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- 1 correct?
- 2 MR. LOUGHLIN: Yes, Your Honor.
- 3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: The patent holder is Endo.
- 4 MR. LOUGHLIN: Yes.
- 5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'm looking out here and I
- 6 don't see any Endo.
- 7 MR. LOUGHLIN: Correct, Your Honor. We settled
- 8 with Endo for --
- 9 (Audio difficulty.)
- 10 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You were telling me about
- 11 Endo.
- 12 MR. LOUGHLIN: Yes. Endo reached a consent
- 13 decree settlement with the FTC in I think January of
- 14 this year, so they're out of the case.
- 15 JUDGE CHAPPELL: A consent decree.
- MR. LOUGHLIN: Yes, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: So therefore, there was an
- 18 administrative complaint against Endo?
- 19 MR. LOUGHLIN: It was a -- I believe it was
- 20 a -- it was in federal court, Your Honor.
- 21 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay. What I need to know --
- 22 I don't care about that. What I want to know is, is
- 23 there any written or unwritten agreement with Endo
- 24 regarding the government's prosecution of this case or
- 25 respondent's defense in this case?

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1 MR. LOUGHLIN: There is a written consent
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- 2 decree and I believe preliminary injunction entered by
- 3 the court.
- 4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'm getting at whether there's
- 5 anything in any agreement written or otherwise that
- 6 provides assistance to the government to prosecute this
- 7 respondent or has anything to do with the respondent's
- 8 defending itself in this case.
- 9 MR. LOUGHLIN: Oh, I see, Your Honor.
- 10 Yes. As part of that agreement, Endo did
- 11 commit to cooperate with the FTC.
- 12 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Is anything in writing?
- MR. LOUGHLIN: I believe that agreement is in
- 14 writing, Your Honor.
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- 1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Thank you.
- I have a few evidentiary rulings and procedural
- 3 issues to address. Most of those I will leave after
- 4 opening statement. I am going to deal with one matter
- 5 before I hear opening.
- I note that on August 3, 2017, complaint
- 7 counsel filed a motion for partial summary decision
- 8 with the commissioners. These would be the same
- 9 commissioners that voted out the complaint finding that
- 10 they had reason to believe respondent -- respondent's
- 11 conduct had violated the FTC Act.
- 12 In this motion, complaint counsel, whose job
- 13 it is to prosecute the case, asked the two
- 14 commissioners to determine that certain of
- 15 respondent's asserted procompetitive justifications
- 16 for the challenged agreements in this case are invalid
- 17 as a matter of law, in other words, attempting to
- 18 strike defenses before the trial even began.
- 19 There's been no ruling on that as of today. We
- 20 are starting trial today on the merits. Respondent has
- 21 a right to know what defenses they may assert,
- 22 including affirmative defenses.
- 23 This is a rule of reason case. Key questions
- 24 in such a case include whether there are actual or
- 25 likely anticompetitive effects and whether such

- 1 anticompetitive effects are outweighed by
- 2 procompetitive effects.
- Accordingly, respondent will not be prevented
- 4 from introducing evidence as to asserting
- 5 procompetitive benefits. Respondent has a right to
- 6 defend itself in this proceeding in front of this
- 7 judge.
- 8 With that in mind, you may proceed with opening
- 9 statements, government first.
- 10 MR. LOUGHLIN: Your Honor, before we start with
- 11 opening statements, can I do a couple of housekeeping
- 12 matters? We do have a JX 1 --
- 13 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Those are the evidentiary
- 14 matters I'll deal with after.
- 15 And by the way, a diligent search was done for
- 16 any document pertaining to a settlement agreement
- 17 regarding the prosecution or defense of this case on
- 18 the FTC's public website that came up with nothing, so
- 19 if it's out there and it's public, I suggest someone
- 20 put it on the website for the public to see.
- 21 MR. LOUGHLIN: Okay.
- 22 JUDGE CHAPPELL: That might be below your pay
- 23 grade, Mr. Loughlin, but I'm sure you could make that
- 24 happen.
- 25 MR. LOUGHLIN: I will work on that,

- 1 Your Honor.
- 2 Your Honor, I have copies of our PowerPoint
- 3 slides that I'll be using in today's opening. I'm
- 4 happy to hand those up if you'd like.
- 5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Provide them to my staff,
- 6 please. You're going to have slides. I'll watch the
- 7 monitor.
- 8 MR. LOUGHLIN: Your Honor, may I approach?
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Yes.
- 10 Can you put a test slide up so we can check all
- 11 the monitors.
- 12 Go ahead.
- MR. LOUGHLIN: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 14 As the court noted, this is a case about a
- 15 reverse payment settlement agreement. It's a case
- 16 about a branded pharmaceutical company called
- 17 Endo Pharmaceuticals paying the respondent Impax to
- 18 end its patent challenge and agree not to enter the
- 19 market for two and a half years from June of 2010 to
- 20 January of 2013.
- Now, there's no dispute in this case that the
- 22 parties entered a settlement agreement in
- 23 June of 2010.
- 24 There's no dispute that, pursuant to the terms
- 25 of that settlement, Endo ultimately paid Impax

- 1 MR. LOUGHLIN: Not exactly correct,
- 2 Your Honor. What I would say is that what is
- 3 complaint counsel's position is that we would like
- 4 competition to dictate whether there's going to be
- 5 generic entry or not, not payments from a branded
- 6 company to a generic.
- 7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So the fact we're dealing with
- 8 what is generally recognized as the most abused drug in
- 9 America is of no import here?
- 10 MR. LOUGHLIN: That's a matter for the FDA to
- 11 determine, and what the FDA does with those drugs is
- 12 certainly of import. But from the perspective of
- 13 competition, we are here today to prevent agreements
- 14 between branded and generic pharmaceutical companies
- 15 that interrupt the competitive process.
- 16 The outcome of that process, whether there's
- 17 actually going to be a generic on the market or not, is
- 18 unclear. In any particular case, we don't know what's
- 19 going to happen.
- 20 But what the Supreme Court does in Actavis and
- 21 what we are trying to do here today is to protect that
- 22 competitive process, to protect competition,
- 23 Your Honor.
- And as a result, we are asking this court to
- 25 find that under FTC v. Actavis, the settlement violated

- 1 rule of reason. Do I have that right?
- 2 You didn't win the case. You just got to bring
- 3 the case. Am I correct?
- 4 MR. LOUGHLIN: Yes, Your Honor.
- 5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: That's what actually happened,
- 6 you were able to bring the case, because it had been
- 7 dismissed by a district court and a court of appeals;
- 8 correct?
- 9 MR. LOUGHLIN: Correct. And the Supreme Court
- 10 overturned that motion to --
- 11 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I just want to get the
- 12 procedure correct since you're telling me how big
- 13 Actavis is for your case, Counselor.
- MR. LOUGHLIN: Yes, procedurally you are
- 15 correct. That was a reversal of a motion to dismiss,
- 16 and in that decision the Supreme Court laid out the
- 17 framework for assessing reverse payment settlement
- 18 agreements.
- 19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: We agree there.
- MR. LOUGHLIN: And pursuant to that framework,
- 21 we believe there is a violation of the FTC Act in this
- 22 case.
- 23 And as a result, Your Honor, as I mentioned,
- 24 we are asking the court to prohibit Impax from
- 25 entering into reverse payment settlements in the

- 1 It had validated its commercial manufacturing
- 2 process.
- 3 It had produced pills for a commercial launch.
- 4 It had prepared the packaging for a launch.
- 5 It had created sales forecasts.
- It had gotten letters of intent from customers
- 7 stating that they were willing to buy Impax' generic.
- 8 And it had spent millions of dollars on these
- 9 preparations.
- 10 The only thing standing in the way of a launch
- 11 was getting the FDA approval on June 14, 2010 and
- 12 getting a decision by Impax' board of directors to
- 13 actually go ahead and launch.
- Now, we don't know if Impax would have
- 15 launched on June 14, 2010. Impax never actually made
- 16 that decision because it settled the patent case
- 17 instead and agreed not to launch until
- 18 January 1, 2013.
- 19 At the time that Impax entered the settlement
- 20 discussions in May of 2010, it was not thinking about
- 21 settling for an entry date in 2013.
- Just before Impax entered settlement
- 23 discussions in mid-May of 2010, Impax' CEO,
- 24 Dr. Larry Hsu, sent an e-mail to Chris Mengler.
- 25 Mr. Mengler was the president of Impax' generic

- 1 division, and he would ultimately become the primary
- 2 negotiator of the settlement on behalf of Impax.
- 3 And Dr. Hsu asked whether Impax should try to
- 4 settle with Endo for an entry date in January 2011 in
- 5 exchange for Endo's agreement to a no-AG provision.
- Now, a no-AG provision means an agreement by
- 7 Endo not to launch an authorized generic of Opana ER
- 8 for the first six months after Impax launched.
- 9 Now, as I mentioned, Impax was the first
- 10 generic company that had 180-day exclusivity on the
- 11 five most popular dosages of Opana ER. What that
- 12 meant was that the FDA would not approve any other
- 13 generic version of Opana ER in those five most popular
- 14 dosages until 180 days after Impax began marketing.
- 15 That's very valuable. It's well-accepted that
- 16 generics can make a substantial portion of their total
- 17 sales during that 180-day exclusivity period.
- 18 But that marketing exclusivity only prevents
- 19 the FDA from approving other generics during the
- 20 180-day exclusivity period. It doesn't stop a brand
- 21 from launching its own generic during that period, and
- 22 that is known as an authorized generic.
- Now, the reason that brands launch authorized
- 24 generics is to try to get back some of the sales that
- 25 would otherwise be lost to the generic.

- 1 And in fact, the contemporaneous documents show
- 2 that in 2010 Endo was planning to launch an authorized
- 3 generic if a generic version of Opana ER appeared on
- 4 the market. It had prepared some generic pills to be
- 5 ready to launch. And it was drawing up forecasts of
- 6 how much revenue it would expect to earn from an
- 7 authorized generic.
- 8 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Let me ask you about this
- 9 authorized generic process.
- 10 A doctor writes a prescription for an opioid,
- 11 and you're in a state where generic substitution is
- 12 allowed, actually demanded probably, not just allowed.
- 13 And let's say there are three generic equivalents for
- 14 that opioid.
- 15 Who decides which brand of opioid the patient
- 16 gets? Is it the insurance company or the pharmacist?
- 17 MR. LOUGHLIN: It is -- who decides which
- 18 generic version to --
- 19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Yes.
- MR. LOUGHLIN: It's the pharmacist.
- So, typically, the pharmacy will have a
- 22 contract with a specific generic manufacturer to buy
- 23 generics from that manufacturer, and whichever company
- 24 it has a deal with, it will dispense that generic.
- 25 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So if I'm a patient and there

- 1 are three generic opioids available that are
- 2 equivalent, one could cost a nickel a pill, one could
- 3 be \$5 a pill, but if my pharmacy has decided I'm going
- 4 to get the \$5 a pill, that's what I get and that's what
- 5 I pay for?
- 6 MR. LOUGHLIN: Yes, Your Honor. But
- 7 pharmacies generally try to have the generics compete
- 8 with each other for the lowest price, so if there are
- 9 three generic companies all selling generic versions of
- 10 Opana ER, they would be competing for that pharmacy's
- 11 business and offering the lowest price.
- Now, what the pharmacy charges to the patient
- 13 is up to the pharmacy. You're right.
- 14 Now, getting back to authorized generics, in
- 15 fact, in this case, Endo forecasted that it would
- 16 launch an authorized generic if generic versions of
- 17 Opana ER appeared, and it forecast that it would gain
- 18 about \$25 million in authorized generic sales.
- 19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And just so we're clear, what
- 20 you're telling me right now, Counselor, is what Endo
- 21 knew, not what respondent knew?
- 22 MR. LOUGHLIN: Yes. I'm telling you from the
- 23 perspective of Endo, it believed that it would recover
- 24 about \$25 million if it launched an authorized
- 25 generic.

- 1 \$28.5 million in profit in the first six months on the
- 2 market, in other words, during the 180-day exclusivity
- 3 period.
- 4 By contrast, if there was no AG, it would earn
- 5 about \$53 million in profit in the six months after
- 6 launch.
- 7 And the reason for those different forecasts
- 8 are two.
- 9 The first is that the first filer without
- 10 generic competition of course gets all the generic
- 11 sales rather than having to share with another
- 12 generic.
- 13 The second is that without competition from
- 14 another generic, the first filing generic's price is
- 15 higher during the 180-day exclusivity period than it
- 16 otherwise would be. Now, it's still lower than the
- 17 branded price, but it's generally higher than if there
- 18 were additional generic competitors during that
- 19 period.
- 20 And as a result, a no-AG provision is very
- 21 valuable to the generic company.
- 22 And so when Impax' CEO proposed internally
- 23 that Impax try to settle for a January 2011 entry date
- 24 in exchange for a no-AG agreement from Endo, the
- 25 president of Impax' generic division, Chris Mengler,

- 1 said, "I'd love that."
- Now, from Endo's perspective, Endo knew that
- 3 Impax had gotten tentative approval in May of 2010.
- 4 In fact, a stock analyst sent a news article
- 5 to Endo about it with the only message being an
- 6 exclamation point. And that e-mail was forwarded to
- 7 Endo's CEO at the time, Dave Holveck, and its CFO,
- 8 Alan Levin, so this was important news.
- 9 It was important because Endo understood that
- 10 getting tentative FDA approval meant that Impax likely
- 11 would get final approval in June of 2010 when the
- 12 30-month stay related to the patent litigation
- 13 expired.
- 14 And Endo understood what generic entry would do
- 15 to sales of Opana ER.
- 16 Endo had projected that generic entry would
- 17 cost it about 84 percent of Opana ER sales.
- Now, this is from 2009 when Endo is projecting
- 19 generic entry in July of 2011. And what you'll see is
- 20 that sales go from \$205 million in 2010 down to
- 21 \$32 million in 2011. That's a decline of 84 percent.
- 22 But Endo also projected in another document
- 23 that each month after June of 2010 that generics stayed
- 24 off the market was worth an additional \$20 million per
- 25 month in revenues to Endo.

- 1 Now, to be clear, complaint counsel is not
- 2 asserting that absent this settlement Impax absolutely
- 3 would have launched its generic Opana in June of 2010.
- 4 We don't know what Impax would have done.
- 5 The point is that Impax was making preparations
- 6 to be in a position to launch if that's what it chose
- 7 to do.
- 8 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You mean an at-risk launch.
- 9 MR. LOUGHLIN: An at-risk launch, Your Honor,
- 10 that's right.
- 11 And in May --
- 12 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Because I'm trying to figure
- 13 out, you know, along a time continuum, had Endo at this
- 14 point in your -- in your story to me, at this point had
- 15 Endo already filed an infringement case?
- 16 MR. LOUGHLIN: Yes. So --
- 17 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So it was clearly -- it would
- 18 clearly be an at-risk launch.
- 19 MR. LOUGHLIN: It would be an at-risk launch.
- When Impax filed in 2007, Endo shortly
- 21 afterwards filed a patent infringement suit. That led
- 22 to a 30-month stay under which the FDA could not
- 23 approve Impax' generic. That stay was about to expire
- 24 in June of 2010, right around the time the patent trial
- 25 was about to start.

- 1 The patent trial was about to start on
- 2 June 3, 2010, and the final approval was expected on
- 3 June 14, 2010.
- 4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So it took 30 months to get
- 5 the case to trial for the trial date?
- 6 MR. LOUGHLIN: No, Your Honor. Under the
- 7 Hatch-Waxman Act -- yes, I think you're right. That is
- 8 true technically.
- 9 Under the Hatch-Waxman Act, the FDA has a --
- 10 the Hatch-Waxman Act provides a 30-month stay under
- 11 which the FDA cannot approve the generic product. And
- 12 you're right, under this case, it did take about
- 13 30 months for the case to get from filing to trial,
- 14 just about 30 months.
- But at that point, as I mentioned, Impax was
- 16 making preparations to launch. In mid-May of 2010, it
- 17 was weeks away from having regulatory approval to
- 18 launch. And at that time Endo understood the risk that
- 19 a launch by Impax would pose to its sales.
- 20 And the risk of an AB-rated version of Opana
- 21 being launched was a very big deal to Endo. It was a
- 22 big deal because, at the time, Endo was essentially a
- 23 two-product company.
- 24 It had a product called Lidoderm, which is a
- 25 patch you put on your skin to reduce pain. And it had

- 1 Opana ER, the product at issue in this case.
- 2 So losing one of its two biggest products to
- 3 generics was a very big deal.
- 4 It was also a big deal to Endo for a second
- 5 reason.
- 6 At this time Endo was in the process of trying
- 7 to extend the life of Opana ER by reformulating it. It
- 8 was trying to create what it claimed was a
- 9 tamper-resistant formula. And in May of 2010 it was
- 10 close to filing an NDA with the FDA for a
- 11 tamper-resistant formulation and expected to launch in
- 12 2011.
- 13 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Let me ask you a question.
- 14 You said that Endo had projected to lose
- 15 \$20 million a month in sales if a generic launched.
- 16 MR. LOUGHLIN: No. Endo projected that if --
- 17 for every month after June of 2010 that a generic did
- 18 not launch, it would earn an additional \$20 million in
- 19 revenue.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Without the competition.
- 21 MR. LOUGHLIN: Without competition. In other
- 22 words, that every month without generic competition
- 23 was worth an additional \$20 million a month in
- 24 revenues.
- 25 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right. Regarding that,

- 1 to put that in some perspective, what kind of a number
- 2 is that to a company like Endo? Is that an asterisk
- 3 on their balance sheet? Is this the only product
- 4 they've got? What about their drug portfolio? Was
- 5 this a significant amount to Endo, or are they a huge
- 6 megalith where it doesn't matter, it's just chicken
- 7 feed?
- 8 MR. LOUGHLIN: No. No. Endo was basically a
- 9 two-product company. Its two biggest products were
- 10 Opana ER, this product, and a product called Lidoderm,
- 11 so this was a -- this was a potential generic entry to
- 12 its second biggest product.
- 13 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And its other product was
- 14 still under patent?
- MR. LOUGHLIN: Yes, Your Honor.
- 16 And at this time, as I mentioned, Endo was in
- 17 the process of trying to reformulate, to extend the
- 18 life of Opana ER with a new so-called tamper-resistant
- 19 formula.
- 20 But what Endo knew was that if the market -- if
- 21 it launched after generics came on the market, the
- 22 market would go for -- Opana ER would go generic and
- 23 then Endo would never get that market back.
- 24 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You mean for the branded
- 25 drug.

- 1 MR. LOUGHLIN: That's right, Your Honor, for
- 2 the branded -- for the new reformulated product that it
- 3 wanted to launch, it would never get -- it would never
- 4 recover that market.
- 5 Here's a -- this is a presentation --
- 6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Wait a second.
- 7 That wasn't what I asked you.
- 8 MR. LOUGHLIN: Okay.
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: When you're saying they
- 10 wouldn't get the market back, I wasn't talking about
- 11 this new crushproof, reformulated drug that was out
- 12 there in the Netherland at the time, at least as far as
- 13 respondent was concerned.
- 14 Endo's position was they would never get the
- 15 market back for Opana ER or for the crushproof or
- 16 any -- for any opioid in this category?
- 17 MR. LOUGHLIN: For both original Opana ER and
- 18 the reformulated Opana ER.
- 19 In other words, what happens is that and what
- 20 Endo believed was that if -- what it wanted to do was
- 21 launch its reformulated Opana ER, switch patients away
- 22 from the original Opana ER to the reformulated version.
- 23 That takes time.
- 24 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And cooperation of
- 25 physicians.

