
- 23 Q. And tell our jury who Terrence is.
- 24 A. Terrence Rukas was one of our sales managers --
- 25 THE COURT: Terrence who?

THE WITNESS: Rukas, R-U-K-A-S. Was one of our sales managers, and he had a relationship with possible -- I mean, excuse me, with Satellite Systems Network. And it was -- it was standard operating procedure, if you will, for me to pick up the phone and call when there were situations similar to this one and advise the sales manager so, you know, he could get with the retailer and they could discuss what happened.

- Q. And so you see the -- the e-mail is the 28th, and there's an indication that Terrence Rukas had reached out on the 20th, right?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.

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- Q. What did you think when you saw that he had advised SSN about this eight days prior to this written letter?
- A. I was glad. You know, it meant that Terrence also took it seriously.
- Q. And is that kind of what you would expect and what you would hope for for your compliance team to do?
- 18 A. Absolutely.
- Q. And you see in the second sentence, it says: That same day, we took Mr. Krakauer's phone number out of our entire master lead list and put his phone number on the Do Not Call
- 22 List. Do you see that?
- 23 A. I do.
- Q. And what is the significance of that information when you're making compliance judgments?

- 1 A. It leads me to believe that Mr. Krakauer won't get another
- 2 phone call because they've taken away all the contact
- 3 | information.
- 4 Q. And do you see the reference here that: Our lead for
- 5 Mr. Krakauer was generated by us. We sold him DirecTV back in
- 6 April of 2003 when we were a DirecTV retailer. Do you see
- 7 | that?
- 8 A. Yes, sir, I do.
- 9 Q. And to you, in compliance, what is the significance when
- 10 you receive information like that?
- 11 A. That in this particular instance, SSN assumed that they had
- 12 a business relationship or existing relationship with this
- 13 customer and felt like it was okay to reach out to him.
- 14 Q. And did DISH give SSN Mr. Krakauer's phone number to call?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Did you or anyone to your knowledge at DISH authorize the
- 17 | call to Mr. Krakauer before it was made?
- 18 A. No, sir.
- 19 Q. Did you know ahead of time that SSN would be placing that
- 20 | call?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. And, overall, how did you consider SSN's response to this
- 23 complaint when you get this information?
- 24 A. I felt like it was very responsive. They took it
- 25 \parallel seriously. They were concerned, and that they had no intention

- of doing it again.
- 2 \mathbb{Q} . And, for example, if you scroll up and -- to the bottom of
- 3 this document, you see this screenshot there. This is
- 4 | information they're providing you to show exactly what had
- 5 | happened, who they called and when they did it?
- 6 A. Yes.
- $7 \parallel Q$. And how -- is that kind of information important to you?
- 8 A. Well, it -- well, first of all, it says they did it, so,
- 9 you know, it wasn't like they were trying to say they didn't,
- 10 and so -- which lends credibility to SSN.
- 11 Q. And there's reference in this letter --
- 12 MR. BICKS: If we can go back to the top, Trudy, and
- 13 can we blow up the first paragraph there?
- 14 BY MR. BICKS:
- 15 \parallel Q. Do you see the time where they say -- it's in the bottom of
- 16 the first paragraph: We do not have a date for scrubbing this
- 17 | lead through Possible NOW because we were at that time not a
- 18 Possible NOW member. Do you see that?
- 19 A. I do.
- 20 | Q. And they became a member of Possible NOW on October of 2008?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. And so, what does this tell you about what had happened
- 23 \parallel with this scrubbing, to the best you can determine when you see
- 24 | this?
- 25 \parallel A. Well, the way I read this was that they didn't scrub the

- 1 | number through PossibleNOW; that they had scrubbed it back in
- 2 2003 when they had Dr. Krakauer as their customer and they felt
- 3 | that it was still a sufficient scrub.
- $4 \parallel Q$. And you know from information in e-mails that they were
- 5 also, prior to Possible NOW, they were using something called
- 6 DNC.com? Do you remember that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And tell our jury again, what is DNC.com?
- 9 A. DNC.com is another company that does scrubs against federal
- 10 and state lists.
- 11 | Q. And describe for our jury, as someone in compliance, what
- 12 is their reputation in this business?
- 13 A. If they're still in business, they have a good reputation.
- 14 Q. All right. And at the time of May 28th, 2009, when you get
- 15 this, after they're signed up with Possible NOW in
- 16 October 2008 --
- 17 | A. Uh-huh.
- 18 Q. -- did you believe that they were scrubbing their lists?
- 19 $\|$ A. That was my assumption.
- 20 \parallel Q. And as somebody in compliance, if millions of calls are
- 21 made, and there's no scrubbing at all, how many complaints do
- 22 you think you would get?
- 23 A. It would be a staggering number.
- 24 \mathbb{Q} . And tell our jury why.
- 25 | A. Because, you know, based on my relationship with

- 1 PossibleNOW, the -- when you scrub lists, because the Do Not
- 2 Call List is so big, what you get returned is -- is 50 percent
- 3 of those -- at least 50 percent, it's probably more, are going
- 4 to be on the Do Not Call List.
- 5 \parallel Q. If SSN made any calls to Mr. Krakauer after this May 2009
- 6 call, would that be in DISH's interests?
- $7 \parallel A$. No, not at all.
- 8 Q. And when you get this complaint, do you believe that this
- 9 complaint from Dr. Krakauer and the explanation that you've
- 10 gotten here from SSN, do you believe that would be a basis to
- 11 | terminate SSN?
- 12 A. No, sir.
- 13 $\|Q$. And tell our jury why not.
- 14 A. Primarily because there was not a pattern of egregious
- 15 | behavior that had been established. As we mentioned, we hadn't
- 16 | had a volume of complaints on them. They -- they were always
- 17 | very responsive. You know, I didn't -- I didn't even have a
- 18 sense that they were mistruthful. I didn't have any concerns
- 19 | about them. I was certainly -- I'm always concerned about a Do
- 20 | Not Call complaint, but I wasn't concerned about SSN.
- 21 \parallel Q. And you write a letter to SSN and you say: Ensure that
- 22 he's on your Do Not Call List.
- 23 They then communicate back in writing --
- 24 THE COURT: Excuse me just a second. Did you need
- 25 something?

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1	JUROR NO. 6: Can I be excused for a minute?
2	THE COURT: We'll just go ahead and take a lunch break
3	if that's what you all need.
4	All right. Ladies and gentlemen did you need something
5	else?
6	JUROR NO. 9: No, ma'am, just trying to get your
7	attention.
8	THE COURT: All right. I'm sorry, I apologize, I
9	didn't notice. We'll go ahead and take the lunch break, and
10	I'll ask you to come back at 10 minutes till 2. Don't talk
11	about the case or form any opinion. Have no contact with
12	anyone, no communications, and come back at 10 minutes till 2.
13	(The jury left the courtroom at 12:36 a.m)
14	THE COURT: All right. I'm sorry, but I noticed the
15	juror was trying to get the security officer's attention. I
16	felt like I needed to interrupt.
17	MR. BICKS: Totally understandable.
18	THE COURT: About how much longer do you anticipate
19	your cross or your questions, approximately?
20	MR. BICKS: I'm saying maybe 45 minutes, in that
21	range.
22	THE COURT: And any redirect or short
23	MR. GLASSER: So far, no.
24	THE COURT: Okay.
25	MR. GLASSER: Just one or two questions.

