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1 PROCEEDINGS
2 (HANNEMANN Exhibits 1 through 4 were marked
3 for identification and retained by counsel.)
4 (NEIL HANNEMANN, having been duly sworn, testified as
5 follows:)
6 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR PETITIONER
7 BY MR. ANGILERI:
8 Q Can you state your name for the record,
9 please?
10 **A Neil Hannemann.**
11 Q Mr. Hannemann, the reporter has marked, as
12 Exhibits 1 through 4, documents that I expect we'll get
13 into today.
14 What is Exhibit 1?
15 **A Exhibit 1 is the declaration that I prepared**
16 **in this matter.**
17 Q And this matter is IPR 2014-00570?
18 **A That's correct.**
19 Q Concerning -- strike that.
20 What's Exhibit 2?
21 **A Exhibit 2 is U.S. Patent 8,214,097.**
22 Q And that's the patent that's at issue in this
23 IPR?
24 **A That's correct.**
25 Q We sometimes call it the '097 patent?

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1 **A That's correct.**
2 Q What is Exhibit 3?
3 **A It's Patent Number 5,343,970.**
4 Q Sometimes we call that the '970 patent?
5 **A That's correct.**
6 Q That's part of the prior art that's at issue
7 in this IPR?
8 **A Yes, it is.**
9 Q What is Exhibit 3?
10 **A It's an SAE paper, 950493, titled "The Effects**
11 **of APU Characteristics on the Design of Hybrid Control**
12 **Strategies for Hybrid Electric Vehicles."**
13 Q One of the named authors is a person named
14 Catherine Anderson. Correct?
15 **A That's correct.**
16 Q And as a result, we sometimes refer to this as
17 the Anderson paper or just Anderson?
18 **A Yes.**
19 Q What did you do to prepare for this deposition
20 and the depositions that you've had yesterday and today?
21 **A Well, I --**
22 MR. GUARNIERI: And I'll just caution him not
23 to get into any privileged communications.
24 But you can answer.
25 **A I came here last week to meet with counsel and**

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1 **review the declaration, the prior art, and the patent.**
2 Q When did you come here last week to meet with
3 counsel?
4 **A On Wednesday.**
5 Q How long were you here?
6 **A Probably about most of the day, the normal**
7 **workday.**
8 Q Did you leave at the end of the day?
9 **A Yes.**
10 Q Where did you go? Did you go back home?
11 **A No, no, I stayed in Washington. I met for**
12 **three days last week. I arrived here Wednesday and met**
13 **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.**
14 Q With counsel?
15 **A Yes.**
16 Q Did you prepare at all on Monday?
17 **A Yes, I did.**
18 Q Did you -- were you on any flights on Monday?
19 **A Yeah, I flew back here Monday.**
20 Q From where?
21 **A I was actually in Texas.**
22 Q So you were in Washington, D.C., Wednesday,
23 Thursday, Friday of last week meeting with counsel for
24 Paice?
25 **A Yes.**

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1 Q And then you left Washington, D.C.
2 **A Yes.**
3 Q And then you came back on Monday?
4 **A That's correct.**
5 Q Who did you meet with on Wednesday, Thursday
6 and Friday last week?
7 **A Well, at various times Mr. Guarnieri,**
8 **Mr. Marcus, and Ms. Kordziel.**
9 MR. GUARNIERI: For the record I think he's
10 referring to Mr. Livedalen, Brian.
11 THE WITNESS: Oh, sorry.
12 Q How did you prepare the declaration that's
13 been marked as Exhibit 1?
14 **A Quite a while ago, I reviewed all the material**
15 **that was the prior art and the patent and had -- I came**
16 **here to Washington to meet with counsel and discuss all**
17 **the elements, the technical matters.**
18 **And then I worked with counsel to, you know,**
19 **draft up various portions of this, or add or work through**
20 **a draft until arriving at this product.**
21 Q Did counsel prepare first drafts of any
22 portions of Exhibit 1?
23 **A Yeah, there were some portions that they**
24 **drafted up initially.**
25 Q Do you know which portions?