- 1 MR. LOUGHLIN: And cooperation of physicians.
- 2 It would have to go and detail physicians, market to
- 3 physicians and get them to write prescriptions for the
- 4 new reformulated product.
- 5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: If I'm not going to crush it
- 6 and sniff it, why do I care if its crushproof? If I'm
- 7 the patient and the doctor says, Well, there's a
- 8 generic that's five cents a pill, but we've got this
- 9 crushproof here, it's still \$10 a pill. I'm going to
- 10 set you up with the \$10 a pill.
- 11 MR. LOUGHLIN: You're exactly right. And
- 12 that's why --
- 13 JUDGE CHAPPELL: What I'm getting at, was Endo
- 14 in fantasyland, thinking that people would want to buy
- 15 this expensive version just because it was crushproof?
- 16 I'm talking about legitimate people that were actually
- 17 taking the medication for pain relief rather than drug
- 18 abuse.
- 19 MR. LOUGHLIN: No, Endo was not in
- 20 fantasyland. Endo -- what Endo's position was is that
- 21 it was trying to get its reformulated product on the
- 22 market before there were generic versions of Opana ER,
- 23 original Opana ER.
- In other words, what Endo knew was that if
- 25 original Opana ER went generic before it launched its

- 1 doesn't apply in this case with opioids, where they get
- 2 the FDA to approve over-the-counter, then they reap
- 3 untold millions that way.
- 4 MR. LOUGHLIN: That's another strategy as well,
- 5 Your Honor.
- 6 Your Honor, this document explains that I think
- 7 quite well.
- 8 This is a document from Endo from
- 9 January 2010. And you see the title of the document is
- 10 EN3288 Forecast Scenarios.
- 11 Now, EN3288 was Endo's internal code for the
- 12 reformulated version of Opana ER.
- 13 And what you'll see is that the chart is
- 14 assuming generic entry in early 2011. That's the first
- 15 pink line that you see.
- 16 Now, the yellow line going up to the right --
- 17 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I don't see a pink line. I
- 18 see a pink column.
- 19 MR. LOUGHLIN: A pink column, yes, Your Honor.
- 20 Sorry. The first pink column is generic Opana ER in
- 21 early 2011.
- 22 So what you see from the yellow line, that is
- 23 reformulated Opana ER. And what this shows, you're
- 24 seeing, is that if they launch the reformulated
- 25 product before 2011, what they'll do, what their plan

- 1 is is to shift sales away from the original Opana ER --
- 2 that's the green line -- and sales of original Opana ER
- 3 will decline dramatically.
- 4 Meanwhile, sales of reformulated Opana ER
- 5 under the yellow line continue to go up. And they
- 6 continue to go up even after generic entry. That's
- 7 because the generic entry presumably is an AB-rated
- 8 version of the original Opana ER, not the reformulated
- 9 Opana ER.
- 10 JUDGE CHAPPELL: What does it mean where it
- 11 says "No Claims" or "With Claims"? What claims?
- MR. LOUGHLIN: Your Honor, I believe they mean
- 13 insurance -- prescriptions, insurance claims.
- 14 I'm sorry, Your Honor. I'm being told that
- 15 it's claims that it is actually tamper-resistant.
- But the point is, the product, the yellow
- 17 line, will continue to grow even after generic entry to
- 18 the original product, because at this point the market
- 19 has been switched from the original to the
- 20 reformulated.
- Now, the chart also shows what Endo projected
- 22 if it launched its reformulated product around the
- 23 same time the generic versions of original launched.
- 24 That's the black line at the bottom.
- 25 And what that shows is that Endo understood

- 1 that if it couldn't launch its reformulated version
- 2 until right around generic entry of the original, it
- 3 would only make a fraction of the sales that it had
- 4 made under the original Opana ER.
- 5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Doesn't the chart also show
- 6 that generic entry by respondent foiled their plans of
- 7 Endo, because they didn't just keep gaining market
- 8 share for the branded drug, and consumers were given a
- 9 lower-priced alternative, so this chart never came into
- 10 play, these projections were wrong, because Impax
- 11 introduced the generic drug?
- 12 MR. LOUGHLIN: No, Your Honor. This -- this
- 13 chart is being done in January of 2010.
- 14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: This is a projection.
- MR. LOUGHLIN: It's a projection, exactly.
- 16 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And this is not what happened,
- 17 right.
- MR. LOUGHLIN: It is not what happened, you're
- 19 right. That's correct. But it has nothing to do with
- 20 Impax.
- 21 JUDGE CHAPPELL: This projection was completely
- 22 wrong; correct? Or we'll never know?
- MR. LOUGHLIN: We'll never know because
- 24 generic entry happened in 2013, not 2011, under the
- 25 settlement.

- But understanding this phenomenon, Your Honor,
- 2 and knowing that Impax had just gotten tentative
- 3 approval in May of 2010, Endo needed time. It needed
- 4 time to get FDA approval of its reformulated Opana ER
- 5 and to switch patients to the reformulated product
- 6 before generic Opana ER entered the market. That's
- 7 because they wanted to get the yellow line and not the
- 8 black line.
- 9 And so to get more time, time to launch the
- 10 reformulated product and switch patients to that
- 11 product before generic entry, Endo approached Impax
- 12 about settling.
- 13 Impax -- Endo proposed a no-AG provision, just
- 14 as we saw that Impax wanted. But it suggested an
- 15 entry date in March of 2013, over two years after the
- 16 January 2011 date that Impax had been looking for
- 17 internally.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Who proposed the no-AG
- 19 provision originally?
- 20 MR. LOUGHLIN: Your Honor, in terms of the
- 21 discussions, we don't know. But the first document
- 22 with that provision is in a document from Endo. It's a
- 23 term sheet that Endo sent to Impax with a
- 24 March 2013 entry date and a no-AG provision in it.
- 25 JUDGE CHAPPELL: But if you were entering into

- 1 a deal like this, of course you would want a no-AG
- 2 provision if you're the generic, wouldn't you?
- 3 MR. LOUGHLIN: Absolutely.
- 4 Now, when Impax got this proposed
- 5 March 2013 entry date with a no-AG provision, it was
- 6 concerned about that entry date, both because the date
- 7 was two years later than what it had wanted and because
- 8 it suspected what Endo was up to.
- 9 Impax believed that Endo was planning to
- 10 launch a reformulated version of Opana ER and to try
- 11 to shift the market before Impax could launch its
- 12 generic.
- And Impax feared that if Endo reformulated, its
- 14 generic would not be AB-rated to Endo's reformulated
- 15 product; and therefore, it would be much harder for
- 16 Impax to make generic sales even with the 180-day
- 17 exclusivity and even with a no-AG agreement.
- 18 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Now, wait a second. You're
- 19 telling me now what Impax believed. And I have read
- 20 the trial briefs. And we don't have any evidence yet.
- 21 But you're going to prove at this point Impax believed
- 22 that Endo was going to launch the reformulated Opana?
- 23 MR. LOUGHLIN: Mr. Mengler, who was the
- 24 president of Impax' generic division and was the
- 25 primary negotiator, has testified in this case and we

- 1 presume will testify again at trial that he was
- 2 concerned, that he believed that they were going to
- 3 launch a reformulated product, that he said that to
- 4 Endo during the negotiations.
- 5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And was he told by Endo that
- 6 they were not going to launch a reformulated drug?
- 7 MR. LOUGHLIN: Yes, he was told that. And he
- 8 didn't believe it.
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: But he was told that.
- 10 MR. LOUGHLIN: He was told it.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: No dispute there?
- 12 MR. LOUGHLIN: I don't believe there's a
- 13 dispute that --
- 14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right.
- 15 MR. LOUGHLIN: -- that Endo said no, we're not
- 16 going to launch a reformulated product.
- But he didn't believe it. And that's why he
- 18 insisted on getting the Endo credit.
- 19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Are you talking about the
- 20 negotiator for Impax?
- 21 MR. LOUGHLIN: Yes.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, if he's worth his salt,
- 23 he's going to suspect things like that. That's his
- 24 job.
- 25 MR. LOUGHLIN: I agree.

- 1 Now, in response -- because of Endo's --
- 2 excuse me. Let me start that over.
- 3 Because Impax was concerned about the potential
- 4 launch of a reformulated product by Endo before it
- 5 could get on the market with its generic, Impax
- 6 responded to Endo's proposal of a March 2013 entry
- 7 date.
- 8 And this is Mr. Mengler responding to Endo.
- 9 And he proposed an entry date of January 1, 2013 with
- 10 no authorized generic and acceleration triggers. This
- 11 was an acceleration provision that would allow Impax to
- 12 enter earlier in January 2013 if Endo launched a
- 13 reformulated product that lowered the value of the
- 14 original Opana ER market.
- 15 Now, rather than allowing for the possibility
- 16 of earlier entry under an acceleration provision, Endo
- 17 put more money on the table. And as a result, the
- 18 negotiations shifted away from discussing possible
- 19 earlier entry by Impax to -- and it moved to ways to
- 20 compensate Impax if Endo launched a reformulated
- 21 product.
- 22 And the parties worked out what is sometimes
- 23 referred to in the parties' documents as a make-good
- 24 payment or a make-whole provision.
- 25 And here's an e-mail from Mr. Mengler, dated

- 1 June 3, 2010, reporting on the current status of the
- 2 negotiations with Endo. And the current proposal was
- 3 that they enter on January 1, 2013, and they had a
- 4 provision that if the units, meaning the units of
- 5 Opana ER, Endo's Opana ER, declined by more than
- 6 50 percent at launch that a make-whole provision would
- 7 kick in to protect Impax.
- 8 The basic idea here was that the no-AG and the
- 9 make-whole provision would work hand in hand to ensure
- 10 that Impax got the value that it expected out of the
- 11 settlement.
- 12 And so if Endo didn't launch a reformulated
- 13 product and didn't shift the market away from original
- 14 Opana ER, then Impax would launch its AB-rated generic
- 15 of Opana ER on January 1, 2013. It would get the value
- 16 that it expected from its 180-day exclusivity period by
- 17 selling AB-rated generic Opana ER without competition
- 18 from Endo's authorized generic.
- 19 But if Endo did launch reformulated Opana ER
- 20 and reduce the market for original Opana ER, then Impax
- 21 would get value from the make-good cash payment from
- 22 Endo.
- 23 This make-good payment or this make-whole
- 24 provision became a term in the settlement called the
- 25 Endo credit. The Endo credit sets forth a mathematical

- 1 competition from Impax, and because Impax was the first
- 2 filer on the most popular dosages, it was going to get
- 3 no competition from any other generic on those most
- 4 popular dosages.
- 5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay. Well, let's talk about
- 6 at the date this was signed and agreed to. Let's put a
- 7 pin in that.
- 8 And then I think as you stand here today I
- 9 think at least we've heard representations that Endo
- 10 at some point was not allowed to sell Opana; correct?Let; correct?

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- 1 of the agreement.
- MR. LOUGHLIN: Correct.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Until conditions were met at
- 4 some point in the future.
- 5 MR. LOUGHLIN: That's correct. Under those
- 6 two provisions, the Endo credit was not paid until
- 7 90 days after January 1, 2013, after Endo -- after
- 8 Impax entered the settlement. That's correct.
- 9 Now, as I mentioned, in discussing the Endo
- 10 credit, it sets forth a mathematical calculation, a
- 11 mathematical formula, that compares Opana ER sales
- 12 from just before Impax' launch in January 2013 to
- 13 whatever the peak sales were between June of 2010 and
- 14 the fourth quarter of 2012. And it works so that the
- 15 more that sales of original Opana ER declined, the
- 16 greater the payment from Endo to Impax.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'm trying to figure out the
- 18 government's position here after reading the pretrial
- 19 briefs.
- 20 Are you saying that these two conditions, this
- 21 was some brilliant disguise and not -- rather than in
- 22 lieu of some naked payment of a hundred and
- 23 some million dollars, that there's some nefarious
- 24 conduct in these two provisions, and it was just a way
- 25 to hide a naked payment on day one?

- 1 MR. LOUGHLIN: It is a naked payment,
- 2 Your Honor. It is not a way to hide it.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: How is it a naked payment if
- 4 conditions had to be met before the money was paid?
- 5 Let's just use my definition. A naked payment
- 6 is X number of dollars, a check written day one when
- 7 the agreement is signed, no conditions whatsoever.
- 8 MR. LOUGHLIN: Okay. Under that definition,
- 9 you're right, it is not a naked payment. That's true.
- 10 It is not that. It is -- there's no provision that
- 11 said we will pay you X on the day of signing other than
- 12 in the co-promotion deal.
- 13 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Don't have anything in writing
- 14 saying we're going to pay you to stay out of the market
- 15 or to come into the market, you don't have that, in
- 16 those words.
- MR. LOUGHLIN: In those precise words, no,
- 18 Your Honor. What we have is a provision that says you
- 19 will stay off the market until January 1, 2013 in
- 20 exchange for a no-AG agreement.
- 21 That no-AG agreement was expected to be very
- 22 valuable to Impax. That's what Impax wanted. But
- 23 because Impax was concerned that Endo was going to do
- 24 something to the market that would harm the value of
- 25 that no-AG provision, it got some additional protection

- 1 in the form of Endo credit.
- 2 And the parties -- and you'll hear from our
- 3 expert economist, Professor Noll of
- 4 Stanford University, who will testify --
- 5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'm more interested in what
- 6 fact witnesses have to say about what really happened
- 7 than expert opinions, but go ahead.
- 8 MR. LOUGHLIN: Okay. Well, then let me get to
- 9 the fact witnesses.
- 10 This is testimony from Mr. Mengler. Again,
- 11 Mr. Mengler is the president of -- was the former
- 12 president of the generic division of Impax and he was
- 13 the primary negotiator. And he explains the Endo
- 14 credit.
- "It was basically a calculation that would have
- 16 given whatever money or an approximation of the
- 17 profits, if you will, that Impax would have earned in
- 18 that six-month period based on pricing and share and
- 19 just assumptions like that, just basically a
- 20 calculation that would have said, you know, we're going
- 21 to take your peak sales and do some math to it and come
- 22 up with a number that we would have made had -- if we
- 23 had a generic in that six-month period."
- 24 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Doesn't that look like a valid
- 25 business decision that a company would make? Isn't

- 1 that his job, to make sure he makes a well-reasoned
- 2 business decision?
- 3 MR. LOUGHLIN: Your Honor, it's -- from a
- 4 business perspective, it's fantastic. It made them a
- 5 lot of money. But lawfully, it is unlawful.
- 6 There's no doubt that paying a generic not to
- 7 enter the market is a fantastic business decision. It
- 8 makes -- it can make a ton of money for a branded
- 9 company. But it is unlawful because it harms -- it
- 10 reduces competition.
- 11 Now, this is the testimony of Roberto Cuca.
- 12 Mr. Cuca is an Endo witness. He is the person that
- 13 during the negotiations supported the Endo negotiator
- 14 and actually did calculations of the Endo credit. He
- 15 came up with the Endo credit formula. He did
- 16 calculations of it during the time of the negotiations
- 17 to help Endo negotiate that term.
- 18 And he explained that if sales of Opana ER had
- 19 decreased, the Endo credit would kind of fix that by
- 20 making a true-up payment to Impax. The Endo credit
- 21 would correct for the lost value of the market that had
- 22 occurred before the generic entry date.
- 23 In other words, what they are explaining is
- 24 that the Endo credit and the no-AG provisions worked
- 25 together to ensure that Impax would get value out of

- 1 And what Impax was projecting in
- 2 May of 2010 was that if it launched generic Opana ER
- 3 in June of 2010, it would earn a total of about
- 4 \$53 million in net sales between 2010 and 2012. It
- 5 earned twice that by agreeing not to sell during that
- 6 time period.
- 7 In fact, Impax' public financial documents
- 8 show that the payment was larger than Impax' entire
- 9 net income for 2013.
- 10 And Impax' current CFO testified that the Endo
- 11 credit increased Impax' profitability by about
- 12 50 percent in 2013.
- Now, in addition to the no-AG/Endo credit
- 14 payment, the parties also agreed to a development and
- 15 co-promotion agreement.
- 16 And Endo, under that agreement, agreed to pay
- 17 Impax \$10 million with a potential for additional
- 18 payments for the right to co-promote a Parkinson's
- 19 disease drug that Impax had in early stage
- 20 development.
- Now, I say early stage development. In fact,
- 22 it wasn't actually a product at all yet. It was a
- 23 concept that hadn't even been formulated. But
- 24 nonetheless --
- 25 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Isn't that why it was only

- 1 \$10 million?
- MR. LOUGHLIN: No, Your Honor. In fact --
- 3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Because based on the numbers
- 4 you're throwing around, ten million is nothing.
- 5 MR. LOUGHLIN: No, Your Honor. In fact, the
- 6 parties -- during that negotiation, the parties had
- 7 started negotiating over a product that was in
- 8 Phase III development. It was a similar drug, called
- 9 IPX-066. It was in Phase III development. That's the
- 10 final stage before submission to the FDA for approval.
- 11 The parties had negotiated \$10 million -- a
- 12 \$10 million upfront payment on that Phase III product
- 13 with \$5 million in milestones.
- 14 But then, during the negotiations, Impax pulled
- 15 that product, IPX-066, off the table and said we're
- 16 only going to do a deal on what we're going to call the
- 17 next-generation product of IPX-066 and we'll tell you
- 18 what that is upon signing.
- 19 Nonetheless, despite that change in product
- 20 from a very late-stage product to a conceptual product
- 21 that didn't even have a formulation, the parties
- 22 didn't restart the negotiations. They didn't start
- 23 over and do new due diligence. They continued to
- 24 negotiate.
- 25 And in fact, on June 3, 2010, they had reached

1 basically an agreement where Impax was going to --

2 Endo was going to pay the same \$10 million upfront

3 payment plus additional milestones, and yet at this

4 point Impax hadn't provided any information, any

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- 1 correct? If you meet these conditions, you get to
- 2 Phase II, we pay the \$4 million; right?
- 3 They didn't get to Phase II with the drug, so
- 4 that wasn't paid, or was it?
- 5 MR. LOUGHLIN: No.
- 6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Ten million on signing means
- 7 when you sign it you pay ten million. You know about
- 8 contracts, don't you?
- 9 MR. LOUGHLIN: I do, Your Honor. And they paid
- 10 \$10 million upon signing.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: You understand a drug that --
- 12 anything to do with Parkinson's, what a gold mine that
- 13 would be for a pharmaceutical company to have a taste
- 14 of that? \$10 million is a joke in this industry.
- MR. LOUGHLIN: Your Honor, I don't think that's
- 16 true. In fact, in this industry --
- 17 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You can think what you want,
- 18 as can I.
- 19 MR. LOUGHLIN: You're right.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: But you're talking
- 21 about billion-dollar drugs. Have you ever invested in
- 22 a medical start-up, someone researching drugs? Have
- 23 you ever done it? Because when you do, whatever money
- 24 you put in, you better be willing to just tear it up
- 25 that day, because it's a lottery ticket.

- 1 Now, are you saying that Endo is so
- 2 unsophisticated that they had no idea what they were
- 3 paying, they weren't buying an opportunity, a lottery
- 4 ticket, that this payment, your position as the
- 5 government is this \$10 million was absolutely for
- 6 nothing? Is that what you're telling me?
- 7 MR. LOUGHLIN: No, it wasn't for nothing. It
- 8 was to induce -- it was part of a payment to induce --
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So it wasn't just for nothing,
- 10 it's for nothing because it's -- and it's also
- 11 nefarious and fraudulent; right? That's what I'm
- 12 getting.
- 13 MR. LOUGHLIN: Your Honor, I haven't said it
- 14 was fraudulent.
- 15 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You didn't use the word, but
- 16 you've used the words. That's the point you're
- 17 making.
- 18 MR. LOUGHLIN: No. Let me -- I'll be clear
- 19 about the point I'm making.
- 20 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Are you saying that respondent
- 21 defrauded Endo Pharmaceuticals?
- MR. LOUGHLIN: No.
- 23 JUDGE CHAPPELL: They made this whole thing up
- 24 about a possible Parkinson's drug for \$10 million and
- 25 it was all a lie and a fraud?