1 THE COURT: You're anticipating the video depositions 2 after that still? 3 MR. GLASSER: Yes, ma'am. THE COURT: All right. Anything else we need to do 4 5 before we take our lunch recess? MR. GLASSER: Not for the Plaintiffs, Your Honor. 6 7 MR. BICKS: Nothing, Your Honor. THE COURT: 8 Okay. We'll come back, then, at 10 9 minutes till 2:00. 10 (A noon recess was taken from 12:40 p.m. until 1:50 p.m.) 11 THE COURT: Good afternoon. Anything for the Plaintiff before the jury comes in? 12 13 MR. GLASSER: Just a housekeeping item, Your Honor. apparently neglected to move the admission of Plaintiff's 14 1.5 Exhibit 503, which is the e-mail we went over with Amir Ahmed 16 yesterday about a lot of complaints to Satellite Systems on telemarketing calls to consumers, and also showed to Ms. --17 THE COURT: Also what? 18 19 MR. GLASSER: And also showed to Ms. Musso this 20 morning. I move the admission of Plaintiff's 503. 2.1 MR. BICKS: We had objected to it, Your Honor, 22 already. 2.3 THE COURT: All right. It'll be admitted. 24 MR. BICKS: And, Your Honor, was Defendant's Exhibit 8, 9, and 28. So 8, 9, and 28 I should formally move

There wasn't an objection and I used them with Ms. Musso, in. 2 but I forgot to formally admit them. 3 MR. GLASSER: No objection. THE COURT: Okay. No objection. Those will be 4 admitted. 5 6 Any other housekeeping matters? 7 MR. BICKS: No. 8 THE COURT: No? All right. You can bring the jury 9 in. 10 (The jury entered the courtroom.) 11 THE COURT: All right. Good afternoon. I'm so sorry this morning I missed the signals that you all needed a break. 12 13 I apologize. If that happens, you know, just really wave at me. I'm sorry I missed the more subtle ones you were sending. 14 1.5 Okay. 16 I think we're ready to continue. Mr. Bicks, I believe you 17 were questioning. MR. BICKS: Yep, thank you, Your Honor, and good 18 19 afternoon. Welcome back, Ms. Musso. 20 BY MR. BICKS: 21 Q. Before we broke, we were talking about Dr. Krakauer's 22 May 2009 complaint to DISH. I'd like to come back to that. 2.3 MR. BICKS: Trudy, can we bring up 282? 24 THE COURT: Is that the Defendant's or Plaintiff's? 25 MR. BICKS: It's Plaintiff's 282, Your Honor. And go

- to that second page, please. And I think -- could I ask the Court to turn on the switch for the screen?
- THE COURT: Can the jurors see it? Is it up? Okay.
- 4 | BY MR. BICKS:
- $5 \parallel Q$. And could we just -- we've got that paragraph at the top.
- 6 Do you see it, Ms. Musso, on your screen?
- 7 A. Yes.

- 8 Q. Okay. And do you see the statement -- and this is Ms. --
- 9 just to orient our jury, this is Ms. Dougherty writing this?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Rebecca Dougherty?
- 12 A. Right.
- 13 Q. All right. And so, she says here: Mr. Krakauer phoned
- 14 | today to see what the status was on his DNC issue. I advised
- 15 | him, as of yet, there is no definite response, but I would send
- 16 | this e-mail to all of you again. Please help me to assist
- 17 Mr. Krakauer with the appropriate information or answers to
- 18 satisfy his concerns about the call he has received. He's
- 19 expecting to hear something back on Thursday. Do you see that?
- 20 A. I do.
- 21 | Q. And the statement in here about Ms. Dougherty: Please help
- 22 | me to assist Mr. Krakauer with the appropriate information.
- 23 \parallel Remember, you were asked questions about who reached out to
- 24 \parallel Mr. Krakauer and did he get a letter and things like that?
- 25 A. Yes, I do.

- 1 \mathbb{Q} . All right. Can you tell our jury what this -- this kind of
- 2 | a reaction, what it informs us about the attitude of the folks
- 3 | at DISH who were working on this?
- 4 A. Specifically, this young lady, as I mentioned earlier, was
- 5 | an employee of the Executive Resolutions Team, and they really
- 6 were very passionate about taking care of customers. And
- 7 Rebecca was persistent and made sure that this didn't get
- 8 overlooked because that's what they did.
- $9 \parallel Q$. And was an investigation performed here?
- 10 A. Yes, there was.
- 11 | Q. And was the results of that communicated to Mr. Krakauer?
- 12 A. It was communicated to the call center, and they would have
- 13 communicated with Mr. Krakauer.
- 14 \parallel Q. And you were not here when Mr. Krakauer testified about his
- 15 | conversations with Ms. Dougherty?
- 16 \mathbb{A} . No, I was not.
- 17 | Q. All right. Now, I want to ask you about the bottom part of
- 18 this e-mail and -- and the -- the thing under "Comments." Do
- 19 you see that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Now, is that information that Dr. Krakauer had provided to
- 22 | DISH; in other words, his memory of what he thought happened?
- 23 \parallel A. That's what the -- the representatives there were
- 24 instructed to do was to communicate exactly what the customer
- 25 \parallel had so we had a flavor of how the customer was feeling, and

- what they perceived it to be.
- 2 Q. All right. Okay. And there's reference in this about a
- 3 credit check being run; right?
- 4 A. Yes, there is.
- $5 \parallel Q$. All right.
- 6 MR. BICKS: Can we go to Plaintiff's Exhibit 1048 at
- 7 007 and blow that up? 007, Trudy, and I'm looking for item 18,
- 8 the question No. 18. And if you can blow that up so our jury
- 9 can see it.
- 10 | BY MR. BICKS:
- 11 | Q. It's a little hard to read, but remind us, Ms. Musso, what
- 12 | is this again?
- 13 A. This is the quality assurance form, one of the earlier
- 14 | versions, where we evaluated the sales representative's
- 15 performance as it related to the expectations for disclosing
- 16 information to a customer. And No. 18 is did you -- do you
- 17 | want me to read that, Mr. Bicks?
- 18 Q. Yeah.
- 19 A. Did the agent obtain customer consent to run a credit check
- 20 | against their Social Security Number? That was a requirement.
- 21 \parallel Q. All right. And in a typical situation like this, would the
- 22 credit check have been done by SSN or DISH?
- 23 **THE COURT:** Like what?
- 24 MR. BICKS: Like this case, Mr. Krakauer's situation,
- 25 what's in this e-mail, 282.

BY MR. BICKS:

- 2 \mathbb{Q} . In a typical situation where a retailer, like SSN, if a
- 3 credit check is run, who typically does that?
- $4 \parallel$ A. The -- in this case, it was SSN. They were the retailer
- 5 | requesting the credit check.
- $6 \parallel Q$. And, in order to run a credit check, what information do
- 7 you need?
- 8 A. A Social Security Number and a credit card number.
- 9 $\|$ Q. All right. And where would that information come from?
- 10 A. The customer, usually.
- 11 THE COURT: I'm sorry? Speak up.
- 12 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. The customer, usually.
- 13 BY MR. BICKS:
- 14 Q. All right. Now, I want to come back to the -- the dealings
- 15 | with SSN as it relates to Dr. Krakauer. Remember, we had
- 16 | talked about the letter that you wrote asking that SSN put
- 17 | Dr. Krakauer on its internal Do Not Call List. Remember?
- 18 | A. Yes, I do.
- 19 $\|$ Q. And then we saw the letter back to you where SSN says:
- 20 We've put him on our internal Do Not Call List and deleted him
- 21 | from our master calling list. Do you remember that?
- 22 A. I do.
- 23 $\|$ Q. Did you believe that to be true?
- 24 A. Yes, I did.
- 25 $\|$ Q. Can you think of any reason why a retailer who has been

- told that the customer doesn't want a call, to not take that number off the list?
- 3 MR. GLASSER: Object. Asked and answered like three 4 times.
- 5 THE COURT: Well, she can answer it again. Overruled.
- 6 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, Mr. Bicks.

7 | BY MR. BICKS:

- Q. I'm sorry about that. My question to you is, in your experience in retailer compliance, can you see any common sense
- 10 reason when DISH directs a retailer to take a name off an
- 11 | internal list, and they respond back and say, we're going to do
- 12 | it, we're not going to call them, can you think of any reason
- 13 why they wouldn't do that?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. And once SSN told DISH that it added Mr. Krakauer to its
- 16 | internal Do Not Call List, what were your expectations about
- 17 whether SSN would call him in the future?
- 18 A. That they would not.
- 19 Q. Did you receive complaints of any further calls made to
- 20 Dr. Krakauer?
- 21 A. No, sir.
- 22 | Q. Did SSN ever indicate to you that they made any subsequent
- 23 | calls to Mr. Krakauer?
- 24 A. No, they did not.
- 25 | Q. Did you get -- ever get a --

1 MR. GLASSER: Objection. 2 **THE COURT:** I'm sorry? 3 MR. GLASSER: Leading. Well, I think you have covered a bunch of 4 THE COURT: 5 this already. If you'll wrap that part up. 6 MR. BICKS: Thank you. 7 BY MR. BICKS: 8 Q. If there was a call by SSN after this May 2009 incident, would that be contrary to your instruction? 10 Yes, it would. Α. 11 Q. Would that be contrary to the retailer agreement? Yes, it would. 12 Α. 13 Q. Let's look, please, at Joint Exhibit 2. It's in evidence, and it's the 2010 retailer agreement. I'm going to -- I have a 14 copy of it here, Ms. Musso. 1.5 16 MR. BICKS: May I approach, Your Honor? 17 THE COURT: You may. (Document handed to the witness.) 18 19 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 20 MR. BICKS: And if we can go to paragraph 9.1. And if 21 you can blow that up for us, Trudy. BY MR. BICKS: 22 Q. And tell us again for our jury what is this provision, Ms. Musso? 24 Essentially, this establishes that the retailer is

