



1 Before The  
2 FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
3 Washington, D.C. 20554

4 In re: Applications of : MM Docket No. 99-153  
5 READING BROADCASTING, INC., :  
6 For Renewal of License of : File No. BPCT-940407KF  
7 Station WTVE (TV), Channel :  
8 51, Reading, Pennsylvania :  
9 and : File No. BPCT-940630KG  
10 ADAMS COMMUNICATIONS :  
11 CORPORATION :  
12 For Construction Permit for :  
13 a New Television Station :  
14 to Operate on Channel 51, :  
15 Reading, Pennsylvania :

16 DEPONENT: JAMES TROUTMAN

17 DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 3, 2000  
18 at 2:56 p.m.

19 LOCATION: Berks County Bar Association Building  
20 544 Court Street  
21 Reading, Pennsylvania

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1                   P R O C E E D I N G S

2                   JAMES TROUTMAN,

3 was called as a witness and, having been first duly  
4 sworn by the Reporter-Notary Public, was examined and  
5 testified as follows:

6 BY MR. COLE:

7           Q       Good afternoon, Mr. Troutman. Could you  
8 state your name and address for the record, please?

9           A       Yes. My name is James P. Troutman. My  
10 address is 603 North 4th Street, Hamburg, PA 19526.

11          Q       And, Mr. Troutman, just by way of  
12 introduction, you and I have met before; but, for the  
13 record, I'll state I'm Harry Cole, counsel for Adams  
14 Communications Corporation, which is an applicant for a  
15 construction permit for Channel 51 here in Reading.

16                   On my right is Mr. Tom Hutton, who is  
17 counsel for Reading Broadcasting, Incorporated, which  
18 is the current licensee of Channel 51. And on your  
19 left is Mr. Frank McCracken, or Reverend Frank  
20 McCracken, who is --

21                   MR. COLE: I'm sorry. Reverend, or what  
22 do you -- I want to be right on this.

23                   MR. McCracken: Frank McCracken is fine.

24 BY MR. COLE:

25          Q       -- is Frank McCracken, who is a principal

1 of Reading Broadcasting Incorporated and is attending,  
2 I assume, in that capacity.

3 Obviously, if you have any questions or do  
4 not understand any questions which I you ask you or Mr.  
5 Hutton asks you, please feel free to stop and ask for  
6 clarification, and we will do everything we can to make  
7 sure you're comfortable with the questions and with  
8 your answers. If you want to take a break, get a drink  
9 of water, what have you, please let us know.

10 Having said all that, let me ask this. Am  
11 I correct that you are appearing here pursuant to a  
12 Notice of Deposition and Subpoena which were served on  
13 you by Adams Communications Corporation?

14 A That is correct.

15 Q What is your current position, employment  
16 position?

17 A I am the Berks County clerk of courts.

18 Q How long have you been the Berks County  
19 clerk of courts?

20 A It was 12 years this January, so I am  
21 starting my 13th year.

22 Q I assume that's not unlucky, but I don't  
23 know.

24 A Not for me it's not.

25 Q Perhaps you should do it in terms of the

1 number of terms you've been in. That is an elected  
2 position, is it not?

3 A That is.

4 Q And how long is each term?

5 A Four years. So I'm starting my fourth  
6 term.

7 Q Now, you said your residence is in  
8 Hamburg?

9 A That is correct.

10 Q Where is that in relation to Reading?

11 A It's north of Reading. It's actually at  
12 the northernmost tip of Berks County.

13 Q And how long have you been a resident in  
14 Berks County at one address or another?

15 A At the same address for just about 25  
16 years.

17 Q Close enough. And could you briefly state  
18 for the record what your responsibilities as clerk of  
19 courts are?

20 A I am the record keeper for all criminal  
21 records of Berks County. It's my job to make sure that  
22 the criminal records are made available for the court  
23 when they so desire those records. And, of course, the  
24 public has access to the records also.

25 Q In your position as clerk of courts, do

1 you have occasion to attend meetings of the Berks  
2 County Commission?