- The point is, it was not in Endo's interest to
- 2 do this deal absent the settlement. And the reason
- 3 they did it was because it was a way to get money to
- 4 Impax to induce them to stay off the market.
- 5 Endo, as a rational company, if it was willing
- 6 to pay \$10 million up front for a product in near --
- 7 that was just about to be filed with the FDA, would not
- 8 pay the same amount of money without having almost any
- 9 information about this new product.
- 10 No company would do that. They would start
- 11 over the negotiations. They would say okay, let's
- 12 start fresh, let's go through due diligence and then
- 13 enter a negotiation to figure out how much this product
- 14 was worth. They didn't do that.
- 15 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, let's get down to brass
- 16 tacks.
- 17 Is it the government's position that
- 18 \$10 million is both large and unjustified?
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- 1 case. I'm totally neutral, objective and independent,
- 2 so I do not care who wins, but I'm going to find out
- 3 the truth. That's what I'm here for.
- 4 Go ahead.
- 5 MR. LOUGHLIN: Understood, Your Honor. I
- 6 completely understand that you're an independent
- 7 decision maker in this case, no question about that.
- 8 But the point is that with the Endo
- 9 credit/no-AG provision and this \$10 million payment,
- 10 the parties now had a deal.
- And what you're going to hear, Your Honor,
- 12 from the witnesses, from the evidence, is we're going
- 13 to support all the things I just told you. You're
- 14 going to see all of this in the parties'
- 15 contemporaneous documents, you're going to see it in
- 16 their deposition testimony, and you're going to hear it
- 17 live in this courtroom.
- 18 Your Honor, we plan to call live the three
- 19 individuals that negotiated the settlement on behalf of
- 20 Impax. You're going to hear from Mr. Art Koch, the
- 21 former CFO of Impax, you're going to hear from
- 22 Ms. Margaret Snowden, the in-house counsel for Impax,
- 23 and you're going to hear from Mr. Mengler, the former
- 24 president of Impax' generics division, the three
- 25 people who negotiated the settlement on behalf of

1 Impax. And you're going to hear from these witnesses 3 that Impax went into the settlement wanting an entry 4 date and a no-AG provision. You're also going to hear that Impax was 6 concerned about Endo reformulating its product before 7 Impax could enter under the settlement and that, as a 8 result, Impax believed it was very important to get 9 protection in the settlement from that possibility. And you're going to hear that Impax gave up its

- 1 how Impax forecasts generic entry and the impact on the
- 2 branded product.
- 3 And you will hear from Demir Bingol,
- 4 Mr. Bingol a former Endo employee, who will testify
- 5 about the expected effects of generic entry from Endo's
- 6 perspective.
- 7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: A lot of former employees.
- 8 What is this, a musical chairs industry?
- 9 MR. LOUGHLIN: Your Honor, the settlement was
- 10 seven years ago and people have moved on.
- 11 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Before I forget, the document
- 12 I talked about when we began today, any agreement
- 13 regarding Endo's cooperation in this case, I want that
- 14 in my hand by the time respondents finish their opening
- 15 statement today.
- 16 MR. LOUGHLIN: Okay.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I don't know why I don't have
- 18 it yet. You've got an army of people here who could
- 19 get that for me.
- MR. LOUGHLIN: Okay.
- 21 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I want three copies, one for
- 22 me and two for these ladies (indicating).
- MR. LOUGHLIN: Okay.
- Now, in addition to the fact witnesses,
- 25 Your Honor, we're going to have expert witnesses that

- 1 justifications for the payment.
- Now, this standard comes straight out of
- 3 Actavis and cases interpreting Actavis.
- 4 And what you don't see in this standard is any
- 5 requirement that complaint counsel prove what actually
- 6 would have happened absent the settlement.
- 7 You don't see any requirement that complaint
- 8 counsel prove what would have happened in the patent
- 9 case had it continued.
- 10 You don't see any requirement that complaint
- 11 counsel prove that there actually would have been
- 12 generics on the market earlier as to the settlement.
- 13 In other words, there's no requirement that complaint
- 14 counsel prove injury.
- 15 And that's because the reason that such a
- 16 settlement, a reverse payment settlement, is unlawful
- 17 is that the brand is paying the generic to prevent the
- 18 risk of competition.
- 19 That's the anticompetitive harm identified by
- 20 the Supreme Court in Actavis.
- 21 Here's what it said: "[T]he [large] payment
- 22 (if otherwise unexplained) likely seeks to prevent the
- 23 risk of competition. And, as we have said, that
- 24 consequence constitutes the relevant anticompetitive
- 25 harm."

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In other words, Your Honor, as I mentioned,
2 the harm is to the competitive process. We don't know
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- 1 generic can come into the market without risk of
- 2 infringement. It just can't do that with a reverse
- 3 payment -- or it can't do that without a large reverse
- 4 payment. That is what Actavis says.
- 5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You mean large and
- 6 unjustified.
- 7 MR. LOUGHLIN: Large and unjustified, that's
- 8 correct. That's what Actavis says. And Actavis draws
- 9 a distinction.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, you know, you can keep
- 11 throwing up lines from the case, but we're all
- 12 lawyers, we're all going to read the case, and we're
- 13 going to form our own interpretation of the case.
- 14 You're free to cite it, put it up on the
- 15 screen, but we're all attorneys, and we're not
- 16 necessarily going to agree on what the case means, I
- 17 mean, with you or respondent. I might not necessarily
- 18 agree with either one of you.
- MR. LOUGHLIN: Understood, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: And thankfully, it's not even
- 21 a long decision. It's a very short one as far as
- 22 Supreme Court decisions go.
- MR. LOUGHLIN: Yes, that is true. It is
- 24 relatively short.
- 25 But what the Supreme Court is saying in this

- 1 case, in terms of preventing the risk to competition,
- 2 is that consumers are better off when the
- 3 competition -- when the competitive process dictates
- 4 the outcome rather than reverse payments. That is the
- 5 point of FTC v. Actavis.
- 6 And other courts have held the same.
- 7 Here's the Third Circuit in the Lamictal case
- 8 saying that "Actavis embraces the concept that a patent
- 9 'may or may not be valid, and may or may not be
- 10 infringed, ' and holds that the anticompetitive harm is
- 11 not certain consumer loss through higher prices, but
- 12 rather the patentee's 'avoidance of the risk of patent
- 13 invalidation or a finding of noninfringement' -- that
- 14 is, 'prevention of the risk of competition'...."
- 15 The District of Connecticut made the same point
- 16 in the Aggrenox case: "The anticompetitive harm is not
- 17 that the patent surely would have been invalidated if
- 18 not for the settlement, and that a generic surely would
- 19 have entered the market sooner.... The anticompetitive
- 20 harm, under Actavis, is that the reverse-payment
- 21 settlement 'seeks to prevent the risk of competition.'"
- Now, under the elements, the first element is
- 23 market power.
- Now, in terms of market power, we will show
- 25 that the relevant market is oxymorphone ER tablets,

- 1 which include branded and generic versions of Opana ER,
- 2 and at the time of the settlement Endo had 100 percent
- 3 of that market.
- 4 Now, it is certainly true that Opana ER is in
- 5 a class of long-acting opioid products used for
- 6 treating pain. But market definition is about
- 7 determining which products are economic substitutes,
- 8 not just functional substitutes, and that requires
- 9 looking at which products constrain each other's
- 10 prices.
- 11 Now, in support of our showing of market
- 12 power, we will present the testimony of an economic
- 13 expert, Professor Roger Noll of Stanford University.
- 14 Professor Noll will show that other
- 15 long-acting opioid products did not constrain the
- 16 price of Opana ER. Other branded and generic
- 17 long-acting opioid products entered the market, but
- 18 Endo was able to maintain the price of Opana ER
- 19 without losing substantial sales to those other
- 20 products.
- 21 Some of those products had their own generics,
- 22 but those generics did not take substantial sales from
- 23 Opana ER in the same way that they took sales from
- 24 their own branded reference products.
- The only product that constrained the market

- 1 price of Opana ER -- of oxymorphone ER is generic
- 2 oxymorphone ER. And that's because generics have a
- 3 unique and profound effect on the sales of the branded
- 4 product.
- 5 Generics enter at a lower price, and because
- 6 they can be substituted for the brand by the
- 7 pharmacist, the brand can lose up to 80 to 90 percent
- 8 of sales within six months on the market. No other
- 9 competitor has that kind of effect on the brand's
- 10 sales.
- 11 And Endo and Impax both recognized this. They
- 12 both forecasted effects of generic entry on the sales
- 13 of branded Opana ER, and the projected effects are very
- 14 similar.
- Moreover, when Impax forecasted sales of
- 16 generic Opana ER, it looked only at branded Opana ER
- 17 for reference. It set its price as a discount off of
- 18 Opana ER's list price. It projected generic
- 19 substitution as a percentage of Opana ER sales that go
- 20 generic. And it projected its market share in a
- 21 market that includes only branded and generic
- 22 oxymorphone ER, the same market that complaint counsel
- 23 proposes here.
- We will also present the testimony of
- 25 Dr. Seddon Savage. Dr. Savage is a professor at the

- 1 Dartmouth University Medical School. She is an expert
- 2 on the use of opioid drugs.
- 3 And she will testify that there are important
- 4 clinical differences between various long-acting opioid
- 5 products and there are important differences in
- 6 patients, and so when prescribing long-acting opioids
- 7 doctors have to take those differences into account to
- 8 find the right drug for each patient.
- 9 And importantly, once a patient is on a drug,
- 10 switching to a different long-acting opioid product is
- 11 a complex process, it creates risk for the patient, and
- 12 it increases costs, and so doctors don't switch
- 13 patients among different long-acting opioids in
- 14 response to a small price difference.
- 15 And it's also worth pointing out what the
- 16 Supreme Court said in Actavis about market power. It
- 17 said that "[T]he 'size of the payment from a branded
- 18 drug manufacturer to a prospective generic is itself a
- 19 strong indicator of power' -- namely, the power to
- 20 charge prices higher than the competitive level....
- 21 Neither is a firm without that power likely to pay
- 22 'large sums' to induce 'others to stay out of its
- 23 market.'"
- Now, complaint counsel will also present the
- 25 testimony of Professor Max Bazerman.

- 1 Professor Bazerman is a professor at
- 2 Harvard Business School and an expert in negotiations.
- 3 And he will testify that given the way the
- 4 negotiations were conducted and the settlement terms
- 5 themselves, the only plausible explanation is that the
- 6 settlement was a mechanism to induce Impax to agree to
- 7 stay out of Endo's market until January 1, 2013 in
- 8 exchange for a large payment.
- 9 And that leads to the second element under
- 10 Actavis, Your Honor, which is that Impax agreed not to
- 11 market its generic version of Opana ER until
- 12 January 2013 in exchange for a large payment.
- Now, there's no dispute in this case that Impax
- 14 agreed not to enter until January 1, 2013. That's
- 15 written expressly into the settlement. But there was
- 16 also a large payment.
- 17 Under Actavis, the payment must be large in
- 18 terms of its size and its scale in relation to the
- 19 brand's anticipated future litigation costs.
- Now, here in terms of its size, the total
- 21 payment was \$112 million. As we saw, that's twice
- 22 what Impax projected to earn from generic Opana sales
- 23 in 2010, and it's far greater than any saved litigation
- 24 costs to Endo, which were about \$3 million.
- 25 As I mentioned, the payment had two

- 1 components.
- The first is what we call the quaranteed no-AG
- 3 payment. This is the combination of the no-AG
- 4 provision and the Endo credit.
- 5 The second is the side deal payment, the
- 6 \$10 million upfront payment as part of the side deal.
- Now, as the court has mentioned, the
- 8 settlement of course does not specify a precise amount
- 9 that Impax would receive under the settlement, and so
- 10 complaint counsel's economic expert, Professor Noll,
- 11 ran numbers to assess the amount of money that Impax
- 12 would have expected to earn under the settlement
- 13 either under the Endo credit or the no-AG provision.
- 14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, among those projections
- 15 would have been zero if conditions were not met?
- MR. LOUGHLIN: One of those --
- 17 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Or is that not one of the
- 18 projections we're going to hear from your expert?
- 19 Because if no conditions were met, it would have been
- 20 zero; correct?
- MR. LOUGHLIN: Your Honor, there was a
- 22 theoretical possibility of zero, but --
- 23 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So that would be included in
- 24 the expert's projections if they're accurate; correct,
- 25 the possibility of zero?

- 1 MR. LOUGHLIN: The possibility of zero. But
- 2 what he's going to show is that the probability of
- 3 that has to be so likely, has to be over 90 percent
- 4 likely, that that was going to happen compared to
- 5 everything else for there to be a payment of zero. And
- 6 as I've already explained, the likelihood of there
- 7 being zero is tiny. And it's inconsistent with the
- 8 evidence.
- 9 The evidence will show that Endo planned to
- 10 launch its generic -- excuse me. Let me start that
- 11 over.
- 12 What the evidence will show is that Endo
- 13 planned to launch its reformulated product as soon as
- 14 they could. The only way that the -- that the Endo
- 15 credit could end up being zero is if Endo launched its
- 16 reformulated product -- and this is a possibility
- 17 thrown out by respondent's expert, Dr. Addanki, and he
- 18 said there was a possibility of this.
- 19 He says there's a possibility that if Endo
- 20 launched its reformulated product just before
- 21 January 2013, then there's a possibility that Opana ER
- 22 sales would go down to just above 50 percent, which is
- 23 the trigger mechanism in the settlement for the Endo
- 24 credit.
- 25 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'm just -- you know, it just

- 1 occurs to me that there's a lot of assumptions being
- 2 made, for example, that everything goes swimmingly
- 3 with the generic launch.
- 4 What if the generic is being made at a plant in
- 5 Puerto Rico recently? It's not going to happen, isn't
- 6 it? Not even going to have anything to sell. Things
- 7 go wrong.
- 8 So when you're talking about assumptions,
- 9 you've got to allow for the fact that things don't
- 10 always go swimmingly or as planned.
- 11 MR. LOUGHLIN: Yes, Your Honor. But what we
- 12 have to look at is what were the expectations of the
- 13 parties at the time of the deal. And what Dr. Noll
- 14 will show is that --
- 15 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So all we care about are
- 16 expectations. We don't care about the facts about what
- 17 actually happened and how it actually shook out in the
- 18 real world. The real world doesn't matter at all; is
- 19 that what you're telling me?
- MR. LOUGHLIN: No, Your Honor. The real world
- 21 does matter. And what happened in the real world is
- 22 that Endo paid Impax \$102 million. That does matter.
- 23 And the reason it matters is that because it
- 24 helps indicate the likelihood that Endo -- at least
- 25 what -- that this was going to be a product of

- 1 MR. LOUGHLIN: That's true, Your Honor.
- 2 But based on -- but based on --
- 3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Are you going to stand there
- 4 and tell me that the lowest possible outcome was not
- 5 going to be zero? You're going to stand there and tell
- 6 me that because some paid expert tells you that it had
- 7 to be \$62 million floor that it couldn't have been
- 8 zero?
- 9 MR. LOUGHLIN: No, Your Honor. There was a
- 10 theoretical possibility of zero. In fact, Impax --
- 11 JUDGE CHAPPELL: It sounds like this is all
- 12 theory to me except what was actually done and what
- 13 happened. Do we really need someone to sit in the
- 14 chair and tell us to speculate? We know what happened.
- 15 Let's talk about facts.
- MR. LOUGHLIN: Your Honor, yes. The facts are
- 17 that they got \$102 million. That is a fact. That is
- 18 far greater than their litigation -- their saved
- 19 litigation costs, which were expected to be
- 20 three million.
- 21 But respondent criticizes us because there was
- 22 a theoretical possibility of zero. Their own witness,
- 23 Mr. Mengler, understood there was a theoretical
- 24 possibility of zero, but he believed it was so trivial
- 25 that it wasn't worth worrying about during the

- 1 settlement negotiations. And he was right. They ended
- 2 up making \$102 million.
- But because respondent has criticized us that
- 4 there was a possibility of zero, our expert looked at
- 5 that. And what he determined was that based on the
- 6 information that Impax and Endo knew at the time, if
- 7 you just look at the sales that Opana was earning in
- 8 June of 2010 and compare that to -- take that as the
- 9 peak sale, then the most likely scenario was about
- 10 \$62 million and -- under the Endo credit, assuming the
- 11 Endo credit kicked in.
- 12 But he also looked at values under various
- 13 scenarios that could occur where original Opana ER
- 14 stayed on the market and Impax earned its value
- 15 through selling generic Opana ER through the no-AG
- 16 provision.
- 17 And what he found under various scenarios were
- 18 that the no-AG provision was worth at least 16 million
- 19 to 53 million, again, all well above saved litigation
- 20 costs of \$3 million.
- Now, respondent can try to justify this payment
- 22 as being in exchange for a service that Impax was
- 23 performing for Endo, but there's been no Impax or Endo
- 24 witness who has tried to justify the no-AG provision or
- 25 the Endo credit provision as being connected to any

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19	respondent's expert Dr. Sumanth Addan
20	Dr. Addanki opines that the Endo cred
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23	potential no-AG provision.
24	Instead, he says that there is a the
25	possibility that Endo could launch its reform

- 1 division, and he was Endo's designated corporate
- 2 representative to testify about Endo's plans for the
- 3 reformulated Opana ER. And he makes clear that Endo
- 4 wanted to get its reformulated product on the market
- 5 as soon as it could to have time for a smooth
- 6 transition.
- What it says:
- 8 "QUESTION: Because Endo wanted to get the
- 9 product out sooner rather than later; correct?
- 10 "MR. LORTIE: Yes, our interest was to be able
- 11 to smoothly transition from old product to new product.
- 12 "QUESTION: As soon as you could?
- 13 "MR. LORTIE: As soon as we could, but also in
- 14 a way that recognized that we wanted as smooth a [sic]
- 15 possible transition for patients that were on the old
- 16 product and transitioning to the new one."
- 17 That smooth transition --
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Who are you sic'g there, the
- 19 witness or the transcriber?
- 20 MR. LOUGHLIN: I don't remember, Your Honor,
- 21 what the witness actually said at this point.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, are you thinking he
- 23 meant to say "as," A-S?
- MR. LOUGHLIN: I think he meant to say "as,"
- 25 "as smooth as possible."