- 1 responsible for adhering to all federal, state, and local laws,
- 2 and they cannot engage in activity or business transactions
- 3 contrary to that.
- 4 Q. And this last sentence says: "Solely responsible." Do you
- 5 | see that?
- 6 A. I do.
- $7 \parallel Q$. And what is your understanding of when it says "solely
- 8 | responsible"?
- 9 \parallel A. That if they do it, they are the ones that are responsible
- 10 for it.
- 11 $\|Q$. And does the compliance with the law, does that include the
- 12 | telemarketing laws?
- 13 A. Yes, it does.
- 14 Q. And in your role as compliance manager, did you make an
- 15 | effort to see that SSN was aware of this provision?
- 16 | A. Yes, I did.
- 17 | Q. And how did you communicate that?
- 18 A. Through various things. We had important notices, facts
- 19 | blast reminders, and in conversations with them, we would
- 20 | remind them that they were responsible for these things. There
- 21 \parallel were any number of ways that they -- even on the retailer
- 22 | chats, they would talk about the adherence to federal, state,
- 23 and local laws, compliance with the laws.
- 24 \parallel Q. And were you directly involved in those efforts?
- 25 A. Yes, I was.

- 1 $\|$ Q. And what was your purpose in communicating that
- 2 | information?
- 3 A. To remind the retailers so that they didn't forget.
- 4 Q. And let's look at Defendant's Exhibit 2, which, I believe,
- 5 | is in evidence. And it's up on the screen, Ms. Musso. Do you
- 6 see that?
- 7 | A. I do.
- 8 Q. And remind our jury what this is.
- 9 A. This is a facts blast, which is a communication that is
- 10 | sent from the corporate office out to all retailers regarding a
- 11 specific subject. In this case, it starts with prohibiting
- 12 retailers from violating any applicable laws.
- 13 MR. BICKS: And can we blow up, Trudy, the first third
- 14 of that document?
- 15 BY MR. BICKS:
- 16 Q. This is referring to telephone marketing and sales; right?
- 17 | A. Yes, it is.
- 18 Q. And it refers to the retailers as independent. Can you
- 19 explain your understanding of what that means?
- 20 A. An independent contractor, in the case of DISH at least, is
- 21 one who has their own business, their own building, their own
- 22 phone system, their own employees to whom they play -- pay, and
- 23 | that they, in turn, work with -- they market for us, but that
- 24 we're not responsible for their behaviors.
- 25 \parallel Q. And who is responsible for the compliance with the

- telemarketing laws?
- 2 A. They are.
- 3 \parallel Q. All right. And the reference here, it says: "The EchoStar
- 4 | retailer agreement prohibits retailers from violating any
- 5 | applicable laws, including federal and state marketing and
- 6 | telemarketing laws." Right?
- 7 A. Yes, it does.
- 8 | Q. And what was the purpose of communicating the telemarketing
- 9 laws to a retailer like SSN?
- 10 A. Well, specifically, retailers use the telephone, and we
- 11 wanted to make sure that they were aware of the laws as it
- 12 | related to that.
- 13 Q. And was this the only way that this information was
- 14 communicated and the only time?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. And was this the only way that this information was
- 17 communicated and the only time?
- 18 | A. No.
- 19 $\|Q$. All right. Let's look at Defendant's Exhibit 1, which is a
- 20 \parallel April 16th, 2007 facts blast.
- 21 MR. BICKS: And I would move this into evidence, Your
- 22 Honor.
- MR. GLASSER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: It will be admitted.
- 25 | BY MR. BICKS:

- Q. Do you see this, Ms. Musso?
- 2 | A. Yes, I do.
- 3 Q. And this is an April 16th, 2007 facts blast.
- $4 \parallel A$. Yes, it is.
- MR. BICKS: All right. And I want to go to the reminder about telemarketing, Trudy, which, I think, is up there at the top. Can we look at that?
- 8 BY MR. BICKS:
 - Q. Do you see this, Ms. Musso?
- 10 A. Yes, I do.
- 11 Q. And there's a statement that -- at the top about the
- 12 | retailer agreement. Do you see that?
- 13 A. I do.
- 14 Q. And there's a second -- a bullet point that talks about
- 15 | authorized retailers who engage in telemarketing should
- 16 familiarize themselves with applicable federal, state, local,
- 17 and other laws. Do you see that?
- 18 A. I do.
- 19 Q. Can you explain your purpose in communicating this
- 20 | information?
- 21 \parallel A. Well, throughout the course of business, we would -- we
- 22 would acquire new retailers. So, it was important to advise
- 23 \parallel them and also remind the other retailers to do the same thing.
- 24 \parallel Q. Did you ever hear, ever, in any time with SSN that they
- 25 | felt that they were anything other than an independent

- contractor responsible for complying with the telemarketing
- 2 | laws?
- 3 A. No, sir.
- 4 $\|$ Q. In your e-mail communications that we went through some of
- 5 them, when a complaint would come up, and you would have back
- 6 and forth, did you -- in those dealings, did you get a sense of
- 7 what they thought their role was?
- 8 MR. GLASSER: Objection. That's a question about --
- 9 THE COURT: Sustained. Sustained.
- 10 BY MR. BICKS:
- 11 Q. In those back and forths with SSN, you dealt with
- 12 Ms. Tehranchi a lot; right?
- 13 | A. I did.
- 14 Q. Did you ever get the impression that she didn't get the
- 15 message here?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 \parallel Q. And in those responses, did you get a sense, in words or
- 18 | substance, that they were taking responsibility for their
- 19 | telemarketing issues?
- 20 A. I did.
- 21 \parallel Q. All right. Now, on this facts blast, you were asked some
- 22 questions on direct kind of about DISH's approach to
- 23 | telemarketing compliance. Remember that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 \parallel Q. And did you come up and perform something called sting

- operations?
- 2 A. I didn't perform them myself, but I worked with the call
- 3 center. Yes, they did.
- $4 \parallel Q$. Yeah. And tell our jury what that was.
- 5 A. Well, a sting can be initiated by either the call center or
- 6 by the customer, if they're willing, and they -- they set up an
- 7 | account with the person who's calling them so that we can have
- 8 some concrete information to identify the retailer.
- 9 Q. And what's the purpose of that?
- 10 A. Primarily, so we can identify the retailer, and then we can
- 11 | take recourse -- take it up with the retailer who's responsible
- 12 for making these calls.
- 13 \parallel Q. And is it sometimes difficult to find out where calls come
- 14 | from?
- 15 $\|$ A. It is. Not as difficult when you're doing a sting; that
- 16 made it easier to do. But, in the -- in the other part of the
- 17 | world, when we would get complaints, it could often be very
- 18 difficult to identify the caller.
- 19 Q. And whose resources and how much was being devoted for
- 20 these kinds of efforts?
- 21 A. DISH's.
- 22 | Q. And describe for our jury how -- how much effort was put
- 23 | into this process.
- 24 \parallel A. We exhausted all -- all areas of research, trying to
- 25 determine who they were, and the sting was one part of that

- when it could be accomplished.
- 2 Q. And on this -- the facts blast, there's a third bullet
- 3 point down that says: EchoStar takes telemarketing violations
- 4 | very seriously. We work with law enforcement officials at all
- 5 | levels to identify those in violation of this policy.
- 6 A. Correct.
- $7 \parallel Q$. Is that true?
- 8 A. That is true.
- 9 $\|$ Q. And can you share with our jury what that's all about?
- 10 A. We were engaged with all the Attorneys General and their
- 11 staffs as it related to any complaints they would get. We
- 12 worked with local -- Colorado locally, so yes, we were involved
- 13 | with them.
- 14 Q. And why did DISH do that?
- 15 $\|$ A. Because it was prudent to have a good relationship with --
- 16 with the people governing the laws, and it was -- and it -- it
- 17 was an expectation.
- 18 Q. And did SSN, in any of your dealings, ever question whether
- 19 | it had to follow the telemarketing laws?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 $\|Q$. Did you believe that you were responsible for ensuring that
- 22 SSN followed the telemarketing laws?
- 23 A. That I was personally responsible?
- 24 Q. Yes.
- 25 A. Absolutely not.