3 A The Berks County Commissioners meetings?

4 Q Yes.

5 A I have attended Berks County Commissioner  
6 meetings for approximately 12 years.

7 Q Would that be every meeting or occasional  
8 meetings?

9 A My attendance record is pretty good. It's  
10 normally a pre-commissioners meeting on Tuesday, and  
11 the actual commissioners meeting on Thursday. And I  
12 think I attend -- or my attendance has been fairly  
13 regular for the past 12 years.

14 Q And that is part of your responsibilities  
15 as clerk of courts?

16 A I make it my responsibility because it  
17 allows me to know what's going on in the County  
18 government and what impact it may or may not have on my  
19 office.

20 Q Are you familiar with the Reading Eagle?

21 A Yes, I am.

22 Q And Mr. Medaglia took exception to a  
23 question along these lines, and I tried not to make it  
24 loaded, so let me ask you again but try to address the  
25 concern Mr. Medaglia expressed. In your view has the

1 Reading Eagle historically reported with reasonable  
2 accuracy County Commission activities during the period  
3 since you've been attending County Commission meetings?

4 A I would say with reasonable accuracy.

5 Q I tried to give you as much out as  
6 possible.

7 A Yeah.

8 Q And I understand that there are always  
9 questions about that. Let me show you some excerpts  
10 and just see if we're talking about the same things.

11 MR. COLE: Madam Reporter, I would like to  
12 have marked for identification Troutman Exhibit No. 1.

13 (Whereupon, Troutman Exhibit No. 1 was  
14 marked for identification, Photocopy of Reading Eagle.)

15 BY MR. COLE:

16 Q This is, Mr. Troutman, a collection of  
17 eight pages of excerpts from various additions of the  
18 Reading Eagle during the period 1989 to 1994. And you  
19 don't need to review the whole thing if you don't want,  
20 but obviously you can look at any part you care to.

21 But I'm interested, for example, in the  
22 first page, which down at the bottom because of our --  
23 or I'll also tell you just so you'll know -- this is an  
24 excerpt from an exhibit which Adams has offered into  
25 evidence down in Washington, and therefore it has its

1 own set of page numbers down in the lower right-hand  
2 corner, Adams Exhibit 2, and then there are typed page  
3 numbers, and this starts with Page 18, Page 19, Page  
4 20.

5           So the first page of what I've handed to  
6 you which bears the page number Page 18 has an article  
7 in the middle of the page about County cuts losses,  
8 snaps up landfill deals, which as I understand it  
9 involve matters which were brought before the Berks  
10 County Commissioners and which they voted on. Is that  
11 a correct understanding?

12           A       Yes, it is.

13           Q       And the following page appears to include  
14 further discussion or another article about Berks  
15 County Commissioners and actions taken with respect to  
16 certain dumping proposals. Do you see that in the  
17 upper right-hand corner?

18           A       Yes.

19           Q       And that also would have been business  
20 before the Berks County Commission?

21           A       Right.

22           Q       Same thing with the next page, which is  
23 the lower right-hand corner number Page 20, again,  
24 reference to the trash pacts. And by the way, just so  
25 we'll know, these were all articles taken from the

1 Reading Eagle September 29, 1989. Same question, the  
2 matters addressed in the article at the top entitled,  
3 Officials mostly pleased with trash pacts, the same  
4 general area of discussing trash-related or landfill  
5 related matters before the County Commission.

6 A That is correct.

7 Q And the next page which is numbered in the  
8 lower right-hand corner Page 22 is from the Saturday,  
9 September 30th, 1989 issue of the Eagle, and it also  
10 has another solid waste deal kind of a reaction piece,  
11 I guess would be the way to describe it. Would you  
12 agree with that?

13 A Yes, I would.

14 Q And the next page, which is Page 38 in,  
15 again, the lower right-hand, although it's partially  
16 obscured by photograph, includes an article in the  
17 upper right-hand corner entitled, Tax policy reversed  
18 by County. Do you see that?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Would that have been a matter brought  
21 before the Berks County Commissioners?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Do you recall that?