- 1 In any event, what the evidence will show is
- 2 that this kind of smooth transition that Endo wanted
- 3 takes months.
- 4 So that if Endo waited to launch its
- 5 reformulated product until just before generic entry,
- 6 as Dr. Addanki has suggested it would, it would risk
- 7 not being able to shift enough patients to the
- 8 reformulated product before the generics took over the
- 9 market. That would risk destroying the entire value of
- 10 the reformulation project that Endo had spent so much
- 11 time developing.
- 12 Now, that scenario is also inconsistent with
- 13 the evidence from Impax' perspective. And as I
- 14 mention --
- 15 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Wait a minute. I kept waiting
- 16 on the connection.
- 17 So what's your position, that the agreement in
- 18 this case delayed the crushproof introduction or
- 19 didn't delay it or had nothing to do with it because
- 20 Endo did what they wanted to do with the crushproof
- 21 version? What's your position on that?
- 22 MR. LOUGHLIN: No, the agreement did not delay
- 23 Endo's reformulation. What happened was that Endo
- 24 ended up getting FDA approval later than it expected
- 25 to get. It got it -- rather than getting it in 2011,

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1 well in advance of the launch by Impax in
 2 January 2013.
       JUDGE CHAPPELL: And as I asked, the facts are
 4 Endo did market that product as soon as they could per
 5 FDA; correct?
         MR. LOUGHLIN: Exactly. They did. They
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- 1 issue.
- 2 The Supreme Court makes clear in Actavis that
- 3 the antitrust defendant must justify the payment. It
- 4 says, "An antitrust defendant may show in the antitrust
- 5 proceeding that legitimate justifications are present,
- 6 thereby explaining the presence of the challenged term
- 7 and showing the lawfulness of that term under the rule
- 8 of reason."
- 9 And the Third Circuit made the same point in
- 10 Lipitor, 868 F.3d 231 at 256 to 57.
- 11 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You mean they show it unless
- 12 someone strikes affirmative defenses before the trial
- 13 begins? Is that what you mean?
- MR. LOUGHLIN: They -- yes, Your Honor --
- 15 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Thank you.
- 16 MR. LOUGHLIN: -- that's what I mean.
- 17 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Thank you.
- 18 MR. LOUGHLIN: Now, the challenged term here,
- 19 Your Honor, is the payment. And of course, we're not
- 20 challenging the license itself. We're challenging the
- 21 payment. And that's what needs to be justified.
- The Supreme Court made that even clearer
- 23 stating that "a reverse payment, where large and
- 24 unjustified, can bring with it the risk of significant
- 25 anticompetitive effects; and one who makes such a

- 1 payment may be unable to explain and to justify it...."
- 2 In other words, the Supreme Court is making
- 3 clear that settlements without reverse payments are
- 4 fundamentally different from settlements with reverse
- 5 payments; and therefore, it is the payment that needs
- 6 to be justified.
- Now, respondent may try to justify the
- 8 \$10 million side deal payment as being in exchange for
- 9 the development and co-promotion agreement. This is
- 10 the \$10 million that Endo paid upon signing for
- 11 co-promote rights to a Parkinson's disease treatment
- 12 that Impax had in preclinical development stage.
- 13 And I talked, Your Honor, about the fact that
- 14 they paid \$10 million for this product despite the
- 15 fact that they were going to pay the same amount of
- 16 money for a Phase III final-stage product, they paid
- 17 the exact same amount, despite the fact that now they
- 18 were talking about an early-stage product upon which
- 19 they had very little information.
- 20 And in connection with that side deal,
- 21 complaint counsel will present the testimony of
- 22 Dr. John Geltosky. Dr. Geltosky is a pharmaceutical
- 23 consultant who spent decades doing business
- 24 development deals in the pharmaceutical industry.
- 25 And he will testify that these facts, the

- 1 facts that I laid out regarding the settlement -- or
- 2 excuse me -- the negotiations and terms of the
- 3 co-promotion deal are inconsistent with the way that
- 4 pharmaceutical companies evaluate and negotiate
- 5 bona fide licensing or co-promotion deals.
- The evidence will also show that Endo viewed
- 7 the side deal as protecting Opana revenues.
- 8 This is an Endo document from July of 2010,
- 9 just after the settlement. And Endo explained that it
- 10 has done a license deal with Impax for a
- 11 development-stage asset. And it notes that the side
- 12 deal adds significant top-line revenue for Opana.
- 13 It's not mentioning top-line revenue from the
- 14 side deal. It's saying that it's going to provide
- 15 additional top-line revenue for Opana, in other words,
- 16 because of the settlement and the fact that Impax'
- 17 generic was now guaranteed not to be on the market for
- 18 two and a half years.
- Now, as the court heard last Thursday, one of
- 20 the fundamental issues that would come up in this case
- 21 is a dispute between the parties' economic experts
- 22 regarding how you assess whether the settlement had
- 23 any anticompetitive effect and when those effects
- 24 occurred.
- 25 Complaint counsel's expert Professor Noll will

- 1 testify that the relevant anticompetitive effect of the
- 2 settlement is that Endo made a large payment to Impax
- 3 to induce Impax to accept the January 1, 2013 entry
- 4 date and thereby prevented the risk of competition
- 5 before January 1, 2013.
- 6 As a result, the relative -- excuse me -- the
- 7 relevant anticompetitive effect occurred between
- 8 June 2010 and January 1, 2013.
- 9 We believe that opinion testimony from
- 10 Professor Noll is consistent with Actavis.
- 11 And again, this is the language from Actavis
- 12 saying that "[T]he large payment (if otherwise
- 13 unexplained) likely seeks to prevent the risk of
- 14 competition. And, as we have said, that consequence
- 15 constitutes the relevant anticompetitive harm."
- 16 Now, in contrast to complaint counsel's expert
- 17 Professor Noll, you're going to hear from respondent's
- 18 expert Dr. Sumanth Addanki, who says that to show that
- 19 the settlement is anticompetitive, complaint counsel
- 20 must prove that absent the settlement, Impax would have
- 21 won the patent case against Endo and actually marketed
- 22 its product before January 1, 2013.
- 23 And respondent has a patent lawyer expert,
- 24 Mr. Anthony Figg, who will testify that Impax likely
- 25 would have lost the patent case.

- But the problem with Dr. Addanki's theory and
- 2 with Mr. Figg's testimony is that they are both
- 3 inconsistent with Actavis.
- 4 Indeed, in that case the Supreme Court
- 5 expressly said that "[I]t is normally not necessary to
- 6 litigate patent validity to --
- 7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Hold it right there.
- 8 Are you telling me that Actavis says absolutely
- 9 nobody gets into whether the patent was valid or not?
- 10 Because right there you just said "normally not
- 11 necessary." That's wiggle room right there. You
- 12 disagree?
- MR. LOUGHLIN: Your Honor, to --
- 14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: It's not an absolute. And if
- 15 you think it is, you're going to be disappointed.
- MR. LOUGHLIN: No, Your Honor. But the
- 17 difference in what Actavis is saying is that there's a
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- 1 MR. LOUGHLIN: Well, Your Honor, there are a
- 2 number of places where the Supreme Court indicates
- 3 that to decide the antitrust case and whether there's a
- 4 violation you do not need to prove the patent merits.
- 5 And in fact, it says that the fact that there's a large
- 6 payment --
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'm not saying the government
- 8 has to prove patent merits. I'm saying patent merits
- 9 may become an issue. I'm not attributing the fact they
- 10 have to be proven to anyone.
- 11 MR. LOUGHLIN: Your Honor, I agree with you
- 12 that patent merits will become an issue because
- 13 respondent will make it an issue. But our position is
- 14 that this court does not need to address the patent
- 15 merits to decide an antitrust case and that, under
- 16 Actavis, the Supreme Court is directing the court not
- 17 to consider the patent merits --
- 18 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I understand your position.
- MR. LOUGHLIN: Yep.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: What's next?
- 21 MR. LOUGHLIN: What's next, Your Honor, is
- 22 remedy.
- Now, when Endo sued Impax for patent
- 24 infringement in 2007, as I mentioned, it got a
- 25 30-month stay before the FDA could approve Impax'

- 1 generic. It got that 30-month stay pursuant to the
- 2 Hatch-Waxman Act.
- 3 Just before that 30-month stay expired, Endo
- 4 bought another 30-month stay. Endo bought it from
- 5 Impax through this settlement.
- 6 Impax got \$112 million, and Endo avoided the
- 7 risk of generic entry on the most popular dosages of
- 8 Opana ER for 30 months, from June of 2010 to January 1,
- 9 2013.
- 10 Endo avoided the risk of competition from
- 11 Impax, and because of Impax' 180-day exclusivity, it
- 12 avoided the risk of competition on those five dosages
- 13 from any other generic.
- 14 That is the anticompetitive harm in this case.
- 15 And that harm occurred between the settlement in June
- 16 of 2010 and Impax' generic entry in 2013.
- 17 As I mentioned at the beginning, we ask the
- 18 court to find that as a result the settlement violated
- 19 section 5 of the FTC Act.
- 20 And we also ask the court to issue an order
- 21 prohibiting Impax from entering reverse payment
- 22 settlements in the future. That is ongoing, future
- 23 relief that we are requesting. And it is important
- 24 relief.
- 25 It is important because, as I mentioned, Impax

- 1 is a generic pharmaceutical company. Its business is
- 2 to file ANDAs and to challenge patents. And it will
- 3 find itself in patent litigation with branded
- 4 pharmaceutical companies again.
- 5 And Impax' current CEO testified in this case
- 6 that he always hopes to get no-AG agreements. He was
- 7 asked, "...would you hope to get what is frequently
- 8 known as a no-AG clause?" And he said yes. He said,
- 9 "Well, I think the best way to answer that would,
- 10 [sic] be having grown up in the industry and knowing
- 11 when the law was passed, it was not supposed to have an
- 12 AG, I would like to always try to maintain that,
- 13 wherever possible."
- Now, Your Honor, we believe that it is
- 15 appropriate for this court to issue an order telling
- 16 Impax that if they want to settle patent lawsuits,
- 17 they can, but they cannot do so with reverse payments
- 18 of the sort used in this case.
- 19 And that's what this case is about,
- 20 Your Honor.
- 21 Thank you.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Are you ready?
- MR. HASSI: I am, Your Honor.
- 24 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead. We may take a break
- 25 before you finish, but get started.

- 1 When the government provides the documents
- 2 we've discussed, give them to Lawman, the bailiff.
- 3 He'll provide them to me.
- 4 MR. LOUGHLIN: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 5 (Pause in the proceedings.)
- 6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.
- 7 MR. HASSI: Your Honor, it won't surprise you
- 8 to know that I have slides as well, if I could --
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Pass them out. I don't need
- 10 one.
- 11 Before we get started, let's put up a test
- 12 slide and make sure the system is working.
- 13 All right. Go ahead.
- MR. HASSI: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 15 Good afternoon.
- 16 Your Honor, for patients with chronic pain,
- 17 there's only one source of oxymorphone ER today,
- 18 Impax. No other company, branded or generic, supplies
- 19 oxymorphone ER today. Endo stopped selling it, as we
- 20 talked about earlier this morning.
- 21 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Are you talking about an
- 22 extended-release version?
- 23 MR. HASSI: Yes, Your Honor. Which is I think
- 24 the only thing we'll be talking about in this case.
- I may from time to time switch between

- 1 "oxymorphone," and by that I mean oxymorphone HCl ER,
- 2 and I may say "Opana." I'll try to say "reformulated"
- 3 if I mean the reformulated. Otherwise, I mean Opana ER
- 4 or its generic variant.
- 5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And when you and complaint
- 6 counsel say "reformulated," we're talking about the
- 7 so-called crushproof version.
- 8 MR. HASSI: Yes, Your Honor.
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Right, Mr. Loughlin?
- 10 MR. LOUGHLIN: Yes, Your Honor.
- 11 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Thank you.
- 12 MR. HASSI: Now, Endo has used its patents to
- 13 keep other ANDA filers -- and there were several.
- 14 Your Honor asked this morning. You'll see that it
- 15 wasn't just Impax. It wasn't just Impax and Actavis.
- 16 It was Impax and Actavis and Watson and Amneal, and
- 17 there were a number of generic filers that filed around
- 18 the same time as Impax.
- 19 Impax was first to file on the five most
- 20 popular strengths. Actavis --
- 21 JUDGE CHAPPELL: But nobody else had the -- no
- 22 one else qualified for the 180-day exclusivity period?
- 23 MR. HASSI: Your Honor, Actavis qualified for
- 24 180 days on two strengths, the 7.5 and the
- 25 15 milligram. They're sometimes referred to as the

- 1 weaning strengths. They're used when titrating people
- 2 off the drug, and so they're less popular.
- 3 Impax was the sole first filer on the five
- 4 strengths, the 5, 10, 20, 30 and 40 milligram
- 5 strengths.
- 6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Did Actavis market those two
- 7 strengths?
- 8 MR. HASSI: Actavis did for a period of time
- 9 market those strengths, yes, Your Honor.
- 10 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Did Actavis have a deal with
- 11 Endo?
- MR. HASSI: Actavis did not have a deal with
- 13 Endo. Actavis marketed those strengths after -- so
- 14 Impax came on the market in 2013, got its 180 days of
- 15 exclusivity. After that point, Actavis came to market
- 16 with those -- with those strengths that had been on
- 17 since 2011 in the two strengths that it was first to
- 18 file on, but it came on the five additional strengths
- 19 in the summer of 2013 and then was kicked off the
- 20 market by the -- a court in the Southern District of
- 21 New York and removed the product from the market in
- 22 2016 and is not on the market today.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: We've heard this 180-day
- 24 period is very valuable to the generic. Do you agree?
- MR. HASSI: I do agree, yes, Your Honor.

- 1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: How does that work out with
- 2 the FDA, your client being the first filer? If
- 3 something had gone wrong with Impax, does someone else
- 4 who filed on the same day or around that time -- do
- 5 they then step in and get the 180-day exclusivity
- 6 window?
- 7 MR. HASSI: Your Honor, I believe it's simply,
- 8 if something goes wrong, Impax forfeits it. I don't
- 9 believe someone else gets it. I will check because I'm
- 10 not as up on those regulatory rules to answer that
- 11 question.
- But I know there are conditions under which,
- 13 for example, if Impax --
- 14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'm sure there will be
- 15 someone in the chair during the trial who can tell us
- 16 that.
- MR. HASSI: Your Honor, Margaret Snowden, who
- 18 will testify either this afternoon or tomorrow, is an
- 19 in-house lawyer for Impax and is the person I would go
- 20 to to answer that question. And I'm sure she'd be
- 21 happy to answer it to the extent she can.
- 22 JUDGE CHAPPELL: We're going to have to get
- 23 into the weeds about some of these processes.
- 24 MR. HASSI: Understood, Your Honor. And we'll
- 25 try to provide those answers as best we can.

- But, Your Honor, as I said, Impax is the only
- 2 source of oxymorphone ER today. And the reason it's
- 3 the only source and the reason it's able to sell that
- 4 product today is because in 2010 it entered into a
- 5 settlement with Endo.
- 6 That settlement allowed Impax to enter on a
- 7 date certain. It was allowed to enter on a date
- 8 certain before the patents that it was litigating with
- 9 Endo expired.
- 10 And in that settlement, it acquired a license
- 11 to future patents, so not just the two patents that
- 12 were at issue in that litigation but to the patents
- 13 that Endo has subsequently acquired and the patents
- 14 that have kept others off the market today.
- 15 And so Impax, as I mentioned, came on the
- 16 market in 2013 and has been selling ever since.
- Other generic filers -- there were a number of
- 18 them -- settled with Endo but on different terms.
- 19 None of them got that same broad license, and none of
- 20 them is on the market today.
- 21 As you will hear in this case, Endo acquired a
- 22 number of additional patents. It has prosecuted those
- 23 patents, and it's prosecuted them successfully. Judges
- 24 in New York --
- 25 JUDGE CHAPPELL: When you say none of them are

- 1 on the market today, were some of these other generic
- 2 filers -- did they market the drug for a while?
- MR. HASSI: Only Actavis, Your Honor. Actavis
- 4 is the only company that ever came onto the market and
- 5 sold Opana for a period of time.
- 6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And why are they not on the
- 7 market?
- 8 MR. HASSI: Because they lost a patent
- 9 challenge to Endo and a judge ordered them off the
- 10 market, and then they lost a second patent challenge to
- 11 Endo, and they lost -- in the same litigation, a third
- 12 patent was upheld.
- 13 So there are two separate sets of litigation,
- 14 four total patents. Those have been upheld, and the
- 15 last one expires in 2029, and so Actavis is currently
- 16 under injunction through 2029.
- 17 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So it sounds like the reasons
- 18 why your client is the only one on the market are many
- 19 and varied, but we're going to hear about them during
- 20 the trial.
- 21 MR. HASSI: That's correct, Your Honor. And I
- 22 would say that they all stem from the settlement that
- 23 is at the heart of this trial.
- 24 In other words, but for that settlement, Impax
- 25 would have been sued in those cases, indeed it was sued

- 1 in those other cases on the reformulated, and would be
- 2 enjoined today, and so Impax would not be selling
- 3 Opana ER today. Nobody would be selling Opana ER
- 4 today.
- Now, complaint counsel would like you to find
- 6 the settlement anticompetitive because it included a
- 7 payment from Endo to Impax, and in the hypothetical
- 8 world that complaint counsel conjures up, that payment
- 9 must somehow have been bad for consumers.
- 10 They don't explain which consumers. They
- 11 don't explain, other than the window that we heard
- 12 this morning, sometime between June in 2010 and
- 13 January of 2013, when Impax would have come to market.
- 14 They eschew all that. They don't think they
- 15 need to prove that under the rule of reason. They
- 16 just want to say that somehow if Impax had continued
- 17 to litigate -- because let's face it. That's the only
- 18 option they had. It was settle or continue to
- 19 litigate -- somehow if Impax had continued to
- 20 litigate, the world would have been a better place for
- 21 consumers.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: What about this \$10 million
- 23 apparently payment for nothing as I've heard?
- 24 MR. HASSI: Your Honor, you will hear a lot
- 25 about that. We certainly don't think it's a payment

- 1 for nothing. That drug is --
- 2 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Do you agree with what
- 3 complaint counsel said, that your client basically
- 4 slipped in a second product in the middle of the
- 5 night?
- 6 MR. HASSI: Not at all, Your Honor. The
- 7 product -- Endo expressed an interest in what was then
- 8 called 066.
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, let's get down to basics
- 10 on this.
- 11 Is it true that when the agreement was signed,
- 12 the information regarding the product had not been
- 13 provided to Endo? It was not identified at the time it
- 14 was signed?
- 15 MR. HASSI: Your Honor, the product had been
- 16 identified. Information had been provided to Endo at
- 17 its request. There wasn't as much information about
- 18 the product that was at that point under formulation as
- 19 its predecessor.
- Its predecessor, by the way, is on the market
- 21 today. It's a drug called Rytary. Endo expressed an
- 22 interest initially in Rytary, but Impax wasn't looking
- 23 for a partner on Rytary.
- So, yes, Endo wanted that product and any
- 25 follow-ons. And Impax says, We're not going to give

- 1 and I'm getting into science that's a little bit
- 2 beyond me here -- but the profile they were looking to
- 3 meet in terms of why this drug would be an improvement
- 4 over what is now being sold as Rytary, they offered
- 5 that to Endo and they said, Look, in the four corners
- 6 of the definition of our agreement, this isn't exactly
- 7 what we agreed upon. It's a slightly revised version
- 8 of that, and it has to do with an esterized product.
- 9 And Mr. Cobuzzi from -- Dr. Cobuzzi from Endo,
- 10 who is a scientist who did this deal for Endo and, by
- 11 the way, did his Ph.D. thesis on Parkinson's, he can
- 12 explain this far better than I can.

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- 1 infringer?
- MR. HASSI: That's correct, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Why is that?
- 4 MR. HASSI: That's as a matter of law because
- 5 there are patents.
- In other words, there are a couple of barriers
- 7 here. The FDA -- FDA and FDA approval is a barrier to
- 8 entry. Everyone agrees to that. And ultimately Impax
- 9 passed that barrier.
- 10 JUDGE CHAPPELL: But it's no safe harbor for
- 11 infringement.
- 12 MR. HASSI: It is not safe harbor. It doesn't
- 13 speak to the patents. If there are patents, that's
- 14 what was at issue in the litigation, and so Impax, had
- 15 it launched at risk against those patents --
- 16 JUDGE CHAPPELL: This is not my first rodeo
- 17 involving one of these cases.
- 18 MR. HASSI: Understood, Your Honor.
- 19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Doesn't the generic company
- 20 certify or make some declaration to the FDA that we've
- 21 got a generic equivalent, biosimilar or whatever, that
- 22 does not infringe? Isn't that some representation
- 23 you're making to the FDA in the beginning?
- MR. HASSI: All of these Hatch-Waxman cases
- 25 start with the generic company saying either their

- 1 product -- either the patents are invalid or our
- 2 product doesn't infringe it. And that triggers --
- 3 under Hatch-Waxman, that triggers the right of the
- 4 brand to say, Oh, yes, it does, and to commence a
- 5 patent litigation.
- 6 And the idea behind Hatch-Waxman was that
- 7 allowed -- before that, generic companies would have
- 8 to launch at risk and sort of dare the patent company
- 9 to sue them. Now they can file a Paragraph IV. They
- 10 don't actually have to go out at risk and risk damages,
- 11 and they can have the litigation during that 30-month
- 12 period and a court can decide who's right about the
- 13 patents.
- 14 But what you're not going to hear from
- 15 complaint counsel --
- 16 JUDGE CHAPPELL: But theoretically in that
- 17 30-month period.
- 18 MR. HASSI: Theoretically in that 30-month
- 19 period.
- 20 And it won't surprise you to know that
- 21 typically the brand company tries to delay how long it
- 22 takes to get to trial and the generic company wants to
- 23 get there as soon as possible so that at the end of
- 24 that 30-month period they can be in a position to
- 25 launch.