- \mathbb{Q} . Whose responsibility did you believe it to be?
- 2 A. SSN.
- 3 Q. Did that mean that you didn't do anything when you saw a
- 4 | complaint?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Was it important to you personally that SSN comply with the
- 7 | telemarketing laws?
- 8 A. It was -- I was passionate about it.
- 9 Q. Why?
- 10 A. Because it was a reflection of the performance of my team.
- 11 | It was -- it could create bad blood with consumers and be a
- 12 damage to our brand. I mean, there were any myriad of reasons
- 13 | that it was important to try to minimize these risks to our
- 14 | business and theirs.
- 15 | Q. Let me show you -- I want to ask you some questions about
- 16 the e-mails that you were shown. And this was in the 2007,
- 17 | 2008 time period. Are you with me?
- 18 A. I am.
- 19 Q. All right. And you were shown Plaintiff's Exhibit 15.
- 20 MR. BICKS: And can we bring that up, Trudy? I
- 21 | think -- can you go to the next page? It's the page 18. And
- 22 | can you -- can you pull that up, Trudy, the middle e-mail?
- 23 BY MR. BICKS:
- 24 $\|Q$. This is an e-mail you wrote; right?
- 25 | A. It is.

- 1 $\|$ Q. All right. And it says you've only gotten two allegations.
- 2 You say "only," right?
- 3 A. Right.
- $4 \parallel Q$. Can you explain in context what, at the time, you were
- 5 | seeing?
- $6 \parallel A$. At the time, we were seeing a number of TCPA complaints.
- 7 \parallel But, as it related to SSN, I had only gotten two.
- $8 \parallel Q$. And what did you make of that, only two? What did that
- 9 | tell you?
- 10 A. Based on the volume?
- 11 | Q. Yeah.
- 12 A. It wasn't very many.
- 13 Q. And when you say "the volume," the volume of what?
- 14 A. The volume of complaints.
- 15 $\|Q$. Does that mean you didn't investigate these two?
- 16 \mathbb{A} . No, not at all.
- 17 | THE COURT: Okay. I'm hearing some repetition.
- 18 MR. BICKS: All right. Well, I'm sorry, Your Honor.
- 19 BY MR. BICKS:
- 20 \parallel Q. There's reference there to -- you say "righted the wrongs."
- 21 Do you see that?
- 22 A. I do.
- 23 Q. And can you explain what you meant by that?
- 24 A. By this time, I had knowledge about those preexisting
- 25 | issues that had been with the Vitana thing and the

- North Carolina AG, and had understood that to be about
- 2 prerecorded calls. And so, compared to -- you know, compared
- 3 | to the current activity and those two complaints, I felt that
- 4 they had -- they had honored the Court order and they were no
- 5 | longer doing prerecorded calling.
- 6 Q. All right. And this e-mail is February 2007?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. What were the dates of the calls that we're dealing with
- 9 | with Fisher and Mitchell?
- 10 A. 2005.
- 11 | Q. So two years before this time period?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. All right. And you mentioned something called harvester on
- 14 | questioning by Plaintiff's counsel.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Can you tell our jury, as somebody in compliance, what that
- 17 | meant to you?
- 18 MR. GLASSER: Objection.
- 19 THE COURT: Well, overruled. You may answer.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Harvester was an individual who would
- 21 appear frequently in our call lists with different retailers.
- 22 | So -- and they would often reach out directly to the retailer
- 23 | in legal to get financial compensation by sending a letter and
- 24 | saying, okay, if you'll settle this with me, I'll give you a
- 25 certain amount of money. And when we kept seeing these same

people over and over again, these are two of several, many, we tab them the name harvester. 2 3 Having said that, we still investigated the complaint. And, quite often, we would find that they would lead us to 4 5 issues in the retailer's process that could be rectified and 6 remedied, and then they wouldn't get any more of these 7 harvester complaints. But, yes, they -- they were regular 8 complaintiffs [sic]. And would they sign up, have multiple phone numbers? 9 Oh, yes, they did. We had one who had four. 10 11 THE COURT: They would have what? THE WITNESS: Multiple phone numbers. 12 13 THE COURT: Is it okay to call them illegally just because they have multiple phone numbers --14 15 THE WITNESS: No, ma'am. 16 THE COURT: -- and they complain? 17 THE WITNESS: No, ma'am. But, in our research, we would determine that they had -- they had sometimes opted in 18 and gotten calls based on that. They weren't always 19 20 legitimate, but we still -- but they weren't not, either. 21 mean, there was -- there were a portion of them that weren't. 22 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead. BY MR. BICKS:

And I want to show you a couple e-mails that, again, you

went through. If we could look at Plaintiff's Exhibit 15 at

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- 1 page 6. Do you remember this, and we can pull it up on the
- 2 screen. This was the Schooler and Fowler complaints. Do you
- 3 | remember that?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 MR. BICKS: And can we go to that, Trudy? I think
- 6 it's on page 2. Can you pull that up?
- 7 | BY MR. BICKS:
- 8 Q. And you were shown this; right?
- 9 | A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And it says the complaint type is frequent and persistent;
- 11 || right?
- 12 A. It does.
- 13 Q. And is that different than a Do Not Call issue?
- 14 A. It's different only in the sense that the -- it doesn't
- 15 | look like their phone numbers were on the Do Not Call List, and
- 16 | that's not what the customer was complaining about.
- 17 | Q. But did you, nevertheless, investigate those situations?
- 18 A. It's still part of the law.
- 19 $\|Q$. And on to this particular -- this Schooler and Fowler
- 20 | issues. Did SSN respond to you?
- 21 THE COURT: To?
- 22 BY MR. BICKS:
- 23 $\|$ Q. To DISH on this.
- 24 A. I believe they did, yes.
- 25 MR. BICKS: Yeah. And can we look at Plaintiff's 15

- at page 7? You see at the top there? And can we blow that up,

 Trudy? It's tricky with these e-mails because you've got to go

 bottom to top.
- 4 BY MR. BICKS:
- $5 \parallel Q$. Do you see this up at the top, Ms. Musso?
- 6 A. I do.
- Q. And, it's a little hard because not all the words are
 perfect there, but it says: First of all, this is the first
 time -- it looks like -- we got any e-mail in regards to this
 matter. We have checked our database, and both of these
 numbers were taken out last year. And then it says: As soon
 as anyone asks to be put on the DNC, we take them out of our
 database right away. I hope this answers your -- the question,
- 15 | A. I do.

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Q. And what kind of information is that communicating to you in compliance when you get that?

right, the consumer complaints. Do you see that?

- A. That anytime they get a customer complaint, not just from us, but from anybody talking to them, and they -- they request to be removed from their Do Not Call List, they -- and put on
- 21 their Do Not Call List, they do.
- 22 Q. And do you have any reason to think this didn't or wouldn't
- 23 happen?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 \parallel Q. Would you consider something like this, here, a reason to

- terminate a retailer like SSN?
- 2 A. No.
- $3 \mid Q$. Why not?
- 4 A. Because it's not a pattern. It didn't last -- I mean, they
- 5 didn't do it like 100 times; it was two. Oftentimes, two can
- 6 be a mistake. And SSN was always responsive, and the only
- 7 delay in this response was because they hadn't received the
- 8 information. We sent it to the wrong person.
- 9 Q. All right. So these complaints -- this is 2008, one in
- 10 | 2008, one in 2009; right?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. All right. And I then want to focus on, right, the class
- 13 period in this case. Are you with me?
- 14 | A. I am.
- 15 \parallel Q. And just so we orient ourselves, it's May 2010 to
- 16 | August 2011, that 14-month time period?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. All right. Were you shown, to your memory, during your
- 19 | examination by Plaintiff's counsel any complaint that reflected
- 20 a call made during that 14-month class period?
- 21 $\|$ A. I don't recall making that connection.
- 22 | Q. I want to show you an e-mail that you were shown, which was
- 23 DX16, at pages 2 to 3. Do you see that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 \parallel Q. And this -- and you see -- remember, you were asked

- questions?
- 2 MR. BICKS: If we can blow up kind of the middle about
- 3 | that, about phone records.
- 4 BY MR. BICKS:
- 5 Q. You were asked questions, did SSN have phone records?
- $6 \parallel A$. Yes, I was.
- $7 \parallel Q$. What does this on the screen reflect about phone records?
- 8 A. That they were able to get some.
- 9 \parallel Q. And do you see here when it talks about how long the call
- 10 at issue is in this -- in this complaint?
- 11 A. Six seconds.
- 12 Q. And I want to show you again what SSN responded to this.
- 13 MR. BICKS: And this is at pages 1 to 2 at the top, if
- 14 you can go to that, Trudy, where you were to the top of the
- 15 document.
- 16 BY MR. BICKS:
- 17 Q. Is this SSN's response to this complaint?
- 18 A. Yes, it is.
- 19 $\|Q$. And do you see the reference there that says: We had
- 20 previously done business with the customer according to our
- 21 records?
- 22 A. I do.
- 23 Q. And this is from somebody named Rehan; right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 \parallel Q. And tell our jury who Rehan was.