24 A If it refers to the personal property tax  
25 -- and I'm not sure; it's really hard to read here --

1 but if it refers to the personal property tax that was  
2 brought before the County Commissioners -- and that's  
3 probably what it does refer to -- I remember it being  
4 before the County Commissioners.

5 Q And just so the record is clear, we've now  
6 moved to the Reading Eagle of January 19 --

7 A That's what --

8 Q I'm sorry. You said that is --

9 A That is correct. It is the personal  
10 property tax issue that was brought up, and I remember  
11 the County Commissioners voting on that particular  
12 issue and the ramifications that it had for the impact  
13 on the County budget at the time.

14 Q What were those ramifications?

15 A Well, as I recall, it was a fairly  
16 significant amount of money that would have to be made  
17 up in other areas, which this particular issue turned  
18 out to be right on target because I believe one of the  
19 appellate courts reversed certain counties that did not  
20 repeal the personal property tax. And I think  
21 Montgomery County was one of them, and it cost them a  
22 great deal of money that they had to make up. So it  
23 was the right decision by the commissioners when they  
24 made it. But I remember it.

25 Q And the next page, which in the lower

1 right-hand corner is Page 55, is a page taken from  
2 February 25, 1990, the Reading Eagle. Again, in the  
3 upper right-hand corner is an article entitled, New  
4 bond plans would hike taxes. Is that, again, something  
5 that would come before the Berks County Commission?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And would this be along the same lines as  
8 the one we just talked about in terms of the reversal  
9 of the personal property tax that it relates to  
10 taxation budgetary matters countywide?

11 A Yes. And without reading the story in  
12 detail, you know, we had a lot of bond issues come  
13 before the Berks County Board of Commissioners. So  
14 dependent on which one this was, you know, I'd have to  
15 know exactly which one it was, but there were a number  
16 of bond issues that came before the County  
17 Commissioners over the past 12 years.

18 Q Point fairly taken. And just one last  
19 page, the next page, which shows as Page 56 in the  
20 lower right-hand corner. In there there's an article,  
21 Private firms given nod to handle trash in Berks. And  
22 now we're back off of bond and taxation and back into  
23 trash. Would that be a fair statement? Is this the  
24 same general question which we saw in earlier articles  
25 about trash disposal and landfills and stuff like that,

1 or is this another issue?

2 A No. I think what this has to do was,  
3 without reading the article, my recollection is that  
4 this came about because of I believe a United States  
5 Supreme Court decision with regards to trash flow. And  
6 you couldn't control -- in other words, government  
7 couldn't mandate exactly who was going to do this and  
8 where it was going to go and who was going to pick it  
9 up, and that's -- without reading the story, that's my  
10 recollection of how this came back to private trash  
11 haulers.

12 But there were a lot of issues that came  
13 before the County Commissioners with regards to that.  
14 The incinerators and everything else were talked about  
15 with regards to landfills and trash and trash flow.  
16 And I believe that it was a United States Supreme Court  
17 that said that you couldn't mandate exactly who was  
18 going to do it and how it was going to go and that type  
19 of thing.

20 Q Now, Mr. Troutman, to the best of your  
21 knowledge and recollection, and put yourself in the  
22 period from 1989 to 1994, was any meeting of the Berks  
23 County Commissioners ever covered in any way on the air  
24 by Channel 51?

25 A To the best of my knowledge and

1 recollection, I do not recall seeing a Channel 51  
2 camera in any County Commissioner meeting, that I can  
3 recall.

4 Q And do you have any recollection during  
5 the period of 1989 to 1994 of ever being contacted  
6 yourself by any representative of Channel 51 concerning  
7 the activities of the Berks County Commissioners?

8 A No, I have no recollection of that.

9 Q And do you have any recollection of ever  
10 having been contacted yourself by any representative of  
11 Channel 51 inquiring about the activities of your  
12 office as clerks of courts?

13 A No.

14 Q How often are elections held in Reading,  
15 or Berks County if there's a difference?

16 A How often?

17 Q Yes.

18 A Well, I would say every two years.  
19 Somebody is running every two years.

20 Q And Mr. Medaglia mentioned earlier on that  
21 there were primaries. So would there be, in effect,  
22 two sets of elections each election year or so?