- 1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Was the settlement in this
- 2 case blessed by a district court judge?
- 3 MR. HASSI: I believe it was, but I'll have to
- 4 check, Your Honor.
- 5 I mean, in other words, it was -- I -- well, I
- 6 take that back.
- 7 It was in litigation at the time. I don't know
- 8 that the parties needed court approval for the
- 9 settlement so much as they entered into a settlement,
- 10 told the judge, and the judge originally paused the
- 11 trial and then ended the trial.
- 12 I don't know that -- and I would have to check
- 13 as to whether the settlement required court approval.
- 14 It wasn't a class action --
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, when I say "blessed by,"
- 16 I don't mean it had to have court approval, I meant did
- 17 it get court approval. Was it submitted by the parties
- 18 to the judge when the litigation ended?
- 19 MR. HASSI: I don't know the answer to that,
- 20 Your Honor. I will have to check.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: I will expect somebody to have
- 22 that answer at some point on the witness stand.
- 23 MR. HASSI: Yes, Your Honor. Again, I'm going
- 24 to put a lot on Ms. Snowden's plate, but she was one of
- 25 the in-house lawyers at the time of the litigation and

- 1 settlement and --
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Snowden?
- 3 MR. HASSI: Snowden, yes, Your Honor.
- 4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: No relation?
- 5 MR. HASSI: I'm sorry?
- 6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: No relation?
- 7 MR. HASSI: I don't know the answer to that,
- 8 Your Honor, but I hope not.
- 9 Last night she was Simpson. We were trying to
- 10 get her checked into a hotel and we put the
- 11 reservation under another name, so maybe we'll just
- 12 call her Simpson for these purposes.
- 13 But, Your Honor, going back to the idea of a
- 14 launch at risk, it's a risky proposition, particularly
- 15 for a small company like Impax. And we're going to
- 16 show you that it was too big a risk here, that there
- 17 wasn't really a period of time where, as complaint
- 18 counsel suggests, there would have been product sold
- 19 either at risk or falling away. It's all hypothetical,
- 20 theoretical. Consumers were better off in the real
- 21 world.
- 22 And Your Honor, there's no evidence that there
- 23 was a payment here for delay. That's -- when you said
- 24 this is not your first rodeo, I'm sure Your Honor is
- 25 aware that the FTC has been calling these cases

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- 1 said. And I think that's the one thing from Actavis
- 2 that we can all agree about is the rule of reason
- 3 applies here.
- 4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Hold on a second.
- Josett, would you like for him to slow down a
- 6 little?
- 7 THE REPORTER: I sure would.
- 8 MR. HASSI: I will try, Your Honor.
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: That's kind of an indirect
- 10 request.
- 11 MR. HASSI: Your Honor, I'm sorry. I realize
- 12 I'm keeping people from their lunch.
- So as the Supreme Court said in Actavis,
- 14 complaint counsel must then prove their case as in
- 15 other rule of reason cases. And the conventional rule
- 16 of reason approach requires courts to engage in a
- 17 thorough analysis of the relevant market and the
- 18 effects of the restraint in that market.
- 19 Now, the challenged restraint here is the
- 20 settlement. I heard the payment referred to as the
- 21 restraint this morning. I'm not sure how a payment
- 22 restrains anybody.
- 23 If we're really just talking about the payment
- 24 here, not, for example, the entry date, which was in
- 25 that same agreement, I think we can all just go home.

- 1 But I think what you're going to hear is and you did
- 2 hear at other times, at times they say you've got to
- 3 justify the payment and other times they say, well, no,
- 4 no, you've got to tie the payment -- we're going to tie
- 5 the payment to the entry.
- 6 THE REPORTER: You have to slow down. You're
- 7 not slowing down.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: That's a direct request.
- 9 MR. HASSI: Yes, Your Honor.
- 10 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Speaking of relevant market,
- 11 Mr. Loughlin didn't spend a lot of time on it, but the
- 12 government's position is the product market here is
- 13 the drug you sell. They've got experts to tell us you
- 14 can't take somebody off that drug, et cetera,
- 15 et cetera.
- 16 I believe you're going to disagree on what the
- 17 relevant market is?
- 18 MR. HASSI: We are absolutely going to disagree
- 19 on what the relevant market is, Your Honor.
- The relevant market is long-acting opioids.
- 21 And there are -- and particularly extended-release
- 22 ones, but there are a number of drugs in this
- 23 category, and you'll see that there is competition at
- 24 multiple levels. There's competition for insurance
- 25 companies. There's competition for patients. There's

- 1 competition for prescribers, the doctors that prescribe
- 2 this drug.
- You're going to hear that this drug isn't
- 4 particularly special as compared with those other
- 5 long-acting opioids. It's a pain relief drug,
- 6 Your Honor.
- 7 The number one indication -- excuse me. The
- 8 number one use for this is lumbago, lower back pain,
- 9 which a number of us suffer from. I don't have to take
- 10 opioids; it's not that bad.
- 11 But there are lots of uses for this drug.
- 12 There's no unique use for this drug. And we absolutely
- 13 are going to contest the relevant market.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: So your position is, rather
- 15 than patients who are going to be prescribed this
- 16 opioid, it is perhaps patients who are going to be
- 17 prescribed an opioid?
- MR. HASSI: An opioid, yes, Your Honor.
- 19 In other words, OxyContin, for example,
- 20 Purdue Pharma's, that's the blockbuster in this. It's
- 21 a multibillion-dollar market. Purdue Pharma's
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- JUDGE CHAPPELL: And today, OxyContin has what
- 2 percentage of this market?
- 3 MR. HASSI: I don't know the market shares
- 4 today. We can get you that, Your Honor. But OxyContin
- 5 is still a big player in this market. There have been
- 6 a number of other entrants into the market.
- 7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: What does your client consider
- 8 to be the number one competitor to this drug that's in
- 9 dispute?
- 10 MR. HASSI: I would have to ask my client,
- 11 Your Honor. I think OxyContin is the one that gets
- 12 focused on the most. But, again, initially the
- 13 company wanted to be an AB-rated generic. That never
- 14 happened because Endo moved the market to the
- 15 reformulated.
- 16 But as Your Honor points out, under the rule
- 17 of reason -- so first complaint counsel has to show a
- 18 large and unreasonable payment. If they do that, we
- 19 go to the rule of reason. And the first thing we'll
- 20 talk about under the rule of reason is the product
- 21 market. And then we'll talk about whether there was an
- 22 effect in the relevant market.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: You said "unreasonable
- 24 payment." Do you mean unjustified?
- 25 MR. HASSI: You know, the Supreme Court uses

- 1 both terms, "large and unreasonable" and "large and
- 2 unjustified." I take them to mean the same thing, but
- 3 I can't speak to why they used both terms. I think --
- 4 I think -- my recollection is Actavis uses both terms.
- Your Honor, Impax is a small drug company. It
- 6 was founded in 1995 by Dr. Larry Hsu, and he's going to
- 7 testify in this case. And Impax makes money by selling
- 8 generic drugs, not from settlements.
- 9 Patent settlements may be the way that Impax
- 10 comes to market often and it was, as I talked about,
- 11 the main purpose of the Hatch-Waxman Act and that was
- 12 to foster generic competition, but that's -- patent
- 13 litigation is often a vehicle that allows Impax to
- 14 come to market.
- It, as we talked about, files a Paragraph IV
- 16 challenge and following that Paragraph IV challenge
- 17 enters into litigation typically with the brand company
- 18 and waits to see, typically, what the result of that
- 19 litigation is before deciding whether or not to launch
- 20 at risk or to launch.
- 21 And that's what Impax did here. It filed with
- 22 the FDA, and it challenged Endo's patents in that
- 23 Paragraph IV filing. And it spent nearly two and a
- 24 half years litigating with Endo so that it could sell
- 25 generic Opana ER.

- 1 was always pushing.
- 2 JUDGE CHAPPELL: The patent expiration date
- 3 would be when?
- 4 MR. HASSI: September 10, 2013 -- oh, in
- 5 September 2013, around the 10th. It might have been
- 6 the 9th and the --
- 7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Same year.
- 8 MR. HASSI: Same year, yes, Your Honor.
- 9 Indeed, there was a -- you'll hear, again from
- 10 Ms. Snowden, in the early settlement discussions, in
- 11 the very first call that she had, there was a
- 12 discussion about dates. And the discussion went as
- 13 follows:
- 14 Endo laid out that their expectation was that
- 15 you would take the patent expiration date, which was
- 16 September '13, and take the earliest possible entry
- 17 date that Endo -- that Impax could achieve following a
- 18 litigation to a final decision and split those dates.
- 19 And Ms. Snowden suggested, Well, what about
- 20 June 2010, what about the fact that we could enter at
- 21 that point? And Endo laughed it off. Endo said, You
- 22 don't enter at risk. Impax doesn't do that.
- 23 And she brought up the one example from five
- 24 years earlier where Impax once launched at risk. And
- 25 Endo was very familiar with that because Endo had been

- 1 in that case, too.
- 2 And Impax didn't launch at risk after a
- 3 successful district court decision. They entered
- 4 after a successful district court decision, after
- 5 another generic had entered, after it was up and
- 6 briefed in front of and argued in front of the
- 7 Federal Circuit, and they launched for a very short
- 8 period of time and settled and got out of the market.
- 9 By the way, that was on OxyContin, which we've
- 10 talked about this morning, another long-acting opioid.
- 11 You're going to hear in this case from
- 12 Larry Hsu, the CEO, that an entry date was his first
- 13 priority.
- 14 And you're going to hear from Chris Mengler,
- 15 the lead negotiator and the president of the generic
- 16 division --
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: But you ended up
- 18 January 2013 versus September 2013 with no risk. Why
- 19 not just wait eight or nine months? If you're going to
- 20 go to January 2013, why don't you wait eight or nine
- 21 months when there's no risk?
- MR. HASSI: Several reasons, Your Honor.
- 23 First, January -- I mean, the objective is to
- 24 sell early, and so -- to enter early, and January is
- 25 earlier than September.

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- 1 MR. HASSI: Due to the 30-month, if Impax had
- 2 waited until September of 2013 to launch, that's right,
- 3 they would not have been exclusive at that point.
- 4 They would have forfeited or lost their exclusivity,
- 5 and other ANDA filers could enter at the same time.
- 6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right.
- 7 MR. HASSI: Now, you're not -- you're going to
- 8 hear from Chris Mengler, who was the lead negotiator
- 9 for Impax, that he did his best and pushed for a
- 10 January 1 -- pushed for the earliest entry date he
- 11 could and ultimately got to a January 1, 2013 entry
- 12 date.
- 13 You're not going to hear from anybody from
- 14 oxbte.
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- JUDGE CHAPPELL: And what I'm hearing today,
- 2 you're making the opposite claim, that it was a strong
- 3 and valid patent.
- 4 MR. HASSI: Your Honor, what I will tell you
- 5 today is what you will hear principally from Mr. Figg,
- 6 our patent expert. The outcome was uncertain,
- 7 absolutely. And I think all the -- the experts agree
- 8 on that, the outcome of the patent litigation. We're
- 9 not going to say that Impax necessarily would have
- 10 lost.
- 11 What Mr. Figg will tell you is that shortly
- 12 before the trial started, the judge who was trying
- 13 that -- who was slated to try that case issued her
- 14 Markman opinion, and the Markman opinion sided with
- 15 Endo.
- So I think the best we can say at this
- 17 point -- and this is what Mr. Figg will tell you -- is
- 18 that it was more likely than not that Impax would have
- 19 lost.
- 20 But again, it's taking a risk. It's rolling
- 21 the dice.
- 22 If Impax goes forward with the litigation and
- 23 loses, it doesn't get to enter. It doesn't get to sell
- 24 the drug.
- 25 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I read something in probably

- 1 And Endo was planning on reformulating, and
- 2 launching an authorized generic would be inconsistent
- 3 with that.
- 4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So your position is Endo was
- 5 never considering selling an authorized generic.
- 6 MR. HASSI: Not exactly, Your Honor. Impax --
- 7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Because we saw a chart earlier
- 8 today.
- 9 MR. HASSI: Exactly, Your Honor, and allow me
- 10 to explain.
- 11 So at the point in time before they entered
- 12 into settlement, before they entered into settlement
- 13 talks, Endo was concerned that Impax might launch at
- 14 risk, and it modeled what happens if we launch at risk
- 15 and should we consider launching -- if Impax launches
- 16 at risk, should Endo consider launching an authorized
- 17 generic.
- 18 And under those circumstances, it is possible
- 19 that Endo would have launched an authorized generic.
- 20 But what's in front of Your Honor is a settlement, so
- 21 Impax didn't launch at risk. Endo didn't launch an
- 22 authorized generic -- Endo didn't launch an authorized
- 23 generic.
- 24 It would be inconsistent with what its plan
- 25 was. Its plan was not to have Impax launch at risk.

- 1 Its plan was to --
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: No, no. That's two different
- 3 things. You just now said they didn't launch, but you
- 4 told me earlier they did never plan to launch. Which
- 5 is it?
- 6 MR. HASSI: Your Honor, they did not plan to
- 7 launch so long as they could get -- go forward with
- 8 their plan and --
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: But you concede they took
- 10 steps in line with launching an AG.
- 11 MR. HASSI: They did take steps to prepare, in
- 12 the event that Impax or another generic launched at
- 13 risk, to respond with an authorized generic. They did,
- 14 Your Honor.
- 15 However, their plan was not to have to launch
- 16 an authorized generic but instead to launch a
- 17 reformulated product, to move the market to that
- 18 reformulated product, and not to have to -- not to
- 19 launch an authorized generic at all. And that's what
- 20 it did.
- 21 It moved to a new product. That new product --
- 22 it would have been inconsistent to launch an authorized
- 23 generic.
- 24 And if we could --
- 25 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Whose idea was the prong of

- 1 the agreement where your client got payment if the
- 2 market degraded?
- MR. HASSI: So Impax proposed a market
- 4 degradation trigger. And by that I mean a provision
- 5 that -- what Impax said is, Look, if the market drops
- 6 by, say, 50 percent, we get to enter the market at
- 7 that point in time instead of waiting until
- 8 January 1, 2013.

- 1 provision. And that would have made that Endo credit
- 2 provision valueless.
- 3 So if I could go back, on the authorized
- 4 generic -- if you could bring up the Brian Lortie
- 5 slide.
- 6 So you heard about Mr. Lortie this morning.
- 7 He's an Endo senior vice -- senior vice president who
- 8 was -- the senior vice president of
- 9 Endo Pain Solutions, so he was responsible for this
- 10 drug. And here's what he said.
- 11 MR. ANTALICS: Your Honor, the visuals are not
- 12 working.
- 13 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay. The monitor is
- 14 working.
- 15 MR. HASSI: Ours are flashing, which is a
- 16 little disconcerting.
- 17 If yours is working, Your Honor, I will shut
- 18 this one off.
- 19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Mine appears to flash when I
- 20 look away, but not while I'm looking.
- 21 MR. HASSI: Your Honor, so this is testimony
- 22 from Brian Lortie. He's the senior vice president of
- 23 Endo Pain Solutions.
- And what he testified to is, it would be
- 25 morally very difficult to justify at the same time

- 1 having a crushable authorized generic product and a
- 2 noncrushable branded product.
- 3 And indeed, what Endo did ultimately was file
- 4 a citizens petition with the FDA and tried to convince
- 5 the FDA that original Opana ER was removed from the
- 6 market for safety reasons.
- 7 And Impax challenged that citizens petition,
- 8 and when Endo didn't get a response quickly enough from
- 9 the FDA, they sued the FDA.
- 10 And if we could bring up, Robert, the next
- 11 slide.
- 12 So this is --
- 13 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Could it be that some higher
- 14 power is suggesting we take a break to fix this?
- 15 MR. HASSI: Your Honor, I won't disagree with
- 16 that. I'm finding the flashing very disconcerting.
- 17 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Lawman, you're going to get
- 18 somebody on this; right?
- 19 THE BAILIFF: Yes, sir. Yes, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Let's go ahead and take our
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We're going to take our lunch recess. We'll
2 reconvene at 1:45.
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- 1 talking about Endo, Endo's intent.
- 2 MR. HASSI: Yes, Your Honor.
- 3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Your take is that Endo went to
- 4 the FDA in an attempt to purposely in effect
- 5 cannibalize to end the ER so that everyone has to have
- 6 the crushproof.
- 7 MR. HASSI: Yes, Your Honor.
- 8 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Opioid.
- 9 MR. HASSI: Yes, Your Honor. They wanted --
- 10 they wanted -- they wanted to be selling the only
- 11 version of Opana and they wanted it to be the
- 12 crushproof. And they didn't want Impax to come on with
- 13 a generic, and they didn't want to sell their own
- 14 authorized generic of the non-crush-resistant.
- 15 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And this is disputed?
- MR. HASSI: This is disputed.
- 17 The complaint counsel says that there was --
- 18 this no-authorized-generic provision had value.
- 19 Our point is, they put that -- they put that
- 20 provision in the first agreement, "they" Endo, offered
- 21 that first provision in the first agreement. It was
- 22 never really discussed. It was in the final agreement,
- 23 but it really didn't have value, because Endo was
- 24 giving the sleeves off its vest. Endo wasn't going to
- 25 launch an authorized generic, so promising to not

- 1 launch an authorized generic is a promise with no
- 2 value.
- 3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And let me talk about some
- 4 dates.
- 5 You say the agreement was finalized
- 6 June 2010.
- 7 MR. HASSI: Yes, Your Honor.
- 8 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Does that also include what's
- 9 been called I guess the side agreement, same time, same
- 10 date?
- 11 MR. HASSI: The development and co-promotion
- 12 agreement was signed a day earlier on June 7.
- 13 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And there was a \$10 million
- 14 payment when?
- 15 MR. HASSI: The \$10 million payment was made
- 16 shortly thereafter. I want to say it was within five
- 17 days, but it may have been taken a little longer for
- 18 the payment to --
- 19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Other than that payment, when
- 20 did even one penny come from Endo to your client after
- 21 that agreement was signed in June 2010?
- MR. HASSI: The Endo credit was paid I believe
- 23 at the end of the first quarter of 2013.
- 24 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So nothing kicked in until
- 25 your client was on the market.