- A. Rehan was their call center manager, operations manager at 2 SSN.
- 3 $\|$ Q. Did you deal with him from time to time?
- 4 A. I did.
- 5 Q. And what was your impression of his competence and the
- 6 | seriousness with which he took the laws?
- 7 A. He -- he was always willing to help, and he never balked at
- 8 having to do so.
- $9 \parallel Q$. And did he provide to you phone records?
- 10 A. He did.
- 11 Q. Okay. And, when he says that they had previously done
- 12 | business with the customer according to our records, and they
- 13 have immediately added both phone numbers we had for the
- 14 customer to the Do Not Call List, what does that convey to you
- 15 and what does it make you think is going on?
- 16 A. That they -- they didn't want to reach out to that customer
- 17 | again. They took the complaint seriously. They added them to
- 18 their list, and that they wouldn't ever call them again.
- 19 $\|Q$. And as somebody who deals with compliance, is it
- 20 | significant to you that they communicate that they had
- 21 previously done business with that customer?
- 22 A. It is.
- 23 $\|$ Q. And tell our jury why, please.
- 24 A. Because SSN felt that they had a customer relationship with
- 25 them, and they were allowed to call.

- Q. And did you follow up, even after hearing that, to ask for more information?
- 3 A. I think I did.
- MR. BICKS: All right. Let's look at DX16, at page 1, please. And we're looking at the bottom. And can you blow that up?

7 BY MR. BICKS:

- Q. It says -- you're asking, after being told that they have a business relationship and they remove the person, you then went
- 10 and said: Did you rescrub?
- 11 A. Yes, I did.
- 12 Q. Why did you take that extra step?
- 13 A. Because I had become aware that EB -- existing business
- 14 relationships were -- some of the laws had changed. Some of
- 15 the states didn't necessarily recognize them, and I thought it
- 16 was prudent that they seek some additional legal advice.
- 17 Q. Were you providing that legal advice to them?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. And you suggest here and you talk about the limitations;
- 20 || right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. And you communicate that information; right?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 MR. BICKS: And if we can go to page 1 and go up,
- 25 | Trudy.

BY MR. BICKS:

- 2 \mathbb{Q} . You were shown this. This is the top of the e-mail chain.
- 3 And you say: When I first came over to Retail Services, there
- 4 were some issues, but not again until now. Right?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. All right. When did you come to Retail Services?
- 7 A. In August of 2006.
- 8 Q. And this e-mail is being written when?
- 9 A. May 17th, 2010.
- 10 Q. So, give or take, about four years?
- 11 | A. Correct.
- 12 Q. All right. And you're communicating here what about
- 13 | exactly what you had seen during that four-year time period?
- 14 A. That I hadn't had any additional issues with them that
- 15 caused me any concern.
- 16 Q. All right. And you go ahead and you point out to them to
- 17 | be cognizant of the EBR and to caution them; right?
- 18 A. I did.
- 19 $\|Q$. What was your purpose in making a statement like that?
- 20 A. Because sometimes, I found with our retailers that they
- 21 weren't always clear on the law, and I wanted to make sure that
- 22 they got clear direction as it related to their particular
- 23 | business model.
- 24 \parallel Q. And is somebody, like PossibleNOW, is this their area of
- 25 | expertise?

- A. Absolutely.
- 2 | Q. And you say in this e-mail that: Possible NOW can help you
- 3 or your legal counsel, particularly if you are calling
- 4 | nationwide. Do you see that?
- 5 | A. I do.
- 6 Q. And what was your expectation when you provide that kind of
- 7 | information?
- 8 A. That they would seek out the clarification.
- 9 Q. All right. And I want to just show and move into
- 10 evidence -- can you look -- Defendant's Exhibit 5. It's a 2008
- 11 | facts blast. It's in your binder.
- 12 MR. BICKS: I'd like to offer that and move it into
- 13 | evidence.
- MR. GLASSER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 15 | THE COURT: It will be admitted.
- 16 BY MR. BICKS:
- 17 | Q. Now, if we can go back to Defendant's Exhibit 16. This is
- 18 | May 17th, 2010, right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And we've gone through the complaints, but the one that --
- 21 the only one you had received going back in time, the last one,
- 22 was the complaint from Dr. Krakauer in May of 2009, right?
- 23 A. That is correct.
- 24 Q. As a compliance manager with experience in this space, when
- 25 \parallel a year goes by and you don't see a complaint, what does that

- tell you?
- $2 \parallel A$. That SSN is following the law and creating good business,
- 3 and they're -- there's no reason for me to have any red flags
- 4 about them.
- 5 | Q. As a compliance manager, you dealt with SSN, right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- $7 \parallel Q$. Did you consider SSN to be DISH's agent?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 $\|$ Q. What did you consider them to be?
- 10 A. An independent contractor, just as the retailer agreement
- 11 | specifies.
- 12 Q. And that's in Joint Exhibit 2, paragraph 11, if we can pull
- 13 | that up. And the jury has seen this. It says: "The
- 14 relationship of the parties hereto is that of independent
- 15 contractors." Do you see that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 | Q. And was that your understanding of how these parties worked
- 18 | together and what their relationship was?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Did SSN ever, in the entire time period you worked with
- 21 | them, come to you and ask to change this agreement?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 \parallel Q. As a compliance manager, was it ever your goal to control
- 24 \parallel the day-to-day activities of SSN?
- 25 A. Absolutely not.

- Q. Why not?
- 2 A. There were not enough hours in the day, and it was not
- 3 something that was under my umbrella, and I never even -- it
- 4 was never even a thought. It wasn't practical. You know, they
- 5 | had their own employees. They were in California. I was in
- 6 | Colorado. It just -- it's not practical, and there was no
- 7 action I could take anyway.
- 8 Q. In dealing with retailers, how do you think they would
- 9 react if you tried to do that?
- 10 A. Well, I can honestly say when I first came on board, it
- 11 took a little while to build relationships of trust. So they
- 12 | would not have liked it.
- 13 Q. Did you ever see in any of your dealings that a retailer
- 14 like SSN felt their information -- their marketing things were
- 15 proprietary to them?
- 16 A. SSN did. All the retailers did.
- 17 \parallel Q. And tell me as it relates to SSN what you saw.
- 18 A. I -- when I -- when we started our Q/A monitoring process,
- 19 they were very reluctant to let the FSDRs in because they
- 20 didn't want anyone to have information about, you know, their
- 21 | actual sales script and how they were -- you know, how they
- 22 were selling. So they didn't want us in there, you know, in
- 23 the middle of their business.
- 24 THE COURT: Well, I don't know what an FSDR is.
- 25 | THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, Your Honor. It's one of

our -- field sales development representative is the acronym.

THE COURT: All right. Go ahead.

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- Q. And is this actually documented in an e-mail that you sent?
- A. I believe it is, yes.
- 6 | Q. All right. Let's look at Defendant's Exhibit 15.

MR. BICKS: And I move it into evidence.

8 MR. GLASSER: No objection.

THE COURT: It will be admitted.

10 MR. BICKS: If we can blow this up a little, Trudy, so

11 we can see it a little bit better. Thank you.

12 BY MR. BICKS:

- 13 Q. Tell us, Ms. Musso, what is this?
- 14 A. We mentioned starting a call monitoring process early in
- 15 | 20 -- early in 2007, I think it was, and Alex -- I had gotten
- 16 | some information that he was a little reluctant to let anyone
- 17 | in his offices, so I reached out to him.
- 18 Q. And the sentence that says "I've heard from the field sales
- 19 | team that you have been reluctant to allow us access to your
- 20 customer service call center, " is that what you're talking
- 21 | about?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 \parallel Q. And what does that tell you about whether or not DISH could
- 24 \parallel control the day-to-day marketing activities of SSN?
- 25 \blacksquare A. That we couldn't.

- 1 Q. You were asked questions about quality assurance and making
- 2 sure customers get accurate information about DISH's products.
- 3 Do you remember that?
- 4 A. I do.
- $5 \parallel Q$. And is that important to DISH?
- $6 \parallel A$. Yes, it is.
- $7 \parallel Q$. And tell our jury why.
- 8 A. First of all, you don't want the customer -- you want to
- 9 make sure that they have an informed buying decision so when
- 10 the installer gets there to do the installation, there are no
- 11 | surprises. When they get their first bill, they know what it's
- 12 going to look like, and as they continue to watch their
- 13 programming and use the purchase, that they don't -- they're
- 14 | happy with the purchase, and, primarily, that's because you
- 15 \parallel want the customers to stay with you. You know, you don't want
- 16 them to leave because of something you've missed in that sales
- 17 process.
- 18 Q. And you described a little bit on questioning from
- 19 | Plaintiff's counsel DISH's quality assurance of, from time to
- 20 | time, listening to calls to make sure that accurate program
- 21 | information was disclosed. Do you remember that?
- 22 A. Yes, I do.
- 23 \parallel Q. Does that have anything to do with whether or not SSN
- 24 decided to do telemarketing, newspaper adds, radio, or the
- 25 details of any of that?