23 A Yes; each election cycle. Yes, there  
24 would be a primary and a general election.

25 Q And this is one thing I probably should

1 have asked Mr. Medaglia because he was -- he certainly  
2 seemed to know a lot about it. Berks County is in the  
3 6th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. Is that  
4 correct?

5 A That's correct.

6 Q And wasn't there a plan at some point to  
7 eliminate the 6th Congressional District?

8 A Yes, there was. There was a plan to  
9 eliminate the 6th Congressional District. Actually, it  
10 will be -- the plan was talked about I believe eight  
11 years ago because we're coming up the election this  
12 time for Congress, should Mr. Holden be successful, he  
13 would have served -- if he wins this election he would  
14 have served ten full years in Congress, which is five  
15 election periods.

16 The census takes place in 2000, and they  
17 will determine where the lines are drawn. Pennsylvania  
18 is going to lose a U.S. -- one U.S. House seat and  
19 possibly two because of loss of population in the state  
20 of Pennsylvania.

21 Q Let me just -- this isn't a memory  
22 contest. Let me refer you to what we have identified  
23 as Troutman Exhibit 1, the newspaper articles. Look at  
24 the very last page, which in the lower right-hand  
25 corner bears the pagination Page 69. And do you see

1 the article across the top, Ruling saves the 6th  
2 District?

3 A Oh, yeah.

4 Q Is that what you're talking about in terms  
5 of the non-elimination of the 6th District?

6 A Yeah. I might even be mentioned in that  
7 article.

8 Q Oh, really?

9 A Yeah, because that was -- I ran in that  
10 primary for that seat. But my attention now turns to  
11 O'Pake because he was the individual who was most  
12 likely to run for that. He fooled everybody by not  
13 running for it.

14 Q Well, I'm curious as to why not, but  
15 that's completely off the track here.

16 All right. Now, you said earlier on  
17 you've run four times for clerk of courts. Am I  
18 remembering that correctly?

19 A That's correct.

20 Q And did you also have four primaries in  
21 connection with each of those, or were you unopposed in  
22 the primaries?

23 A Well, yeah; but you -- yeah. You still  
24 run whether you're opposed or unopposed. You're on the  
25 ballot in the primary. So yes, I would have ran eight

1 times during that period of time.

2 Q And in any of your elections did you ever  
3 advertise on Channel 51?

4 A No.

5 Q Why not?

6 A I don't know. I didn't advertise because  
7 I didn't think it was a media that would benefit me in  
8 my political reelection or election.

9 Q Did you ever appear in any  
10 election-related programming on Channel 51 during any  
11 of your candidacies?

12 A Not to the best of my knowledge. I have  
13 no recollection of appearing on Channel 51.

14 Q Do you know whether during the period 1989  
15 to 1994 if Channel 51 provided any news coverage of any  
16 local, state, or federal elections?

17 A Not to my knowledge.

18 Q You have a television in your home, don't  
19 you?

20 A I have a lot of televisions. I like  
21 television. I have a lot of televisions.

22 Q Do you have one in your office too?

23 A No, I don't. I wish I did, but I don't.

24 Q But you have one in your home. And did  
25 you have occasion to watch Channel 51 at any time

1 between 1989 and 1994, at which time -- and I think the  
2 record is clear in this case -- that the station was  
3 airing primarily Home Shopping Network programming?

4 A I don't use any of the Home Shopping  
5 Networks. To the best of my knowledge, I did not. It  
6 doesn't mean that when I was channel surfing that I may  
7 not have stopped and looked there, but I have no  
8 recollection of doing that.

9 Q It wasn't something that you sat down and  
10 watched yourself?

11 A No.

12 Q If you wanted to watch television coverage  
13 of local news and events, local to Reading, what would  
14 you watch during the period of 1989 to 1994, if you  
15 recall?

16 A I would say during that period of time it  
17 was Channel 8 out of I think Lancaster.

18 MR. COLE: I have nothing else.

19 BY MR. HUTTON:

20 Q The stories from the Reading Eagle in  
21 Troutman Exhibit 1 that you were asked about, do you  
22 know if those stories were covered by any TV or radio  
23 station in this area?