- 1 worth to us, this is what we're going to get out of the
- 2 settlement agreement.
- 3 These simply weren't payments. They weren't
- 4 intended that way.
- 5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Once the payments were coming
- 6 in based on these two provisions we've discussed, were
- 7 there disputes about the amount? You know, were
- 8 accountants on both sides getting together
- 9 reconciling? How did the amount get determined in
- 10 the -- how did it really happen?
- 11 MR. HASSI: So there was --
- 12 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'm not talking about
- 13 argument or allegation. You know, I'm not expecting,
- 14 you know -- what's the evidence going to show us as far
- 15 as how did the amount get determined under the terms of
- 16 the agreement, and was it ever in dispute between the
- 17 two parties?
- 18 MR. HASSI: I would say there was confusion,
- 19 but no, there was not a dispute over the calculation
- 20 of the payment. I think both parties had to look at
- 21 it really hard, and what you're going to see is both
- 22 parties trying to figure out how much do we owe and, on
- 23 Endo's case, why do we owe this. It sort of came as a
- 24 surprise you're going to see in their accounting
- 25 documents. But ultimately there was agreement on the

- 1 amount and the amounts paid in 2013.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, just triggering terms
- 3 like "market share," these are not scientific,
- 4 quantifiable terms.
- 5 MR. HASSI: There was data identified.
- 6 So, for example, one of the things that's
- 7 interesting about the Endo credit is the sales in the
- 8 fourth quarter were based not on Endo's internal
- 9 records. One of the triggering events was did the
- 10 fourth quarter drop below this 50 percent high
- 11 threshold. And that was based not on Endo's internal
- 12 records, but it was based on third-party data, IMS
- 13 data.
- 14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And I haven't committed the
- 15 agreement to memory, at least not yet, but you're
- 16 telling me there were terms in there that identified
- 17 what source to go to to determine or agree on a market
- 18 share regarding the payment.
- MR. HASSI: The parties had worked out how to
- 20 calculate this and what the data -- what data would be
- 21 relied on to calculate it, yes, Your Honor.
- 22 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right. Let's get back to
- 23 the petition. What happened?
- 24 MR. HASSI: So back to the petition, the last
- 25 thing that they said or the last portion I've put up

- 1 that Endo said to the FDA is: "The new formulation
- 2 reduces the risk of an immediate release of a
- 3 potentially lethal dose of oxymorphone in these
- 4 situations."
- 5 This isn't a company -- this is a company
- 6 telling the FDA that you should remove Opana ER from
- 7 the market. This is not a company that's planning on
- 8 offering Opana ER.
- 9 Indeed, when they lost the petition, the
- 10 citizens petition with the FDA, which Impax intervened
- 11 in, Endo sued the FDA to get a decision. Impax
- 12 intervened in that. In other words, Impax was fighting
- 13 to have the opportunity to come to market.
- 14 And ultimately the FDA sided with Impax that
- 15 old Opana ER, original Opana ER, was not removed for
- 16 safety reasons. And Endo -- and this is now May of
- 17 2013. Endo releases a press release, and they say, "We
- 18 are extremely disappointed and disagree with today's
- 19 decision and believe that the 1rT8ca0elealyke]
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- 1 launch an authorized generic of Opana ER, you -- you
- 2 asked Mr. Loughlin this morning, and he said, Well,
- 3 Endo could come back on now with original Opana ER.
- 4 And the question is, would Endo, having made
- 5 these kinds of statements to the public market about
- 6 original Opana ER being unsafe, being removed from the
- 7 market for safety, realistically ever come back and
- 8 sell that drug again? The answer has got to be no.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: What happened in the market
- 10 before the recall? Did this reformulated drug take
- 11 off like wildfire? Did it capture a lot of the
- 12 market?
- 13 MR. HASSI: Your Honor, in part because of the
- 14 supply disruptions, what you see is -- so stepping
- 15 back a second, one of the reasons that the Endo credit
- 16 was triggered, recall the calculation has a quarterly
- 17 high, so how much was being sold in the highest
- 18 quarter before the end of 2012, and that spiked
- 19 because this product was growing and growing at a
- 20 faster rate than Endo, Impax or any of the analysts
- 21 projected.
- 22 So it's growing really fast. And then Endo
- 23 wasn't making the product itself. Novartis was making
- 24 it for Endo.
- 25 So Endo had Novartis contract-manufacturing

- 1 period of time and didn't quite recover.
- 2 And one possibility for that is prescribing
- 3 physicians were looking and saying, if we start
- 4 prescribing this to patients and all of a sudden
- 5 there's this supply -- and we've heard about this
- 6 supply disruption, I don't want to start prescribing
- 7 Opana to a patient and then -- and then have them --
- 8 that not be available anymore.
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Which Opana?
- 10 MR. HASSI: Opana ER. Opana ER.
- 11 So the reformulated is just coming out.
- 12 Opana ER is no longer being supplied. And doctors are
- 13 saying --
- 14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And did I hear you say that
- 15 the reason Opana ER was no longer being supplied was
- 16 that because the FDA told Endo to do that, or was there
- 17 another reason?
- MR. HASSI: There were two reasons,
- 19 Your Honor.
- 20 The first is Novartis couldn't make it
- 21 anymore, and so Endo was trying to figure out what
- 22 they do about the fact that they don't have a source
- 23 of supply. They're not manufacturing this pill.
- And second is, what the FDA said is, once you
- 25 start selling reformulated during the supply chain

- 1 crisis, we don't want you also selling the old version,
- 2 Opana ER.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: What year was this taking
- 4 place?
- 5 MR. HASSI: This was in 2012, Your Honor.
- 6 And as a result, the sales dropped off -- of
- 7 Opana ER dropped off entirely during that year.
- 8 JUDGE CHAPPELL: One of the things I want the
- 9 parties to think about and I hope you can agree to are
- 10 some issues you can put on a joint exhibit in a
- 11 stipulation. And one of them is going to be a
- 12 timeline, things you can agree on, this came to market
- 13 at this point, this came off the market at this point,
- 14 things that we're not fighting about. And that can be
- 15 a joint exhibit that we can all refer to posttrial so
- 16 we don't have to go digging through and citing fifteen
- 17 transcript cites for certain points that aren't
- 18 disputed.
- 19 MR. HASSI: I think there's a lot of agreement
- 20 particularly on the timeline, Your Honor, and I think
- 21 we will endeavor to do that.
- 22 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Not something that I need now.
- 23 It's something we're going to need at the end of the
- 24 case.
- MR. HASSI: Understood, Your Honor.

- In terms of timelines, I think one of the
- 2 things that I wanted to point out with respect to the
- 3 no authorized generic -- if we could pull up the next
- 4 slide -- so as I mentioned, the no authorized generic
- 5 was in the very first proposal, the very first term
- 6 sheet from Endo to Impax. And that had a
- 7 no-authorized-generic provision, and it had a
- 8 March 10, 2013 entry date.
- 9 That no authorized generic was in the next
- 10 proposal, which had a February 1, 2013 entry date.
- 11 And the final agreement had the same
- 12 no-authorized-generic provision, and the entry date was
- 13 even earlier, January 1, 2013.
- 14 And so what you see from the negotiating
- 15 history is, far from the no-authorized-generic
- 16 provision being a payment for delay, it was in there
- 17 from the beginning and Impax managed, notwithstanding
- 18 that, to negotiate an earlier and then an even earlier
- 19 licensed entry date, so it was not a payment for
- 20 delay.
- 21 I'd like to turn now to the Endo credit. And
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- 1 Endo might reformulate. And in part, that concern
- 2 came out of what was happening in the related
- 3 OxyContin space.
- 4 So OxyContin is another form of long-acting
- 5 opioid, and Purdue came up with what was purportedly a
- 6 safer version of OxyContin. And the generics were
- 7 removed by the FDA from the market or encouraged by the
- 8 FDA to leave the market.
- 9 And so, in that related market, what Impax saw
- 10 was the branded moving to a new drug, one that was
- 11 purportedly safer, and the AB-rated substitution, the
- 12 opportunity for Impax to sell, going away.
- 13 And there had been statements that Endo had
- 14 made to Wall Street that suggested that maybe they had
- 15 some kind of a plan. And Impax was worried about that
- 16 plan. And Impax was worried that they might
- 17 reformulate, and so they asked Endo.
- 18 You'll hear from Mr. Mengler. He asked
- 19 Alan Levin, Endo's chief negotiator, point blank, are
- 20 you guys going to move the market. And Alan said no.
- 21 Excuse me. Mr. Levin said no.
- 22 And Mr. Mengler came back and came up with
- 23 this idea of acceleration triggers, which we talked
- 24 about this morning. And the idea was, if the market
- 25 dipped a certain amount, then Impax would get to enter

- 1 payment for delay. He's looking for what happens if
- 2 Endo moves the market.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Did I understand you to just
- 4 say that one of the provisions, depending on what
- 5 happened in the market, could have required Impax to
- 6 pay Endo?
- 7 MR. HASSI: Absolutely, Your Honor.
- 8 So that was the royalty provision, and what
- 9 you'll see in the final settlement agreement is a
- 10 royalty provision. If Endo grew the market
- 11 sufficiently so that when Impax entered in 2013 it
- 12 entered a robust market, it would pay -- Impax would
- 13 pay Endo a royalty. There would be no Endo credit.
- 14 Impax would be paying money to Endo in the form of a
- 15 royalty. And that's why this was referred to as a
- 16 carrot and stick.
- Now, there's no evidence that either company
- 18 assumed Endo would have to make a payment to Impax.
- 19 Neither company booked a credit. Neither company
- 20 booked a reserve. And Mr. Levin, Endo's CFO, testified
- 21 about this point.
- 22 So he was the principal negotiator for Endo.
- 23 He was also the chief financial officer.
- 24 And he said: "I don't believe we anticipated
- 25 that anyone would need to make a payment under the Endo

- 1 credit.
- 2 "... at the time we put this agreement
- 3 together, I don't believe we anticipated that Endo
- 4 would have to make any payment under this provision."
- 5 And again, later, "As I said, it was not our
- 6 expectation that a payment would have to be made."
- 7 And there was reference this morning to some
- 8 calculations that were made to determine on the Endo
- 9 side as to what this payment might be, what it might be
- 10 worth. We've never seen those calculations, and I
- 11 don't expect that we will.
- 12 If you'd go to the next slide.
- 13 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Are you talking about the
- 14 expert's calculations?
- MR. HASSI: No, Your Honor. There was
- 16 reference I believe -- and I could be wrong -- in
- 17 Mr. Loughlin's opening about Mr. Cuca, who I think
- 18 you're going to hear from, making calculations to
- 19 determine the magnitude of the Endo credit. And we've
- 20 never seen those -- we've never seen any such
- 21 calculations, and I'm not sure that we will.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Is he wrong?
- 23 MR. LOUGHLIN: Mr. Cuca testified that he
- 24 did -- he performed those calculations. They have not
- 25 been produced in this case. We have not seen them.

- 1 That is his testimony, and we expect he will say it on
- 2 the stand in this courtroom, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: This Cuca, he's an Endo man?
- 4 MR. LOUGHLIN: He is an Endo witness, a former
- 5 Endo employee.
- 6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right.
- 7 MR. HASSI: And we'll hear what Mr. Cuca has to
- 8 say -- "Cuca." I don't know if I'm pronouncing it
- 9 correctly -- we'll hear from him.
- This is what Mr. Levin, his boss, the chief
- 11 financial officer, said.
- "You don't have any recollection of anybody at
- 13 Endo running calculations to try to determine how much
- 14 the Endo credit might cost Endo based on the version of
- 15 the Endo credit in CX 324?" That's one of the exhibits
- 16 in this case.
- 17 He answered, "Well, as I said, it's not clear
- 18 to me that Endo would need to make a payment under this
- 19 provision. But to your question, I don't recall anyone
- 20 running any calculations."
- 21 Again, "Do you recall anyone running
- 22 calculations at Endo regarding any version of the Endo
- 23 credit?
- 24 "ANSWER: I don't recall."
- 25 So we'll hear what Mr. Cuca has to say, but

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1 we've not seen any calculations of the value of the
 2 Endo credit.
           Now -- if we could go to slide 3 -- as we were
 4 saying, two years later, in 2012, Endo had a supply
 5 chain crisis. They had this issue with Novartis. And
 6 it was in 2012 that they first realized that there
 7 might be a payment due under the Endo credit.
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1 surprisingly, when you haven't booked a reserve and all 2 of a sudden think that you're going to have to pay

- 1 entered into and ignore -- ignore what we've been
- 2 calling the real world after that.
- But this is one place, the Endo credit, where
- 4 they do want to look at the world after the settlement
- 5 agreement. They want to look all the way forward to
- 6 2013 in terms of what was actually paid instead of
- 7 what the parties' expectations were at the time they
- 8 entered into the agreement. And the reason for that is
- 9 simple. There was no expectation of a payment at the
- 10 time they entered into the agreement.
- 11 Complaint counsel also suggests and you heard
- 12 this morning that they twin the no-AG payment -- the
- 13 no-AG and this Endo credit and put them together and
- 14 call them a guaranteed no-AG payment or a guaranteed
- 15 180-day payment.
- 16 Now, a guarantee usually means something that
- 17 ensures a particular outcome. Impax wasn't guaranteed
- 18 a payment here. There were, as complaint counsel
- 19 admitted this morning, scenarios under which nothing
- 20 gets paid.
- In other words, if Endo draws down
- 22 sufficiently -- not sufficiently to hit the trigger in
- 23 the fourth quarter of 2012, but there's no market left
- 24 in the first quarter of 2013, the Endo credit doesn't
- 25 get paid, the no authorized generic isn't worth

- 1 but he's not going to do any scientific work, he's not
- 2 going to do any studies, he's not going to calculate
- 3 any expected value, and he testified as much in his
- 4 deposition.
- I asked him, "And you intertwined the
- 6 exclusivity provision" -- that's the no-AG -- "and the
- 7 Endo credit provision. You didn't calculate an
- 8 expected value for these two provisions together, did
- 9 you?
- 10 "No.
- 11 "Nor separately; right?
- 12 "No."
- 13 You're not going to hear expected value
- 14 calculations from their expert, or if you do, we'll all
- 15 be hearing it for the first time, because it wasn't in
- 16 his report and he didn't have them at the time of his
- 17 deposition.
- 18 So these things could have been worthless, but
- 19 complaint counsel wants you to ignore that. They want
- 20 you to look at the payments made years after the
- 21 settlement was entered into and calculate back a net
- 22 present value or say the parties should have known it
- 23 could have been worth -- we saw some numbers this
- 24 morning -- 62 million or whatnot.
- 25 But it was a contingent payment. And the

- 1 considerations related to the payment.
- 2 So if you could go -- it talks about the fact
- 3 that -- in the first paragraph, that Endo had a number
- 4 of different scenarios in terms of when they were going
- 5 to launch reformulated Opana ER, and that was going to
- 6 happen at this point in time as early as August of
- 7 2012, as used in the budget, or as late as October of
- 8 2012. And neither of those dates would have likely
- 9 triggered the Endo credit.
- 10 And then it goes on to say, on December 9,
- 11 2011, the company received FDA approval for the new
- 12 crush-resistant, so you asked about that date before --
- 13 on December 9, 2011, the company received FDA approval
- 14 for the crush-resistant.
- 15 But just later that month, on December 20,
- 16 2011, Endo was notified by Novartis that they were
- 17 temporarily shutting down their Lincoln, Nebraska
- 18 facility for a period of three to four weeks. And
- 19 that's what caused what Mr. Levin referred to as a
- 20 supply chain crisis.
- 21 And so Endo had to work with the FDA to switch
- 22 to the reformulated drug, which again was being
- 23 manufactured in a different facility.
- 24 And if we could go to the next slide.
- 25 So as I mentioned, "In February, the FDA

- 1 informed us, "here being Endo, "that in order to
- 2 prevent confusion in the marketplace, on a
- 3 strength-by-strength basis, once any tablets of CRF
- 4 were sold, we could no longer sell any tablets of the
- 5 old formulation. As a result of this FDA guidance, we
- 6 needed to be certain that we could successfully
- 7 manufacture and launch CRF prior to relinquishing our
- 8 alternative strategies on the old formulation."
- 9 So again, on a dose-by-dose basis, if they
- 10 launched a 10 milligram of the CRF, they had to stop
- 11 selling the 10 milligram of old Opana ER.
- 12 And if we could go to the third slide.
- 13 JUDGE CHAPPELL: What do you mean, "they had
- 14 to"?
- 15 MR. HASSI: I mean, the FDA told them, gave
- 16 them guidance that said you cannot sell both at the
- 17 same time, so when I say "they had to," to comply with
- 18 the regulator, the FDA, they had to.
- 19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Isn't that exactly what Endo
- 20 asked for with the citizen petition and were denied?
- 21 MR. HASSI: Ironically, it is, Your Honor.
- 22 In other words, I think Endo asked for more,
- 23 though, with the citizens petition. Recall that the
- 24 citizens petition would have also kept Impax off the
- 25 market.

- 1 MR. HASSI: No, Your Honor, nothing to do with
- 2 that.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: And did there come a point in
- 4 time where there was no Opana ER available for patients
- 5 to be prescribed by doctors?
- 6 MR. HASSI: Your Honor, I'm not aware of a
- 7 point in time where there wasn't any available. I
- 8 know that, as I mentioned earlier, during this period
- 9 of time there was a little bit of turmoil and
- 10 prescribers were shifting people to other drugs.
- In other words, OxyContin treats pain. If you
- 12 were a prescriber at that time, you might have said,
- 13 because there are issues with Opana, I'm going to
- 14 prescribe OxyContin instead.
- So there were -- it's clear --
- 16 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Is there going to be evidence
- 17 that at some point during this period doctors were
- 18 prescribing other painkillers in lieu of Opana ER?
- 19 MR. HASSI: Your Honor, throughout this period
- 20 doctors were prescribing other painkillers in addition
- 21 to Opana ER. Opana ER is never the only painkiller
- 22 out there.
- 23 It's, frankly, a matter -- I think what you're
- 24 going to hear from both doctor experts who are going
- 25 to take the stand is, it's a matter of choice by the

- 1 physician and it's a matter of what the patient pays
- 2 for that drug. It's a matter of -- some doctors will
- 3 tell you it's what they learn -- it's what they
- 4 learned. In other words, if they were at a teaching
- 5 hospital where Opana was prescribed, they became
- 6 familiar with Opana and they prescribe it.
- But if you look, for example, in different
- 8 geographic regions, one drug is more popular than the
- 9 other. On different formularies one drug is preferred
- 10 over the other such that insurance companies will
- 11 charge a higher copay for OxyContin than they will for
- 12 Opana, and that's one of the areas where these
- 13 companies compete.
- 14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So someone who testifies
- 15 during this trial is going to know whether there was a
- 16 shortage at some point.
- MR. HASSI: I believe so, yes, Your Honor.
- 18 But in any event, Endo was going through this
- 19 supply chain crisis, and what they recorded again in
- 20 this accounting memo is: "The Company recorded a
- 21 charge in the first quarter of 2012 as the liability
- 22 became probable in March [of] 2012 when we decided to
- 23 accelerate CRF and then successfully demonstrated the
- 24 ability to procure CRF at PMRS with [the] appropriate
- 25 QA standards."

- 1 Endo credit -- "became reasonably estimable during the
- 2 first quarter of 2012."
- 3 They didn't know until March 2012 that they
- 4 were going to have to make this payment.
- 5 And as it goes on to say, "Due to the multitude
- 6 of uncertainties described above, it was not possible
- 7 to determine whether or not we could launch CRF, " so
- 8 they didn't know. There's a lot they didn't know.
- 9 They couldn't predict the future.
- 10 And the point is, back in 2010, when the
- 11 parties signed the settlement agreement, nobody had
- 12 any idea this was going to happen, but nobody was
- 13 banking on a payment. It wasn't a naked payment.
- 14 Impax wasn't expecting to get paid. Endo wasn't
- 15 expecting to make a payment.
- 16 And if we could go to Alan Levin.
- 17 And on that point, again, one last time, the
- 18 CFO of Endo, Alan Levin. And I asked him, "I think we
- 19 talked about this, but at the time that Endo entered
- 20 into the Impax settlement, did it expect the fourth
- 21 quarter 2012 sales to be zero of Opana ER?"
- I corrected, "By that I mean Opana ER sales to
- 23 be zero."
- He said, "I can't speak for the company, but I
- 25 stand by my prior statement that I did not expect that

- 1 there would be a payment due under the Endo credit when
- 2 we signed that transaction."
- 3 That's the CFO of Endo, did not expect a
- 4 payment.
- 5 It was a contingent payment. Its value didn't
- 6 become certain until 2012. And it's not unexplained.
- 7 It was part of a carrot-and-stick approach, as
- 8 Ms. Snowden's testimony illustrates, to try and give
- 9 Impax the chance to enter the most robust market
- 10 possible.
- Now, if we could go to the negotiating
- 12 history, much like the authorized generic, this was
- 13 not a payment for delay.
- 14 The very first term sheet had no hint of an
- 15 Endo credit. It did have a royalty provision. But it
- 16 didn't have any payment going from Endo to Impax in the
- 17 form of this what became the Endo credit. And it
- 18 offered a March 10, 2013 date.
- 19 The parties started talking about the market
- 20 acceleration trigger and then about some form of what
- 21 became the Endo credit. And when that first was
- 22 introduced, the proposal had moved up. The entry
- 23 was now, instead of March 10, 2013, Impax -- or
- 24 excuse me -- Endo was offering Impax a
- 25 February 1, 2013 licensed entry date.