- A. No.
- $2 \parallel Q$. Is -- the decision and how to market and whether to use
- 3 | telemarketing, phones, radio, newspaper, flyers, who makes that
- 4 decision?
- 5 A. The retailer.
- 6 Q. And is DISH able to control that?
- 7 | A. No.
- 8 Q. Does DISH even want to control that?
- 9 A. To the best of my knowledge, no.
- 10 Q. And who actually makes the investments and pays the money
- 11 | to do all that marketing?
- 12 A. The retailer themselves.
- 13 Q. All right. And in any of the calls that were listened to
- 14 for purposes of quality assurance, did you ever hear anything
- 15 | and was it ever brought to your attention that there was any
- 16 issue on a telemarketing compliance problem?
- 17 \parallel A. Not to the best of my knowledge.
- 18 MR. BICKS: All right. Thank you. That's all I have.
- 19 THE COURT: Redirect?

20 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

- 21 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 22 Q. Ms. Musso, you testified a couple of times in your
- 23 | examination from Mr. Bicks that you didn't believe that the
- 24 North Carolina complaint had to do with Do Not Call; it had to
- 25 \parallel do with automessaging. Do you recall that testimony?

- A. And I think I admitted to you that I was mistaken, that I had assumed that.
- 3 Q. Okay. So it did enjoin them to stop them from violating
- 4 | the Do Not Call?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. You said in response to questioning from Mr. Bicks,
- $7 \parallel$ and I wrote it down, that it was often very difficult to
- 8 | identify the call. In other words, you get a complaint, and it
- 9 was very difficult to identify the retailer?
- 10 A. That is correct.
- 11 Q. Okay. And so the vast majority -- so the majority of
- 12 complaints that you got you couldn't actually pin on any of the
- 13 | retailers, right?
- 14 A. I couldn't make them responsible, no, sir.
- 15 Q. So would it be fair to say that at least 75 percent of the
- 16 complaints that came in you couldn't put on any retailer?
- MR. BICKS: Again, Your Honor, I would just ask that
- 18 this be directed to SSN.
- 19 MR. GLASSER: The question --
- 20 THE COURT: Well, I think there were some general
- 21 questions asked. Go ahead. You can answer.
- 22 | THE WITNESS: To be perfectly honest, I don't recall
- 23 the percentage, but it was a large number.
- 24 BY MR. GLASSER:
- 25 \parallel Q. All right. So it could have been even 80 percent?

- A. I don't know what percentage it was.
- 2 \mathbb{Q} . But the majority or even the vast majority of complaints
- 3 received you could never figure out which of the retailers had
- 4 done it, right?
- 5 A. Or if a retailer had done it.
- 6 Q. Okay. So the mere fact that Mr. Bicks has pointed out that
- 7 you got two -- you got Dr. Krakauer and Mr. Campbell, and you
- 8 did see that those Direct-to-DISH campaigns generated those two
- 9 | complaints, doesn't mean there weren't other problems during
- 10 that exact same period, right, because the vast majority of
- 11 complaints you can't link up, right?
- 12 A. That's true.
- 13 Q. And Mr. Bicks asked you about millions of calls. Do you
- 14 remember those questions?
- 15 $\|$ A. Uh-huh, yes, I do.
- 16 Q. And he said, you know, during this whole big period.
- 17 | Aren't complaints -- anybody who's dialed but not connected is
- 18 unlikely to complain. Do you agree?
- 19 $\|$ A. I do to a degree. However, I think in -- if it was
- 20 | Mr. Campbell's record we were looking at, the complaint -- he
- 21 \parallel had a number of complaints that happened relatively quickly.
- 22 | Q. Right, but he was talked to. Somebody tried to switch him.
- 23 | Somebody pretended they were Direct and tried to switch him to
- 24 | DISH. That's different than -- like if you're never connected,
- 25 \parallel how do you even know to call -- if no one ever picks up the

phone, they are not going to call and complain, are they? A. We did have frequent and persistent phone calls from 2 3 customers who would see on their Caller ID that a certain number had called them, and they would find out that it was 4 about a DISH sale, and they would call and complain. 5 Q. Okay. So let me back it up then. Is it fair to say, 6 7 though, that most complaints would arise out of an actual 8 connected call? I would say yes. 10 Q. And so because some people are called more than once, the 11 number of connected calls is materially, materially lower than the amount of attempted calls by any marketer in any reasonable 12 13 period of time, wouldn't you agree? A. Say that again, please. 14 1.5 Q. Okay. So let's say your marketer tried 1.6 million calls 16 and only connected 231,000. The connected calls are a 17 materially lower number than the attempted calls? MR. BICKS: Objection, Your Honor. 18 THE COURT: Well, are -- I don't know what you're 19 20 asking her. 2.1 MR. GLASSER: She asked me to clarify what I was 22 meaning. 2.3 THE COURT: You need to ask a different question. That was not clear. 24

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BY MR. GLASSER:

- 2 Q. When a telemarketer tries to make a call, they often do not
- 3 | connect?
- 4 A. That's true.
- $5 \parallel Q$. Okay. Connected calls generate the vast majority of
- 6 | complaints?
- $7 \parallel A$. I would say that was true.
- 8 | Q. And connected calls often go twice, three, or even four
- 9 times to the same person. So actual called numbers is an even
- 10 lower number, right, than connected calls?
- 11 A. If you put it like that, yes.
- 12 Q. And that's the group that's most likely to complain, that
- 13 group at the bottom that actually connected and talked to
- 14 | someone, right?
- 15 A. And they would have been the most offended.
- 16 Q. Right.
- MR. GLASSER: I don't think I have any further
- 18 questions, Your Honor.
- 19 THE COURT: Anything else on those limited topics?
- 20 MR. BICKS: Yes, thank you.

21 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

- 22 BY MR. BICKS:
- 23 $\|Q$. You were asked about you get information, and then there
- 24 may be some things that you can't ever figure out, right?
- 25 \parallel A. That's true.

When you do your daily job, and you've worked in compliance for however many years, do you act on information that you 2 know, or do you make decisions about things that you have no 3 idea about? 4 5 On information that I know. 6 Q. Thank you. 7 THE COURT: Anything else? 8 MR. GLASSER: No, ma'am. 9 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. You may step down. THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor. 10 11 (The witness left the stand.) THE COURT: You can call your next witness. 12 13 MR. BARRETT: Your Honor, we have a video deposition of Bahar Tehranchi and ask that defense counsel please play 14 that video. 1.5 THE COURT: All right. You all have it set up; is 16 that right? 17 18 MR. BICKS: Yes. I was just --19 THE COURT: First, ladies and gentlemen, let me just 20 tell you what a deposition is. You've heard mention of it, I 2.1 think. A deposition is a pretrial opportunity to take 22 testimony from a witness. The witness is under oath. Lawyers 2.3 are present for both sides. This is an opportunity to ask questions. And, you know, not everybody nationwide can be 24 required to come to court here in North Carolina to testify, so

sometimes, you know, people go to them, or there's other reasons that the testimony is done by deposition. So what 2 you're about to see is deposition testimony given under oath, 3 and you should receive it just as if the witness was sitting 4 5 right there on the witness stand and testifying live in front 6 of you, to the extent that you can. 7 Was there a housekeeping issue? 8 MR. BICKS: Your Honor, one of the jurors had a 9 question. 10 JUROR TWO: What was the name of the person you said just now was going to be on the video monitor? 11 MR. BARRETT: Bahar Tehranchi, Sophie Tehranchi. 12 13 JUROR TWO: Oh, Sophie Tehranchi. Thank you. THE COURT: Sophie. Is there a housekeeping issue? 14 15 Well, just -- I was wondering if the MR. BICKS: 16 Court -- the deposition has both sides' information on it, both 17 sides' designations. Yeah, play it all. 18 THE COURT: 19 MR. BICKS: Yeah. 20 THE COURT: Right. Do we need to talk about this? 2.1 MR. BICKS: No, no, no. I just wanted the Court to 22 know. 2.3 THE COURT: Okay. We're ready if it's -- if the miracles of technology can occur. 24 25 (The video deposition of Bahar Tehranchi was played for the