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1 **A You know, I might be able to pick some out.**
2 **I'm not sure I would be getting all of them correct.**
3 Q Which portions of Section 8 did counsel
4 prepare the first draft of?
5 **A That's one where I'm not sure which section**
6 **started with counsel or myself.**
7 Q Can you identify any section that you prepared
8 the first draft of?
9 **A Yeah. My memory is probably not that good to**
10 **go back and define it to that level of detail.**
11 Q The other declarations that we marked in 571
12 and 579 depositions that were yesterday and today -- do
13 you recall those declarations?
14 **A Yes.**
15 Q Were they prepared in a similar manner as the
16 manner you just described --
17 **A Yeah.**
18 Q -- in Exhibit 1?
19 **A Yeah, in a similar manner.**
20 Q And for those two declarations, can you recall
21 any section that you prepared the first draft of?
22 **A Some of the sections and probably the more**
23 **technical sections are probably ones that I prepared.**
24 **And, certainly, my background is something that I**
25 **started.**

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1 Q Is there anything specifically that you can
2 identify as preparing the first draft of other than your
3 background?
4 **A Specifically in this declaration, or are you**
5 **talking the other ones also?**
6 Q Any of the three.
7 **A Any of them. I just don't remember which ones**
8 **I started or somebody else may have started.**
9 Q How much time did you spend preparing or
10 working on -- strike that.
11 How much time did you spend -- strike that.
12 How much time have you spent in these three
13 proceedings, 570, 571 and 579?
14 **A I don't think I've really tracked my time for**
15 **each proceeding, so that's hard to say.**
16 Q What about the three proceedings combined?
17 **A Well, these have overlapped with three other**
18 **proceedings that are ongoing now, so it would be hard to**
19 **really break that out.**
20 Q Can you tell me how much time you've spent on
21 the -- strike that.
22 How many proceedings have you worked on for
23 Paice thus far?
24 **A The six that I've prepared declarations for.**
25 Q How much time have you spent on those six

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1 declarations?
2 **A I really don't have any idea, as I sit here.**
3 Q Do you know how much time you spent on all six
4 of those proceedings combined?
5 **A Not really.**
6 Q Do you know how much you've billed Paice for
7 these six proceedings?
8 **A I would have invoices, but I don't have those**
9 **with me.**
10 Q Can you estimate to within \$100,000 of how
11 much you've billed Paice?
12 **A Sure. I think it's pretty safe to say it's**
13 **less than \$100,000.**
14 Q Is it less than \$50,000?
15 **A It's really hard to say without checking, but**
16 **it's likely that it is.**
17 Q Is it less than \$25,000?
18 **A Probably not.**
19 Q Can you look at Exhibit 3, please?
20 **A (Witness complies.)**
21 Q Exhibit 3 is the '970 patent. Correct?
22 **A Yes.**
23 Q The '970 patent describes a parallel system.
24 Is that correct?
25 **A Yes, it does.**

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1 Q Does the '970 patent have a mode where only
2 the motor is used to propel the vehicle?
3 **A Yes, it does.**
4 Q And does it have a mode where only the engine
5 is used to propel the vehicle?
6 **A Yes, it does.**
7 Q Does it have a mode where the engine and the
8 motor are both used to propel the vehicle?
9 **A Yes, it does.**
10 Q When the motor is used to propel the vehicle,
11 is the engine disconnected from the wheels through a
12 clutch?
13 MR. GUARNIERI: I'm going to object to the
14 extent it calls for speculation.
15 **A Figure 3 shows a clutch, and up through**
16 **Figure 9 shows a clutch. So at least the ones disclosed**
17 **in those figures appear to use a clutch to disconnect the**
18 **engine.**
19 Q Is it true that in order to run in the
20 motor-only mode for the '970 patent, you actually have to
21 disconnect the engine from the wheels?
22 **A Are you speaking generically or in the scope**
23 **of this patent?**
24 Q In the '970 patent.
25 **A I don't recall seeing any language where it**