- 1 And in the final agreement, we have the Endo
- 2 credit as it was finalized, and you have a yet even
- 3 earlier date, March -- excuse me -- January 1, 2013.
- 4 So the negotiating history shows we go from a
- 5 March entry date with no Endo credit to a January
- 6 entry date, an earlier entry date, with what complaint
- 7 counsel is terming a payment to Impax. That's not a
- 8 payment for delay.
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, what about the
- 10 ten million? I've been told that ten million is large
- 11 and unjustified.
- 12 MR. HASSI: Let's talk about the ten million
- 13 because --
- 14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Forget these two terms. The
- 15 ten million, if large and unjustified, is an Actavis
- 16 problem.
- MR. HASSI: Well, Your Honor, whether
- 18 ten million is large I think is an open -- I think is
- 19 an open question. I'm not sure anybody is going to
- 20 take the stand and say, if there were a \$10 million
- 21 payment by itself, that -- I don't -- I think -- my
- 22 recollection is -- and I'll confirm this -- that
- 23 Professor Noll said not sure whether he'd call
- 24 ten million large. He twins it with these other -- he
- 25 puts it with these other things, but the ten million

- 1 alone -- now, we don't necessarily agree with the
- 2 benchmark that complaint counsel has set about
- 3 \$3 million for Endo's future litigation costs, but
- 4 ten million isn't really large in this business and in
- 5 this context.
- 6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, not getting into
- 7 anything proprietary or confidential, market-wise size,
- 8 market cap, Endo was larger than respondent?
- 9 MR. HASSI: Endo was larger than Impax, yes,
- 10 Your Honor.
- 11 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Five times larger? A lot
- 12 larger?
- MR. HASSI: I would have to check --
- 14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Barely larger?
- 15 MR. HASSI: -- at the time.
- 16 I would say significant and multiples larger,
- 17 but how many multiples I don't know. Impax was very
- 18 small.
- 19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Just what I'm getting at is,
- 20 \$10 million might be large, larger to one side of the
- 21 agreement than the other side of the agreement.
- MR. HASSI: I would agree with that,
- 23 Your Honor.
- What's more important is, no one is going to
- 25 take that witness stand, not even their expert, and

- 1 say that that payment was unjustified, that the
- 2 development and co-promotion agreement was
- 3 unjustified.
- 4 I think what I heard this morning is their
- 5 expert Mr. Geltosky is going to say it's unusual. It's
- 6 not unjustified.
- 7 This was an arm's length transaction
- 8 negotiated between Endo and Impax. Endo had an
- 9 interest in a potential Parkinson's treatment.
- 10 Yes, Endo would have preferred to get Rytary
- 11 and any follow-ons, but what they got was a chance to
- 12 participate in IPX-203. That drug is still under
- 13 development, and that drug has considerable potential,
- 14 and no one is going to take the stand and tell you it
- 15 doesn't or that it didn't.
- 16 So Endo -- Dr. Cobuzzi is going to take the
- 17 stand, as I mentioned. He's got a Ph.D., and his Ph.D.
- 18 thesis related to Parkinson's. He's the person who
- 19 negotiated this on behalf of Endo.
- 20 And if we could pull up slide -- Dr. Cobuzzi --
- 21 the Cobuzzi e-mail.
- 22 So this is the memo that Dr. Cobuzzi sent to
- 23 the Endo board of directors on June 8. And he tells
- 24 the Endo board of directors (as read), "To further
- 25 build on the good news of the day, I want to let you

- 1 know that further to the discussion with the
- 2 Transaction Committee on June 1st the Endo team
- 3 completed a development and co-promote agreement with
- 4 Impax."
- 5 He went on to say (as read), "This is an
- 6 exciting opportunity for Endo as it further builds our
- 7 product pipeline for the future with a drug candidate
- 8 that fits our commercial footprint."
- 9 Now, Endo, what you're going to hear, at the
- 10 time didn't have its own internal research and
- 11 development arm.
- 12 JUDGE CHAPPELL: But isn't he talking about the
- 13 first drug, the one that was switched out?
- MR. HASSI: No, Your Honor. This is talking
- 15 about IPX-203.
- 16 JUDGE CHAPPELL: How do we know?
- MR. HASSI: Because it's on the day and -- and
- 18 I can --
- 19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I don't see it on the
- 20 document.
- 21 MR. HASSI: It -- this is the -- so this is
- 22 part of the final agreement, and it's attaching this
- 23 document called Imperial OEW, which is opportunity
- 24 evaluation worksheet I believe, evaluating the
- 25 opportunity of IPX-203. The document is in evidence

- 1 and will show you that this relates to IPX-203.
- 2 This is the final deal. This is Dr. Cobuzzi
- 3 saying to his board we've --
- 4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So your position is the
- 5 evidence will show that he's talking about the test
- 6 drug or proposed drug that was actually part of the
- 7 agreement, not the first one that was pulled.
- 8 MR. HASSI: That's correct, Your Honor. The
- 9 first one -- to be clear, the first one wasn't pulled.
- 10 The first one was Endo expressed an interest -- Endo
- 11 expressed an interest in what was then being called
- 12 IPX-66, is now sold on the market as Rytary. There
- 13 was public information that Impax was developing that
- 14 drug and developing a drug in the Parkinson's space.
- 15 Endo came to Impax -- they talked about it --
- 16 even before these parties talked about settlement,
- 17 there were discussions about this and other drugs.
- 18 And Endo came to Impax and said, We're
- 19 interested in this IPX-66 drug that you're developing.
- 20 And they asked to enter into a development and
- 21 co-promotion agreement on that. And what Impax said
- 22 was, That drug is pretty far along, and we're not
- 23 looking for a partner in the U.S.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Endo suggested the first
- 25 drug.

- 1 MR. HASSI: Endo suggested the first drug.
- 2 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And the first drug is on the
- 3 market.
- 4 MR. HASSI: And the first drug is on the
- 5 market.
- 6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Had the deal been about the
- 7 first drug, it would have been a better investment for
- 8 Endo.
- 9 MR. HASSI: It's unclear, Your Honor, because
- 10 the next drug hasn't come to the market yet, but if
- 11 the next drug is really an improvement over the
- 12 original, it could be worth -- it could be worth
- 13 significant --
- 14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: But that doesn't matter. You
- 15 told me that that part of the agreement had been
- 16 vacated.
- MR. HASSI: Endo decided not to continue with
- 18 that part of the agreement, yes, Your Honor.
- 19 But there's -- there's no question that they
- 20 negotiated at arm's length. They asked for IPX-66.
- 21 Impax wasn't looking for a partner in the United States
- 22 on IPX-66. They were looking for a partner outside the
- 23 U.S., and they entered into a deal for sales outside
- 24 the U.S. because they don't have an ex-U.S. sales
- 25 force. But they had just built out their sales force

- 1 in the U.S., and they wanted to sell this drug. They
- 2 didn't need a partner in Endo.
- 3 But the follow-on drug, there were risks to it
- 4 and there were costs to it, and they wanted to share
- 5 some of that risk and share some of that cost and share
- 6 in some of the potential upside.
- 7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: This is Dr. Cobuzzi?
- 8 MR. HASSI: This is Dr. Cobuzzi, right.
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: A Ph.D. doctor. Is he going
- 10 to testify in this case?
- 11 MR. HASSI: He's going to testify in this
- 12 case.
- 13 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Live.
- MR. HASSI: Live, yes, sir. He's going to come
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- 1 was not a large and unexplained payment.
- 2 I want to talk now about the relevant market
- 3 because --
- 4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You understand that
- 5 "unexplained" and "unjustified" are not the same thing.
- 6 Anybody can just explain anything (indicating). But
- 7 that doesn't mean someone is going to agree it's an
- 8 actual justification.
- 9 MR. HASSI: If Your Honor prefers, I'll try to
- 10 stick with justification -- "justified."
- 11 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I would just advise everybody
- 12 to be aware, I don't think those two words mean the
- 13 same thing. One is much broader than the other.
- MR. HASSI: Understood, Your Honor.
- 15 Well, in any event, if complaint counsel fails
- 16 to --
- 17 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You can explain anything you
- 18 want, and I can buy it or not buy it, but if I find it
- 19 to be a justifiable explanation, do you see the
- 20 difference?
- MR. HASSI: I do, Your Honor. And to be
- 22 clear --
- 23 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And the Supremes might have
- 24 used one or the other interchangeable, but I don't find
- 25 that works.

- 1 MR. HASSI: And to be clear, Your Honor, Impax
- 2 believes and will show in this case that the
- 3 development and co-promotion agreement was justified
- 4 and that the \$10 million payment made in connection
- 5 with that was justified. It was a good opportunity for
- 6 Endo. They believed as much. They entered into the
- 7 agreement as part of an arm's length deal.
- 8 If I could turn now to the relevant market,
- 9 because that would be the first step in a rule of
- 10 reason case.

- 1 painkillers are substitutable, readily substitutable.
- 2 MR. HASSI: Interchangeable, substitutable,
- 3 that's correct, Your Honor.
- 4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And what I would like for
- 5 someone to tell me here in this trial is, if it is a
- 6 fact that there was a supply shortage of this drug, how
- 7 is it that if that's the only market, how is it that
- 8 other drugs were being prescribed at that time if it's
- 9 not interchangeable?
- 10 MR. HASSI: I think, Your Honor, what you will
- 11 see is it is interchangeable. And I don't think the
- 12 doctors disagree.
- 13 If you could put up Dr. Savage's testimony.
- 14 So you heard Dr. Savage is complaint counsel's
- 15 expert. And what she said in reference to this issue
- 16 is:
- "'Dr. Michna and I" -- and Dr. Michna is our
- 18 expert -- "agree that clinically no opioid is
- 19 ipso facto superior to any other opioid.'
- 20 "Correct."
- 21 And she went on to explain, "But there is no
- 22 one best opioid across populations of people."
- In other words, a patient comes in with pain,
- 24 whether that pain is caused by cancer or lower back
- 25 pain or one of the many other diagnoses for which they

- 1 need -- they have chronic pain and need treatment.
- 2 There's no one opioid that fits that situation. It's
- 3 not necessarily Opana. It's not necessarily
- 4 OxyContin.
- 5 There are a number of different ways that
- 6 doctors make that decision. And part of it is based
- 7 on their experience. Part of it is based on the
- 8 detailing they may receive from the drug companies.
- 9 Part of it is based on the insurance coverage that the
- 10 patient has. Part of it is based on the copayment
- 11 that the patient makes. And part of it is based on
- 12 whether the patient has a preference for a particular
- 13 drug.
- 14 And it's true, once someone starts on a course
- 15 of drugs and it's working, they may stick with that
- 16 opioid. And they may not want to switch. They may
- 17 have a preference. But when doctors are making the
- 18 initial prescribing decision, no one opioid is
- 19 superior to another, not for any diagnosis and for
- 20 not -- not for any population of patients.
- There's no group you can say, well, if this
- 22 person walks in the door, if it's a male my age who
- 23 walks in the door with lower back pain, Opana is going
- 24 to be the better drug for that. These doctors can't
- 25 tell you that. And you're not going to hear that.

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What you are going to hear --
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          JUDGE CHAPPELL: Are you prepared to present
 3 evidence during your case of the relative cost of these
 4 other opioids?
         MR. HASSI: I don't think our experts have
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- 1 to hear testimony about that in this case -- where,
- 2 for example, Endo managed to get OxyContin knocked off
- 3 a formulary altogether, and Opana was then the
- 4 preferred long-acting opioid on that formulary. And
- 5 for those patients, they were therefore more likely to
- 6 get Opana ER. And that's based on negotiations between
- 7 the drug companies and health insurers.
- 8 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, it's no surprise the
- 9 parties disagree on relevant market, market power.
- 10 We'll see what shakes out.
- 11 MR. HASSI: We will, Your Honor.
- 12 If I could mention just quickly two other
- 13 forms of competition.
- One is for the prescribers. As I mentioned,
- 15 prescribers make a choice whether they're going to
- 16 write a script for OxyContin or Opana or another drug,
- 17 and so that's why these folks have sales forces.
- 18 Purdue sends out a sales force to detail OxyContin.
- 19 Endo sent out a sales force to detail Opana.
- 20 And you're going to hear, there are differences
- 21 between these drugs. The sales force goes out and
- 22 touts these differences to say, gee, Opana is better in
- 23 these circumstances or whatnot, but it's trying to
- 24 differentiate these drugs so that the prescriber will
- 25 prefer it over another.

- And they also compete for patients, so they
- 2 compete on this copay level. And when patients have a
- 3 copay, what you're going to hear is, these companies,
- 4 Endo included, offer sort of a version of a credit card
- 5 that could help cover the cost of that copay to
- 6 convince the patient to get Opana as opposed to, say,
- 7 for example, OxyContin.
- 8 Now, the FTC has looked at this market before.
- 9 And if you could bring up the next slide.
- 10 And this is from a merger in the long-acting

- 1 extended release, so the ER is effective over a
- 2 twelve-hour period. The IR is a shorter term.
- 3 If you look at the bottom line under
- 4 Opana Tablets in the middle of their market definition,
- 5 it refers to "all other combination IR oxycodone."
- 6 Those are immediate-release products compared with
- 7 extended-release.
- 8 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, according to this slide,
- 9 the ER sales volume dwarfs the tablets.
- 10 MR. HASSI: I'm sorry. Dwarfs the?
- 11 JUDGE CHAPPELL: The sales volume for the ER is
- 12 much higher, according to this slide. For the entire
- 13 market size.
- MR. HASSI: It's twice the sales --
- 15 JUDGE CHAPPELL: It's not important. It's just
- 16 something I noticed.
- MR. HASSI: It's twice the sales volume, yes,
- 18 Your Honor.
- 19 If we could go to the next slide.
- 20 And this is another Endo document, evaluating
- 21 new entrants in this market.
- 22 So we heard about a bunch of competitors. This
- 23 is Endo around the time of 2010 evaluating --
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Am I the only one who's never
- 25 heard of any of these drugs?

- 1 MR. HASSI: I've heard about them since I
- 2 started on this case, Your Honor, but no. And some of
- 3 these -- candidly, at least one of these is not on the
- 4 market.
- 5 This was Endo evaluating, if these come on the
- 6 market, what effect do they have on our share.
- 7 And so what you see in the first bar is, at the
- 8 time, Endo was evaluating its market share at about
- 9 8.6 percent.
- 10 JUDGE CHAPPELL: At the time, what time? I
- 11 don't see a date on here.
- MR. HASSI: This was I believe it was
- 13 June 2009, but the document is in evidence and the
- 14 cover page indicates --
- 15 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I saw 2009 on the previous
- 16 slide, but I don't see a date on this one.
- MR. HASSI: I will have to check, Your Honor.
- 18 It was before the settlement agreement was entered
- 19 into, so it's designed to be relevant to the market at
- 20 that time and it's Endo assessing potential new
- 21 entrants.
- 22 But what you see is Opana's share was very
- 23 small compared to all the others, including the new
- 24 entrants.
- 25 And if we could go to one more slide.

- 1 Complaint counsel mentioned that Endo's
- 2 Mr. Bingol will be testifying in their case. This is
- 3 from his declaration which was admitted in the patent
- 4 case that brought the settlement between Endo and Impax
- 5 together. And he said, "The long-acting opioid market
- 6 segment consists of several oral tablet products and a
- 7 patch called Duragesic. ...the LAO market was a
- 8 well-established and competitive market that consisted
- 9 of many products that had been on the market for
- 10 years."
- 11 And if you look at the table at the bottom, it
- 12 calculates Opana ER's market share in March 2010, so
- 13 this is just a couple months before the settlement, at
- 14 3.4 percent of the long-acting opioid market, not
- 15 exactly the stuff of monopoly power.
- 16 Finally, Your Honor, under the rule of reason,
- 17 complaint counsel has to prove effects. If Endo did
- 18 have market power, this court is going to have to
- 19 balance the procompetitive effects associated with the
- 20 settlement against any purported anticompetitive
- 21 effects that it had. Was the settlement an
- 22 anticompetitive constraint or did consumers benefit?
- Now, complaint counsel has indicated they have
- 24 a different way of looking at this, but we'd like to
- 25 share with you what happened in the real world and how

- 1 looking at the events of the past seven years since
- 2 this settlement was entered into are relevant and how
- 3 you should take them into account.
- 4 And as Justice Brandeis wrote for a unanimous
- 5 Supreme Court 99 years ago, he said: The true test of
- 6 legality in rule of reason cases focuses on the facts
- 7 peculiar to the business to which the restraint is
- 8 applied, its condition before and after the restraint
- 9 was imposed, and the nature of the restraint and its
- 10 effect, actual or probable. That was Board of Trade of
- 11 City of Chicago, a 1918 case, unanimous Supreme Court,
- 12 Justice Brandeis writing.
- 13 The purported restraint here is the settlement
- 14 agreement. And we agree with the Supreme Court that
- 15 you should look at the effects before the agreement was
- 16 entered into and after the agreement was entered into
- 17 to determine whether the settlement was pro- or
- 18 anticompetitive.
- And so to do that, we have to compare what the
- 20 settlement actually -- the effect the settlement
- 21 actually had in the real world versus what would have
- 22 happened if Endo and Impax had not settled.
- 23 So if we could bring up the slide showing the
- 24 real world.
- 25 And so, Your Honor, this is a depiction of the

- 1 real world. We've been talking about other ANDA
- 2 filers, and those other ANDA filers included Watson,
- 3 included Actavis and of course Impax.
- 4 And what you have is on the far left of the
- 5 screen June 2010, is that red bubble.
- 6 And July 15 is when the 30-month stay would
- 7 have expired.
- 8 January 1, 2013 is the license date.
- 9 And so looking at Impax, you see a green bar
- 10 that showed, as of January 1, 2013, a few days
- 11 thereafter, Impax came to market and has been selling
- 12 continuously since then and intends to sell going into
- 13 the future and that the final patent that Endo has
- 14 presently, it doesn't expire until 2029.
- 15 Watson never came on the market. They filed an
- 16 ANDA. They have never sold a single dosage of
- 17 Opana ER.
- 18 Actavis was first to file on those two small
- 19 dosages, the 7.5 and 15 milligram, and so Actavis --
- 20 and Actavis got a settlement that allowed them to come
- 21 on the market in those dosage forms in July 2011. And
- 22 they came on on July 15, 2011, and they sold for a
- 23 period of time. But on September 6, 2016, they were
- 24 enjoined from the market because of Endo's
- 25 after-acquired patents.