jury, not reported by reporter.) 2 Excuse me. Can you stop it? THE COURT: 3 Ms. Burgess? I think Ms. Burgess has dosed off on us here. 4 5 Are you all right, Ms. Burgess? I think so. 6 JUROR SIX: 7 THE COURT: Do you need a minute? 8 JUROR SIX: I had an episode earlier, and it must have 9 took my blood down. 10 THE COURT: Do you need a break? 11 JUROR SIX: I might. THE COURT: All right. 12 JUROR SIX: 13 It may have dropped my iron. THE COURT: All right. Why don't we go ahead and take 14 1.5 the afternoon recess, and we'll come back and start right here. 16 So please remember during the break not to talk about the case or form any opinion. I think there's some food back 17 there, Ms. Burgess, and you can have a snack, and we'll come 18 back in 15 minutes. Jurors are excused. You all can remain 19 20 seated. 21 Do you need some help? 22 (The jury left the courtroom at 3:04 p.m.) 2.3 THE COURT: Okay. So, I mean, when I looked over, I thought she was asleep, but I'm not now sure that that's what 24 was going on. She may have just had her eyes closed since she

did respond pretty quickly, but something clearly was not exactly right. 2 3 MR. GLASSER: I mean, she's white as a sheet, Your 4 Honor. THE COURT: Yeah, so, anyway, we'll come back, and 5 I'll check on her to be sure she's going to be able to 6 7 continue. We fortunately have plenty of jurors, so if she's 8 not, we can still go forward. 9 MR. GLASSER: Can we roll the tape back about 10 10 seconds? 11 THE COURT: Yeah, we'll roll it back. Is that possible? I say that. 12 13 MR. GLASSER: I'm sure it is. THE COURT: Maybe we can -- if you all can investigate 14 that, and maybe if we could go back a minute or two just -- I 1.5 16 don't think it happened very long. I was keeping an eye on 17 them. So I don't think she -- to the extent she did miss 18 anything, I don't think it was much. 19 MR. GLASSER: Just in the confusion, it was still 20 running when everything was going on. THE COURT: Exactly, so I do think it's a good idea, 2.1 if we can, to back it up a little bit. I'll just ask you all 22 to check on that. And I think I may need to clarify. I said what I usually 24 say, which is the deposition was taken in this case, which is

obviously not true of this particular deposition. So I'll clarify that with them. I'm sorry about that. I wasn't -- I 2 was saying what I usually say. 3 All right. Is there anything else we need to take up 4 5 before we take a break? MR. GLASSER: No, ma'am. When did you want us back? 6 7 THE COURT: I'm sorry? 8 MS. ECHTMAN: I just want to clarify. Ms. Harris is 9 going to see what she can do. You can't just rewind with this 10 like you could do with an ordinary videotape. So she's going 11 to work on it while we're on a break and see what we can do. THE COURT: That's great. Just let me know. 12 Hopefully, we can back it up or you all -- I say "we." That's 13 the royal we. If you all can back it up a bit. Just let me 14 know when we all get back. Thank you for attempting that. 1.5 We'll give her a few extra minutes. Let's come back at 16 3:20. 17 (An afternoon break was taken from 3:07 p.m. until 18 19 3:25 p.m.) 20 THE COURT: I know it's going to be another minute or 2.1 two before our -- we get to the right place in the deposition. 22 Ms. Sanders has checked with the juror and -- who indicates this is an unexpected health problem. She appears to be better, and Ms. Sanders asked her if she thought she could 24 continue. She said she thought she could. So I figure we'll

give it another try. If she has further problems, I may -I'll ask her if she would prefer to sit on the front row there
near the edge. I don't know that that's going to be any
better, but it's at least easier to get in and out. So I'll
inquire of her about that when -- when she comes in.

And while we're waiting on the system to get to the right place, you know, I know I had given you all a time limit.

Nobody is really expecting that you're going to approach that.

So I'm just going to ask the clerk not to keep time on these — on these depositions because the clerk doesn't know who designated what.

MR. BICKS: Judge, we can split it.

THE COURT: Is that all right?

MR. BICKS: Yeah, that's fine.

THE COURT: Half and half?

MR. BICKS: Yeah.

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THE COURT: Great. It probably doesn't matter at this point because I'm relying on you all to finish in time.

MR. BICKS: Yes.

THE COURT: And the other just housekeeping matter I think she's covered with you all is at some point I just need, for the record, an exhibit that's the hard copy of the transcript that is played to the jury or read to the jury because the court reporter isn't going to take it down again. You know, it's already been taken down again. I would not

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anticipate sending that back to the jury with the other exhibits, but the Court of Appeals might need it if you all go up to visit them after this is over. So that's the easiest way, I think, to make it part of the record.

MR. BARRETT: Yeah.

THE COURT: Just at some point when the jury is not present mark those, and we'll put them into evidence.

MR. BICKS: Can I ask, Your Honor, just thinking on the jury instructions timing, what would be your practice in terms of how we would deal with that?

THE COURT: Well, you know, when things go well, I have a rough draft ready for you at the close of all the evidence, and I send the jury, you know, home or to a long lunch or whatever makes sense, given our timing, and then we have a charge conference on the record working off of my draft.

You know, you all have submitted your instructions. If anybody is going to want me to give anything different or additional, you know, you need to give it to me. I know trials — trials are not a hundred percent predictable. So if you're going to be changing what you're asking me to do or if something comes up that, you know, just didn't occur to you pretrial, you know, and you want me to do something specific, I really need for you to give it to me in writing. If you try to make up a jury instruction orally during the charge conference, my experience is that's not very helpful, in addition to not

really being allowed by our rules. So you do need to give it to me in writing, but I don't know exactly when we'll get to 2 3 the close of the evidence. I'm hoping, you know, it might work out maybe close of business Tuesday or Wednesday. 4 5 Yeah, that was my thinking. MR. BICKS: 6 THE COURT: And, you know, that we would be able to 7 take care of it at that point. 8 Are we ready? Yes. 9 MR. BARRETT: Your Honor, on the deposition 10 designations, the transcripts, we may work on that tonight and 11 bring that in tomorrow morning. THE COURT: Yeah, that's fine. It doesn't have to be 12 13 done today. 14 Yes. Okay. All right. Can you bring the jury in, and you can ask Ms. Burgess if she'd rather sit there on the front 1.5 16 row -- well, just bring them in and have them sit in their 17 ordinary seats. I'll fix it later if she would rather move. (The jury entered the courtroom at 3:30 p.m.) 18 Okay. You feeling better, Ms. Burgess? 19 THE COURT: 20 JUROR SIX: Yes. THE COURT: Ms. Sanders, I believe, asked if you 2.1 thought you were able to continue, and you feel like --22 2.3 JUROR SIX: I can. I know I can. I don't know how that happened so fast. 24 25 THE COURT: Well, you know, I was watching, and it did

happen very fast. So I'm glad you're feeling better, and if you feel anything coming on again, I bet Ms. Miller won't 2 3 object --JUROR SIX: I didn't feel that happen. I'm, like, 4 5 what. 6 THE COURT: We'll keep an eye on you. 7 JUROR SIX: I was seeing that lady talking on there 8 and then --9 THE COURT: Part of the reason we were a little slow 10 getting back to you is we have backed it up just to be sure 11 that nothing got missed, and I know it was continuing to play a little bit when you first became ill. So we have backed it up 12 13 here, and that was part of what took us a little bit longer, 14 and we are ready to proceed. 1.5 Everybody else is okay? All right. Good. 16 All right. We'll resume then Ms. Tehranchi's testimony. 17 (Continuation of the playing of the video deposition of Sophie Tehranchi, not reported by reporter.) 18 THE COURT: Okay. That's the end. All right. 19 20 ahead. MR. BARRETT: Your Honor, I move the admission of 2.1 22 PX22, which was referenced in the video clip as Exhibit 136. 2.3 MR. EWALD: No objection. 24 THE COURT: It will be admitted. 25 MR. EWALD: And, Your Honor, DISH would offer for