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1 **specifically requires the clutch be disconnected.**
2 Q If the clutch doesn't disconnect the engine,
3 would you agree, then, that the engine would always have
4 to be running?
5 **A Unless there's some mechanism within what they**
6 **describe as a torque transfer unit that could allow the**
7 **unit to --**
8 THE REPORTER: A torque trans?
9 THE WITNESS: Torque transfer unit.
10 Q Do you agree that for the -- to run in a
11 motor-only mode, somehow -- strike that.
12 Do you agree that for the '970 to run in the
13 motor-only mode and not -- strike that.
14 Do you agree that for the '970 patent to run
15 in the motor-only mode, it somehow has to disconnect the
16 engine from the wheels in order to do that?
17 **A I would think that's a reasonable thing to do.**
18 **I just don't see where it specifically states that.**
19 Q Do you think that's how a person of ordinary
20 skill in the art would understand the '970 patent?
21 **A I think in the presence of the clutch, that's**
22 **how someone would understand it operated.**
23 Q So just to be clear, a person of skill in the
24 art would understand that when the '970 patent is running
25 in motor-only mode, it's using the clutch to disconnect

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1 the engine from the wheels. Do you agree with that
2 statement?
3 **A Yes, I do.**
4 Q Do you agree that an object of the invention
5 of the '970 patent is reducing emissions?
6 **A I think that's an aspirational goal, to reduce**
7 **emissions, yes.**
8 Q In fact, if you look at Column 5, Lines 24 to
9 30, isn't that the first stated object of the invention
10 in the '970 patent?
11 **A Yes.**
12 Q Do you agree that in the acceleration
13 hill-climbing mode of the '970 patent, the motor is used
14 to supplement the engine?
15 MR. GUARNIERI: Objection. Assumes facts not
16 in evidence and calls for speculation.
17 **A Yeah, I agree in the high-speed**
18 **acceleration/hill-climbing mode, both the internal**
19 **combustion engine and the electric motor provide torque**
20 **to the road wheels.**
21 Q Do you agree, then, that in that situation,
22 the engine is providing less than the amount of torque
23 required to operate the vehicle?
24 **A Yeah. You have torque coming from both the**
25 **engine and the motor, so neither one is providing the**

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1 **total power required. So they're both providing less.**
2 Q Do you agree that the '970 patent can enter an
3 acceleration hill-climbing mode before it reaches the
4 engine's MTO or minimum torque output?
5 **A Yeah. According to the '970, it enters that**
6 **mode based on vehicle speed.**
7 Q And that can -- I don't agree with you there,
8 but you agree that can happen before the engine reaches
9 its maximum torque output or MTO?
10 MR. GUARNIERI: Objection. Form.
11 **A Yeah. And I guess the word "reaching" implies**
12 **that the engine is already on. So if the engine is not**
13 **already on, it's not going to reach any torque.**
14 Q Are you saying that the '970 can enter
15 acceleration hill-climbing mode by starting with the
16 motor and then adding the engine?
17 **A I think that's one way it can enter that mode,**
18 **yes.**
19 Q And obviously in that case you are using both
20 the motor and the engine in a situation where the engine
21 has not yet hit its maximum torque output. Correct?
22 **A Yeah. I think that there's points in the**
23 **high-speed acceleration/hill-climbing mode where the**
24 **engine is not at its maximum torque.**
25 Q And you're using the motor and the engine at

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1 those times. Right?
2 **A Yes.**
3 Q Do hybrid vehicles use AC motors or DC motors?
4 **A I would say most of them use AC motors**
5 **currently. There have been some that have used DC motors**
6 **in the past.**
7 Q In the past, were DC motors a better fit?
8 MR. GUARNIERI: Objection. Vague.
9 **A Yeah. It depends on the design goals and the**
10 **design criteria.**
11 Q Which is a better -- which is better to use?
12 AC motors or DC motors?
13 MR. GUARNIERI: Same objection. Vague.
14 **A Yeah. It depends on what's important in your**
15 **design. If it's performance, weight, cost, all those**
16 **issues can drive a different design decision.**
17 Q Is a person of ordinary skill in the art going
18 to consider those design criteria, that you just
19 mentioned, when making a choice between AC and DC motors?
20 **A Yeah. I think every choice designing a car**
21 **has cost, weight, and performance implications.**
22 Q So would a person of ordinary skill in the art
23 consider the factors you identified in choosing between
24 AC and DC motors?
25 **A Those are some of the factors they would**

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