24 A Do I know unquestionably?

25 Q Just your best recollection.

1           A       There's a possibility that Channel 8 may  
2 have covered some of it very early on. Channel 8 used  
3 to come, in the very early years, to some of the County  
4 Commissioner meetings, which is not the case today  
5 because of more local coverage here.

6           Q       And are you familiar at all with any  
7 public affairs programming that WTVE aired during the  
8 1989 to 1994 time frame?

9           A       Is that Channel 51?

10          Q       Yes.

11          A       I don't have a recollection of it myself.

12                   MR. HUTTON: I would like to have this  
13 marked as Troutman Exhibit 2.

14                   (Whereupon, Troutman Exhibit No. 2 was  
15 marked for identification, Issues and Programs Report,  
16 Second Quarter, 1993.)

17 BY MR. HUTTON:

18          Q       You haven't seen this before.

19          A       No.

20          Q       This is excerpts from Channel 51 Issues  
21 and Programs Report for the second quarter of 1993.  
22 And beginning on the page that's -- or on the bottom of  
23 the page that's hand marked 22 in the bottom right-hand  
24 corner there are descriptions of some public affairs  
25 programs that the station aired during that time frame.

1 And I would like to ask if you're familiar with those  
2 programs or with the persons listed as guests on those  
3 programs.

4 A I am familiar with them?

5 Q Yes. Do you recall having seen these  
6 programs?

7 A No, I don't recall.

8 Q Okay. So you're familiar with the people  
9 named as guests on those programs?

10 A No; but if they were Democratic, I may not  
11 be. I'm a Republican, so I may not be familiar with  
12 their names, you know.

13 Q I appreciate your candor. How about on  
14 the page that's hand marked 31; there's a reference to  
15 a public service announcement called, Working for a  
16 greater Reading. Do you recall that public service  
17 announcement?

18 A No, I don't recall it. No.

19 MR. HUTTON: I would like to have this  
20 marked as Troutman Exhibit 3.

21 (Whereupon, Troutman Exhibit No. 3 was  
22 marked for identification, Issues and Programs Report,  
23 Third Quarter, 1993.)

24 BY MR. HUTTON:

25 Q And this is excerpts from the station's

1 Issues and Programs Report for the third quarter of  
2 1993. And I would like to ask you, beginning at the  
3 bottom of the page that's hand marked 25, whether  
4 you're familiar with that program or with the  
5 representative named as a guest on that program.

6 A Well, I am familiar with Republican Sheila  
7 Miller from the 129th, who is running unopposed this  
8 time. Yeah. I'm familiar with her and her district.

9 Q Referring to the next page, which is hand  
10 marked 26 at the bottom, can you tell me if you're  
11 familiar with any of those programs or with the persons  
12 named as guests on those programs?

13 A Yeah. I'm familiar with, you know, John  
14 Perzel; he's a Republican. I'm familiar with Sam  
15 Rohrer. That's the only ones that I'm -- the only  
16 people that I am familiar with on this.

17 Q And turning to the page that's marked 27,  
18 same question.

19 A Again, Sheila Miller, Dave Argall.

20 Q Are you familiar with Representative  
21 Caltagirone?

22 A I didn't see that. Yes, I am familiar  
23 with him. I didn't see where that was.

24 Q The second from the bottom.

25 A Yes; Representative Caltagirone, and Dante

1 Santoni too.

2 Q And the same question for the next page.

3 A Ritter was from Allentown. I was familiar  
4 with her. I mean, I know who she was. I know Sheila  
5 Miller.

6 MR. HUTTON: Next is for the fourth  
7 quarter of 1993. I would like to have this marked as  
8 Troutman Exhibit 4.

9 (Whereupon, Troutman Exhibit No. 4 was  
10 marked for identification, Issues and Programs Report,  
11 Fourth Quarter, 1993.)