1	admission DX22 and DX26.
2	THE COURT: You just moved DX22?
3	MR. BARRETT: I did, PX22.
4	THE COURT: Oh, PX. Okay. I heard D. So Plaintiff's
5	Exhibit 22 is the one that was referenced as Exhibit 136?
6	MR. BARRETT: Yes, Your Honor.
7	THE COURT: All right. That's admitted.
8	And you're moving Defendant's 22 and 26?
9	MR. EWALD: Yes, Your Honor, and Defendant's 26.
10	MR. BARRETT: No objection.
1.1	THE COURT: They'll be admitted. And those are
12	documents referenced in the deposition we just listened to?
13	MR. EWALD: Yes, Your Honor.
14	THE COURT: All right. They'll be admitted. You can
15	call your next witness.
16	MR. BARRETT: Your Honor, the Plaintiff calls David
17	Hill by videotape.
18	THE COURT: Did you say Hill?
19	MR. BARRETT: Yes.
20	THE COURT: This one is a good bit shorter, right?
21	MR. BARRETT: Yes.
22	THE COURT: Ms. Burgess, you doing okay?
23	JUROR SIX: Yes, thank you.
24	THE COURT: All right. You can proceed.
25	(Video deposition of David Hill played for the jury, not

reported by the reporter.) 2 THE COURT: Okay. 3 MR. BARRETT: Your Honor, the Plaintiff would move the admission of that affidavit, which is identified in the 4 5 transcript as Hill 1 and, for purposes of trial, PX2007. No objection. 6 MR. EWALD: 7 It will be admitted. THE COURT: 8 MR. EWALD: And, Your Honor, DISH would offer DX13, 9 which is the Five9 contract referenced in the deposition. 10 MR. BARRETT: No objection. 11 THE COURT: All right. It will be admitted. MR. BARRETT: Your Honor, we call by reading of the 12 transcript Tanya Maslennikov. 13 THE COURT: I'm sorry? Say again. 14 15 MR. BARRETT: Tanya Maslennikov, M-A-S-L-E-N-N-I-K-O-V, with Five9. 16 THE COURT: All right. 17 MR. BARRETT: And I would ask that Matt Norris be 18 19 permitted to take the witness stand to read the transcript. 20 THE COURT: Okay. You can come on up. 2.1 Ladies and gentlemen, I think earlier I told you that these 22 depositions had been taken in this case, and you can see from the dates they were earlier than that. So -- but they were taken by folks with the same or similar interests, and so you 24 should still consider them just like you would as if the

witness were present. 2 And Mr. Norris is going to read Ms. Maslennikov's answers, 3 correct? MR. BARRETT: Yes, Your Honor. 4 5 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead. MR. BARRETT: This is the deposition of Tanya 6 7 Maslennikov. 8 MR. NORRIS: Yes, correct. 9 (Portion of deposition of Tanya Maslennikov read for the 10 jury, not reported by reporter.) 11 JUROR TWO: What's this lady's role? What's her title? 12 I assume they are going to tell us that. 13 THE COURT: I'm sorry. 14 JUROR TWO: 15 This is in an exhibit that I will move MR. BARRETT: 16 into --THE COURT: It's in the exhibits? 17 MR. BARRETT: Yes, yes. And the declaration, which is 18 19 PX1997. It's a declaration that she stated she reviewed during 20 the deposition. THE COURT: Okay. So you're going to find that out? 2.1 22 Your Honor, I don't have any trouble MR. BICKS: 2.3 briefing if he wants to just tell them who it is, if it would be helpful. 24 25 THE COURT:

1 MR. BARRETT: Tanya Maslennikov is an employee of 2 Five9. 3 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead. (Continued of reading of Tanya Maslennikov deposition for 4 5 the jury, not reported by reporter.) 6 MR. BARRETT: Your Honor, no further questions. 7 THE COURT: All right. Were there any? No. Okay. 8 Thank you. 9 MR. BARRETT: Plaintiffs would move the admission of PX197. 10 11 MR. EWALD: No objection. It'll be admitted. 12 THE COURT: 13 That's it for the depositions we will MR. BARRETT: read or play. 14 1.5 THE COURT: Okay. We have another witness. 16 MR. BARRETT: 17 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead. Your Honor, Ms. Echtman is going to handle 18 MR. BICKS: 19 the next witness. 20 THE COURT: Okay. MR. BARRETT: The Plaintiff calls Anya Verkhovskaya. 2.1 22 THE COURT: If I can just ask counsel -- come on up -if and when you all show any of these exhibits that were moved into evidence during the depositions to the witness, if you'd 24 just flag that for the jury this was moved into evidence during

the testimony of whatever witness it was, because, you know, we didn't see them during the deposition, so I think that might be 2 3 helpful to us to -- to the jury and me. MR. BICKS: Will do. 4 5 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead. ANYA VERKHOVSKAYA, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN 6 7 DIRECT EXAMINATION 8 BY MR. BARRETT: Good afternoon. 10 Good afternoon. Α. 11 Please tell the jury your name. Anya Verkhovskaya. 12 Α. 13 And, Ms. Verkhovskaya, how are you? Q. 14 I'm getting over a cold, but I'm better. Thank you. 1.5 You've been here for a while? 16 Yes, since Saturday. Α. 17 Where is home for you? Q.

- Currently, it's in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 18 Α.
- 19 And do you have children? Q.
- 20 Α. Yes, I have three children.
- 21 Where do you work?
- 22 I currently work at DRRT and A.B. Data. Α.
- 2.3 Q. DRRT, is that a new job?
- 24 Yes, it is. Α.
- All right. What is A.B. Data?

- 1 \parallel A. A.B. Data is data processing and claims -- class action
- 2 claims administration company.
- 3 Q. And what work did you do there?
- $4 \mid A$. I was the partner and chief operating officer for nearly 18
- 5 | years.
- $6 \parallel Q$. And are you still employed there?
- $7 \parallel A$. I work there as a consultant at this time.
- 8 Q. And how long were you at A.B. Data?
- 9 A. Nearly 18 years.
- 10 Q. And do you like your work there?
- 11 A. Very much so.
- 12 Q. What did you like about it?
- 13 A. I like working with data. I've been working with data my
- 14 | entire life and that's what I enjoyed.
- 15 Q. What work were you asked to do in this case?
- 16 A. In this case, I was asked to analyze Five9 records.
- 17 $\|$ Q. And the jury has just seen and you were present in the
- 18 courtroom for some discussion of the Five9 records, correct?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 \parallel Q. And did you analyze those records and are you here to
- 21 | testify regarding their content?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- 23 \parallel Q. Okay. What I'd like to do -- specifically what were you
- 24 asked to do with respect to the Five9 records?
- 25 A. Sure. I was asked to analyze those call records to

- 1 determine how many phone numbers were on the not call
- 2 registry -- National Do Not Call Registry for 30 days and
- 3 greater, received two phone calls within 12-month period, and
- 4 were nonbusiness numbers, as well as non-DISH customers.
- 5 | Q. And, Ms. Verkhovskaya, you have an accent?
- 6 A. Yes.
- $7 \parallel Q$. I'm going to ask you some questions about your background.
- 8 Where did you grow up?
- 9 \parallel A. I was born and grew up in Moscow, then former Soviet Union.
- 10 Q. And how did you get to the United States?
- 11 A. I came to the United States as a political refugee.
- 12 Q. And how old were you?
- 13 A. I was 20 years old.
- 14 Q. What were the circumstances of your becoming a political
- 15 | refugee?
- 16 A. Well, then the former Soviet Union was still a Communist
- 17 | country and I was always a fighter for human rights and I was
- 18 | not -- my political views did not align with Communist views of
- 19 | human rights and I was active in various movements, plus being
- 20 | Jewish did not help the entire process.
- 21 \parallel Q. And so you were 20 years old when you got to the United
- 22 | States, right?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 Q. Did you speak English?
- 25 A. No, I did not.

- Q. Did you come alone?
- $2 \parallel A$. I came with some people I knew, but no family.
- 3 | Q. What did you do when you got to the United States?
- 4 A. Well, very quickly I realized that in order to be
- 5 successful I have to go to college, so it was in less than four
- 6 weeks I enrolled into college.
- 7 Q. What college did you attend?
- 8 A. Molloy College.
- 9 $\|Q$. And why Molloy College?
- 10 A. Well, that was the only college that would allow me to
- 11 study English and graduate with bachelor's of science degree in
- 12 expedited manner.
- 13 Q. And why were you interested in graduating quickly?
- 14 A. Well, as a political refugee, I didn't have a lot of money
- 15 and I wanted to support myself in a better way.
- 16 Q. And so Molloy College is in New York, correct?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. And what was your degree in?
- 19 A. I graduated in degree -- with degree in pediatric oncology.
- 20 | I was a nurse. And pediatric oncology means that I worked with
- 21 children who had cancer.
- 22 | Q. And what did -- how long did you work as a nurse?
- 23 A. A little over a year.
- 24 \parallel Q. And after working for a year, what did you do next for
- 25 ∥work?