12 BY MR. HUTTON:

13 Q On the page that's marked 24, the same  
14 question.

15 A Sheila Miller, Karen Ritter -- I know her,  
16 you know, her name. Itkin ran for governor. State  
17 rep; I'm not sure why he gave that up to run against  
18 Rich, but he did. Sheila Miller. That's all I know.

19 Q And the same question for the page that's  
20 hand marked 25.

21 A Dave Argall, Jubelirer, Sam Rohrer, Sam  
22 Rohrer. That's all I know.

23 MR. HUTTON: I would like to have the next  
24 one, which is for the first quarter of 1994, marked as  
25 Troutman Exhibit 5.

1 (Whereupon, Troutman Exhibit No. 5 was  
2 marked for identification, Issues and Programs Report,  
3 First Quarter, 1994.)

4 BY MR. HUTTON:

5 Q And on the page that's hand marked 23,  
6 same question.

7 A I know the name Joe Pitts, Tom  
8 Caltagirone, and Santoni. I know them.

9 Q And the following page, the same question.

10 A Caltagirone, Sheila Miller, Jim Gerlach,  
11 now a Senator, Dave Argall. That's it.

12 MR. HUTTON: Okay. Now we're on the  
13 second quarter of 1994. I would like to have this  
14 marked as Troutman Exhibit 6.

15 (Whereupon, Troutman Exhibit No. 6 was  
16 marked for identification, Issues and Programs Report,  
17 Second Quarter, 1994.)

18 BY MR. HUTTON:

19 Q For the page that's hand marked 27, the  
20 same question.

21 A Santoni, Caltagirone, I know Bruce Grim,  
22 chief juvenile probation officer.

23 Q And for the page that's marked 28, same  
24 question.

25 A Sam Rohrer, Santoni, Dave Argall, Santoni,

1 Sheila Miller, Caltagirone. That's it.

2 Q For the following page, the same question.

3 A Sam Rohrer, Sam Rohrer, Walp, W-a-l-p --  
4 he's with the Pennsylvania State Police -- Santoni,  
5 Sheila Miller, Caltagirone. That's it.

6 MR. HUTTON: Okay. And the last one is  
7 for the third quarter of 1994. I would like to have  
8 this marked as Troutman Exhibit 7.

9 (Whereupon, Troutman Exhibit No. 7 was  
10 marked for identification, Issues and Programs Report,  
11 Third Quarter, 1994.)

12 THE WITNESS: Santoni, Warren Haggarty,  
13 mayor.

14 BY MR. HUTTON:

15 Q That's on the page that's marked 8, typed  
16 8?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And the next page is Page 33, same  
19 question.

20 A Santoni, Caltagirone, Sam Rohrer.

21 Q And same question on Page 34.

22 A Santoni, Dave Argall, Sheila Miller,  
23 Santoni, Sam Rohrer, and Yerusalim and Sheila Miller.

24 Q And the same question for Page 35.

25 A Santoni and Argall.

1 Q All right. And I take it from your prior  
2 questions that on the next page you know both  
3 Representative Argall and Representative Caltagirone?

4 A That's correct.

5 Q I believe you were asked a question by Mr.  
6 Cole about whether you had been contacted by any TV or  
7 radio station about the activities of the County  
8 Commissioners. Am I correct about that? Do you recall  
9 that?

10 A Yes, I recall the question.

11 Q Did you ever serve on the County  
12 Commissioners?

13 A No.

14 Q And did you ever hold any official  
15 position with the County Commissioners?

16 A No.

17 MR. HUTTON: I have no other questions.  
18 Thank you.

19 MR. COLE: I have one clean-up question.

20 BY MR. COLE:

21 Q Mr. Hutton took you through a bunch of  
22 names in Troutman Exhibits 2 through 7 and asked you  
23 whether you knew the people, and you said yes or no.  
24 Your answers -- let me just ask you what you meant by  
25 an affirmative answer that you knew a particular

1 person. What did you mean by that answer?

2 A I took the question to mean do I know the  
3 individuals that appeared as guests on the show. My  
4 answer was yes; I know all of the state reps here in  
5 Berks County and the state senator. So if he was  
6 asking me do I know them, the answer was yes.

7 Q But am I correct that your familiarity  
8 with some people extends beyond whether they were state  
9 representatives or state senators? There are some  
10 people on the list who weren't state representatives or  
11 state senators. Am I correct?

12 A That's right.

13 Q And how did you know them?

14 A I know them because they are public  
15 officials in one capacity or another.

16 MR. COLE: Okay. I have nothing further.

17 BY MR. HUTTON:

18 Q Is Representative Santoni a representative  
19 from this area?

20 A Yes, he is; from Berks County.

21 Q How about Representative Caltagirone?

22 A Right here in the city.

23 Q How about Representative Sam Rohrer?

24 A Berks County.

25 Q How about Representative Sheila Miller?

1 A From the county.

2 Q And Representative David Argall?

3 A He is from -- he represents Northern Berks  
4 and part of Southern Schuylkill County.

5 Q Jim Gerlach, is that someone you  
6 identified?

7 A Yes. He was a state representative. He's  
8 now a state senator that represents the lower portion  
9 of Berks County. I believe he's from Chester County.

10 Q Is that an adjacent county?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And Karen Ritter, was that another person  
13 that you identified?

14 A Yes. I know Karen Ritter just kind of --  
15 I mean, I know who she is. I've met her briefly.  
16 She's from Lehigh County. She was a state  
17 representative, and I believe -- I think she was a  
18 lieutenant governor candidate on the Democratic ticket  
19 at one point in time. So that's how I know Karen  
20 Ritter. I also believe she's a political consultant at  
21 this point in time. I believe she was some years ago.  
22 I don't keep that close of tabs on the Democrats, but I  
23 have a rough idea where they're at.

24 Q How about Senator Jubelirer?

25 A Yeah. He's the president pro tem of the

1 Senate, Number One Senator in Pennsylvania.

2 Q How about Representative John Perzel?

3 A I know the -- you know, I know

4 Representative Perzel mostly because I believe he's in  
5 a leadership position in the Pennsylvania House on the  
6 Republican side. I think I've met him at one or two  
7 different functions somewhere.

8 MR. HUTTON: Okay. Thank you.

9 BY MR. COLE:

10 Q Mr. Perzel is not local to Berks County,  
11 is he?

12 A No, no, he's not.

13 Q And Senator Jubelirer is not local to  
14 Berks County, is he?

15 A No, he's not.

16 Q How about Bruce Grim; is he local?

17 A Yes. He's in the courthouse. He's the  
18 chief juvenile probation officer.

19 Q And Commander or Commandant Walp?

20 A He's not local to Berks County. I think  
21 he was the top State Police officer for Pennsylvania.  
22 I don't know whether he still is, but I believe he was  
23 at one point.

24 Q And is it Mr. or Ms. Yerusalim?

25 A I think it's Mr. I think he was the -- if

1 it's the same one, he was the Secretary of  
2 Transportation for Pennsylvania.

3 Q And that's a Commonwealth-wide position.  
4 Was he from Berks County?

5 A No, he is not. But it is  
6 Commonwealth-wide.

7 MR. COLE: I have nothing further.

8 (Whereupon, the deposition concluded at  
9 3:42 p.m.)

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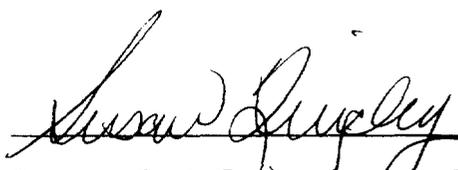
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I, Susan Quigley, the officer before whom the deposition of JAMES P. TROUTMAN was taken, do hereby certify that JAMES P. TROUTMAN, the witness whose testimony appears in the foregoing deposition, was duly sworn by me on February 3, 2000, and that the transcribed deposition of said witness is a true record of the testimony given by him; that the proceedings are herein recorded fully and accurately to the best of my ability; that I am neither attorney nor counsel for, nor related to any of the parties to the action in which this deposition was taken; and, further, that I am not a relative of any attorney or counsel employed by the parties hereto or financially interested in this action.



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