- 1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So did Actavis launch at
- 2 risk?
- MR. HASSI: Actavis launched at risk,
- 4 Your Honor, in 2013 on the five strengths that Impax
- 5 was first to file on, so not as against the patents
- 6 that were at suit in the case between Endo and Impax,
- 7 but as you'll see, they launched at risk as against
- 8 other patents that Endo acquired in the meantime.
- 9 And so in the summer of 2013, Actavis started
- 10 selling the five dosage -- the five dosages that Impax
- 11 was first to file on, and those sales were at risk, and
- 12 they've since been enjoined from the market.
- 13 JUDGE CHAPPELL: But Actavis looks like they
- 14 were in the market, if I follow your diagram, for,
- 15 what, four or six years?
- 16 MR. HASSI: They were in the market for just
- 17 over five years, some of that only with -- some of that
- 18 licensed, not at risk, on the two lower dosage
- 19 strengths and some of that on all seven dosages for a
- 20 period of time at risk.
- 21 JUDGE CHAPPELL: But the red line you're
- 22 showing at least for Actavis, that's the after-acquired
- 23 patents you told us about.
- MR. HASSI: That is the result of the
- 25 after-acquired patents, yes, Your Honor. And I've

- 1 got another slide that's a little bit clearer about
- 2 that.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Just so the record is clear,
- 4 even though this is not evidence, is there a dispute on
- 5 when the 30-month stay ended?
- 6 MR. HASSI: No, Your Honor. I believe that's
- 7 in -- I believe that's in the stipulations that we
- 8 provided this morning in the JX.
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And what is the date the
- 10 30-month stay ended?
- 11 MR. HASSI: June -- I'm trying to remember if
- 12 it's June 14 or June 15, but it's June of 2011.
- 13 JUDGE CHAPPELL: 2011.
- 14 MR. HASSI: 2010. 2010.
- 15 MR. LOUGHLIN: It's June 14, 2010.
- 16 JUDGE CHAPPELL: The 30-month stay ended in
- 17 2010.
- 18 MR. LOUGHLIN: Correct, Your Honor.
- 19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay. If that's true, didn't
- 20 the 180-day exclusivity period begin then?
- MR. HASSI: No, Your Honor.
- 22 JUDGE CHAPPELL: What delayed the exclusivity
- 23 period from that point?
- 24 MR. HASSI: The 180-day period starts when
- 25 Impax first launches. Indeed, that's one of the issues

- 1 with a launch at risk.
- So in other words, until Impax starts selling,
- 3 that 180-day period doesn't kick in. Once Impax sells
- 4 even one dose, the 180-day clock starts ticking.
- 5 And so I was referencing that with respect to
- 6 a launch at risk because in a launch at risk, typically
- 7 the company doesn't sell for all time. They'll sell a
- 8 small amount to make some money --
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So getting to what I asked
- 10 earlier, though, then couldn't Impax have waited eight
- 11 more months to September 2013, not been at risk, and
- 12 still had the 180 days?
- 13 MR. HASSI: No for two reasons, Your Honor.
- 14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: It's based on when they first
- 15 introduced.
- 16 MR. HASSI: The 180 days only matters if the
- 17 patents are -- the patents that were listed in the
- 18 Orange Book at the time, which were the two
- 19 patents-in-suit, haven't expired, so if -- the 180 days
- 20 would have been forfeited essentially if Impax waited
- 21 until September 2013 to launch.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: This one is complicated
- 23 because of these after-acquired patents. With one
- 24 patent at issue, at this point in 2013,
- 25 September 2013, all generics who had the horsepower

- 1 could have brought a generic to market, if they had
- 2 the formula and could sell it, because there were no
- 3 longer any patents, or at least the original patent
- 4 expired then, so you couldn't have had 180 days
- 5 because the market opens wide open at that point.
- 6 MR. HASSI: Right. Had there been no
- 7 additional patents, the market would be wide open come
- 8 September 2013, that's right.
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So bottom line, the first
- 10 generic, the first filer, can take advantage of
- 11 180 days provided it's before expiration of the
- 12 patent.
- MR. HASSI: Yes, Your Honor.
- 14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: It doesn't matter when, and it
- 15 starts the day they introduce their product, but it
- 16 needs -- but if you want to really have an exclusive
- 17 period, it must be before the patent expires.
- MR. HASSI: That's correct, Your Honor.
- 19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right.
- 20 MR. HASSI: Now, there were, as I mentioned,
- 21 other ANDA filers. None of those ANDA filers got the
- 22 same broad patent license that applied to these
- 23 after-acquired patents, and none of them were able to
- 24 come on the market.
- 25 Indeed -- so Par, Teva, Amneal, Actavis,

- 1 Sandoz, Ranbaxy, those are -- Your Honor asked
- 2 earlier -- those were all ANDA filers on this drug.
- 3 They're all enjoined. None of them is on, selling on
- 4 the market today.
- Now, if Impax didn't settle, its option was to
- 6 keep litigating the patent case and hope to win. And
- 7 complaint counsel is not going to tell you that they
- 8 have any particular insight as to what the outcome of
- 9 that case would have been. Their expert and our expert
- 10 agrees the outcome was uncertain.

- 1 MR. HASSI: I will try to back off the line,
- 2 Your Honor.
- 3 Your Honor, with respect to whether Impax
- 4 would have launched at risk, you heard this morning
- 5 that complaint counsel is going to put on evidence
- 6 that, for example, Impax prepared launch -- prepared to
- 7 launch. And what you have to do in this case is
- 8 distinguish between efforts to prepare for a launch and
- 9 a decision to launch at risk.
- 10 So Impax, as a matter of routine, when it's
- 11 approaching an opportunity such as the end of a
- 12 30-month stay, wants to make sure that they're ready to
- 13 launch should the opportunity arise.
- 14 And so if we could bring up the 10-K.
- 15 This is from Impax' annual report, its 10-K for
- 16 the year 2010. And what it explains is, "When the
- 17 Company" -- that's Impax -- "concludes FDA approval is
- 18 expected within approximately six months, the Company
- 19 will generally begin to schedule manufacturing process
- 20 validation studies as required by the FDA to
- 21 demonstrate the production process can be scaled up to
- 22 manufacture commercial batches."
- 23 So as a matter of course, when they know
- 24 they're six months away from what's sometimes referred
- 25 to as a launchable date, a date by which one of those

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So there are a number of barriers still in
 2 Impax' way in the spring of 2010. One of those is FDA
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- 1 again, this is the 10-K, put this out to the market --
- 2 "The capitalization of unapproved pre-launch inventory
- 3 involves risks, including, among other items, FDA
- 4 approval of product may not occur; approvals may
- 5 require additional or different testing and/or
- 6 specifications than used for unapproved inventory, and,
- 7 in cases where the unapproved inventory is for a
- 8 product subject to litigation, the litigation may not

- 1 this year for obvious reason)." And Mr. Hsu will
- 2 testify about that as well.
- They weren't planning on launching. They
- 4 wanted to be prepared, and they certainly wanted Endo
- 5 to think that they were ready, but they weren't going
- 6 to launch.
- 7 Next.
- 8 And here's Todd Engle. You'll hear from him
- 9 as well. He's head of sales and marketing at this
- 10 point in time in 2010. Again, May 2010, this is --
- 11 they now have -- and this is part of the e-mail chain
- 12 where they've received FDA tentative approval, so that
- 13 barrier is falling. They know they're going to be able
- 14 to get FDA approval. But he says, "A launch decision
- 15 has not been made." He goes on to say, "There has been
- 16 no decision yet to complete the launch build."
- In other words, yes, they wanted to be ready,
- 18 but they hadn't made decisions to take the next steps
- 19 towards launching, and they certainly --
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: We're getting close to your
- 21 time limit.
- 22 MR. HASSI: I'm sorry, Your Honor?
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: We're getting close to your
- 24 time limit.
- MR. HASSI: I understand, Your Honor.

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           JUDGE CHAPPELL: How much more do you have?
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           MR. HASSI: It depends on how slowly I go.
 3 I'll try to cut through it and get to the end.
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           Your Honor, a decision to launch at risk for a
 5 small company like this is very significant, and it
 6 entails very significant risks.
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- 1 \$324 million.
- 2 That's a lot of money for a company that in its
- 3 best year in many years, 2010, this company made
- 4 \$880 million in total revenues. That's bet-the-company
- 5 damages for launching at risk.
- 6 So when they ask you to assume that this
- 7 company would launch at risk, we think the documents
- 8 and testimony will show otherwise.
- 9 I want to skip to -- skip to the procompetitive
- 10 options slide, the timeline.
- 11 So, Your Honor, I want to walk through the real
- 12 world and the after-acquired patents, so I showed you
- 13 this slide, and what I want to do now is focus on what
- 14 might have happened had Impax launched at risk. And
- 15 we're not saying, to be clear, that Impax would have
- 16 launched at risk.
- 17 Complaint counsel's expert threw out three
- 18 hypothetical dates, and I just want to walk through
- 19 what would have happened had it launched on those three
- 20 hypothetical dates.
- 21 And the first hypothetical is that Impax
- 22 launches at risk after it gets FDA approval in June of
- 23 2010.
- Well, at that point in time, Impax is in
- 25 litigation with Endo, and the judge has asked the

- 1 other patents were issued that were close enough to
- 2 where Endo can sue and enjoin people from selling the
- 3 same drug.
- 4 MR. HASSI: Yes, Your Honor. Three at this
- 5 point. We've got the '482 on here twice, but yes,
- 6 there are three additional patents here, and Endo did
- 7 sue on those patents.
- 8 And if you can keep going.

- 1 market.
- 2 A Delaware district judge upheld the '737 and
- 3 then later the '779 patent, and I believe it's one of
- 4 those two patents that's valid until 2029. The others
- 5 may be 2023.
- 6 So let's go to the next hypothetical, and that
- 7 is, suppose we wait for a district court decision and
- 8 we lose at the district court. Well, Impax doesn't
- 9 enter at risk. Impax doesn't enter. It just lost.
- 10 That's what rolling the dice means. That's what
- 11 continuing the litigation means.
- Now, you can wait and hope to win at the
- 13 appellate court and hope to reverse the district court
- 14 judge, but the fact is, they were more likely than not
- 15 to lose at the district court level.
- 16 Next.
- 17 The third hypothetical that Professor Noll
- 18 throws out is maybe you wait for an appellate court
- 19 decision. And in that case, if there's a favorable
- 20 decision, Impax -- say that comes in in the fall of
- 21 2011, and this is assuming that there's no remand,
- 22 that there's no other issues, and that Impax wins at
- 23 the appellate court level.
- 24 So it gets to come in in 2011. And that's not
- 25 at risk, except as to the Johnson Matthey patent, which

- 1 at this point isn't in Endo's hands, but not long
- 2 thereafter Endo has acquired that patent. And Endo
- 3 acquires -- and just speed through the rest -- acquires
- 4 the additional patents, sues on the additional patents.
- 5 And one can only assume that Endo was suing -- if Endo
- 6 was suing Impax on the crush-resistant, if Impax had
- 7 not settled and didn't have the broad license, they
- 8 would have sued on Opana ER as well.
- 9 And so there's no real option here for Impax to
- 10 come on and stay on the market. This is why they got
- 11 the broad license.
- 12 Let's go to the next one.
- 13 And of course, in hypothetical number three, if
- 14 Impax loses at the appellate court level, they lose.
- 15 It's over. They're enjoined until those patents
- 16 expire.
- 17 So one other possibility -- and I think
- 18 Your Honor hinted at this -- is maybe you wait until
- 19 September 2013 when the patents expire. Well, that's a
- 20 fine option if you don't think Endo is going to get any
- 21 more patents.
- 22 Keep going.
- 23 But Endo did. And Endo sued on those patents,
- 24 and so waiting until September 2013 not only loses the
- 25 180-day exclusivity, but at that point Impax would have

- 1 to launch at risk as to the Johnson Matthey
- 2 '482 patent, the '122 and the '216 patent, and the
- 3 additional patents are not far behind.
- 4 Next slide.
- 5 So if we compare these scenarios to the real
- 6 world, Your Honor, what you have is no real
- 7 opportunity for Impax to come to market compared to a
- 8 real world where Impax settled with Endo, got a broad
- 9 patent license, came to market, is on the market
- 10 today, and will be on the market for the foreseeable
- 11 future.
- Now, complaint counsel doesn't want to engage
- 13 in the kind of traditional balancing that's been the
- 14 hallmark of the rule of reason, balancing the
- 15 anticompetitive restraint against procompetitive
- 16 effects. They want a shortcut. They want
- 17 pay-for-delay to be just pay. They want to say that
- 18 if there's value being transferred from the brand to
- 19 the generic, you should presume that it's
- 20 anticompetitive.
- Now, the Supreme Court rejected that in
- 22 Actavis, but we're going to ask you over the next few
- 23 weeks to look at the real world.
- 24 We're going to show you how the events unfolded
- 25 in the real world and how in the seven-plus years since

- 1 the settlement was entered into this has had a
- 2 manifestly procompetitive effect.
- We're going to ask you not to ignore those
- 4 real-world facts, as complaint counsel asked the
- 5 commission to rule out. They didn't want to hear about
- 6 this stuff. You shouldn't ignore it.
- 7 You shouldn't ignore the fact that Impax got to
- 8 begin selling Opana ER before the patents Endo was
- 9 asserting had expired.
- 10 We don't think you should ignore the fact that
- 11 no one, no one ever successfully challenged the two
- 12 patents that were in suit between Impax and Endo that
- 13 led to this settlement.
- 14 We don't think that you should ignore the fact
- 15 that by settling, Impax got a license to existing and
- 16 future patents.
- 17 We don't think you should ignore the fact that
- 18 Endo's after-acquired patents have been upheld by two
- 19 different judges.
- We don't think you should ignore the fact that
- 21 as a result of those patents, no other generic is on
- 22 the market.
- 23 We don't think you should ignore the fact that
- 24 because it settled, since January 1, 2013, Impax has
- 25 been meeting patients' needs for a lower-cost generic

- 1 Opana ER and that for at least a year now it's been the
- 2 only generic Opana ER available to consumers, and
- 3 finally, since September 1, 2017, it is the only
- 4 Opana ER available on the market.
- 5 Unless Your Honor has any questions,
- 6 thank you.
- 7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right. I'm going to make
- 8 some evidentiary rulings. Then we're going to take a
- 9 break before we call our first witness. But normally
- 10 at this time when the opening statements are
- 11 concluded, a lot of people head for the exit, so I'm
- 12 going to give you a couple minutes if you want to leave
- 13 now.
- No one? Okay. That's new. All right.
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- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay.
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- 1 jointly offer this exhibit?
- 2 Government?
- 3 MR. LOUGHLIN: We do, Your Honor.
- 4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Respondent?
- 5 MR. HASSI: We do, Your Honor.
- 6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: JX 2 is admitted.
- 7 (Joint Exhibit Number 2 was admitted into
- 8 evidence.)
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Stipulations of facts and law.
- 10 On Monday, I received a joint stipulation, JX 001, and
- 11 I am pleased to see the parties worked together on
- 12 this.
- 13 Is JX 1 offered as a joint exhibit by the
- 14 government?
- MR. LOUGHLIN: It is, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: By respondent?
- 17 MR. HASSI: Yes, Your Honor.
- 18 JUDGE CHAPPELL: JX 1 is admitted.
- 19 (Joint Exhibit Number 1 was admitted into
- 20 evidence.)
- 21 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I have one other matter I'm
- 22 going to deal with, and then we'll take a break.
- I received a trial brief regarding evidently a
- 24 discovery issue.
- 25 First of all, I'm going to let the parties

- 1 know, I do not want to see a trial brief unless I ask
- 2 for a trial brief. If I want it, I'll let you know.
- But since that trial brief was filed, I need
- 4 to know, do you plan to respond and how long do you
- 5 need?
- 6 MR. HASSI: Your Honor, I'm not sure that there
- 7 is an issue here.
- 8 In other words, the trial brief, as we
- 9 understand it, addresses questions that were asked to
- 10 which we asserted a privilege. We don't intend to
- 11 waive that privilege, and we don't intend to offer
- 12 evidence related to -- so there were questions about,
- 13 for example, a model called the Zorn model that Impax
- 14 creates. We're not planning on putting that Zorn model
- 15 in, offering it up.
- 16 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You don't intend to offer
- 17 evidence or answers to questions that were objected to
- 18 and not answered during discovery.
- MR. HASSI: That's correct, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right. I don't have a
- 21 motion pending before me now.
- Do you want to add anything?
- 23 MR. LOUGHLIN: No, Your Honor. The issue is
- 24 that to the extent that witnesses make representations

- 1 will object and ask Your Honor to rule that those
- 2 questions cannot be asked.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: When I get an objection, I'll
- 4 deal with it. But I'll let the parties know, there's a
- 5 difference in a fact and an opinion. And a fact is not
- 6 something that needs to be evaluated and analyzed by
- 7 one side or the other. If someone testifies to a fact,
- 8 I'm allowing that fact, unless that fact was not
- 9 allowed in discovery.
- 10 Any questions on that?
- 11 MR. LOUGHLIN: No, Your Honor.
- MR. HASSI: No, Your Honor.
- 13 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Is the first witness here?
- MR. HASSI: He is, Your Honor.
- MR. LOUGHLIN: Yes, Your Honor.
- 16 JUDGE CHAPPELL: He's calling the first
- 17 witness (indicating)?
- 18 MR. LOUGHLIN: We're calling the first witness,
- 19 Your Honor; however, it is Mr. Koch, who is represented
- 20 by O'Melveny & Myers in this case.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay.
- 22 All right. We're going to take about a
- 23 15-minute break, may be our last break for the day.
- 24 Before we do, hold on a second.
- 25 (Pause in the proceedings.)

1 bit in the Schering case.

- 1 know it's there. It's got some exhibits that I might
- 2 be asking you about later. And there's also a bottle
- 3 of water there for you.
- 4 A. Thank you.
- 5 MR. MEIER: Your Honor, Mr. Koch is a former
- 6 employee of Impax, and that's the respondent in this
- 7 case. And under your order of October 18, 2017,
- 8 Mr. Koch has been deemed an adverse witness and subject
- 9 to examination by leading questioning, so I intend to
- 10 avail myself of that ruling.

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- 1 Q. And you met with Mr. Hassi for about seven
- 2 hours to prepare for your deposition.
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. You reviewed documents while meeting with
- 5 Mr. Hassi to prepare for your deposition.
- 6 A. I did.
- 7 Q. You were sent a copy of the transcript and
- 8 exhibits from an earlier FTC investigational hearing to
- 9 help you prepare for your deposition.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 O. And Impax reimbursed you for your time and
- 12 expenses for testifying at the deposition.
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. Impax paid you \$500 an hour.
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. Impax also paid you for the time you spent
- 17 preparing for your deposition.
- 18 A. It did.
- 19 Q. And that was \$500 an hour.
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. Now, you sat for an investigational hearing
- 22 during the FTC's investigation in this matter.
- 23 A. I did.
- Q. And that was held here in Washington, D.C.
- 25 A. It was.

- 1 Q. And that was a number of years ago.
- 2 A. Yes, it was.
- 3 Q. And you were represented at that time by
- 4 lawyers from O'Melveny & Myers; correct?
- 5 A. I was.
- 6 Q. And the O'Melveny & Myers lawyers were partners
- 7 of Mr. Hassi; correct?
- 8 A. They were.
- 9 Q. And that's the law firm representing Impax at
- 10 the hearing today; correct?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. At the time of your investigational hearing,
- 13 O'Melveny & Myers represented both you and Impax;
- 14 correct?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. And you met with the lawyers before your
- 17 investigational hearing.
- 18 A. I did.
- 19 Q. And you met with them for at least a day to
- 20 prepare for your investigational hearing.
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 Q. In fact, you reviewed some documents when you
- 23 met with the lawyers from O'Melveny & Myers before your
- 24 investigational hearing.
- 25 A. I did. It was many years ago.

- Q. And Impax paid you for your time and expenses
- 2 for testifying at the investigational hearing.
- 3 A. They reimbursed me for my time, yes.
- 4 Q. And they paid you \$500 an hour?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Did you meet with the lawyers from
- 7 O'Melveny & Myers to prepare for your testimony today?
- 8 A. I did.
- 9 Q. How long did you meet?
- 10 A. Probably six or seven hours yesterday.
- 11 Q. Did you review documents with the -- Impax'
- 12 lawyers?
- 13 A. I did.
- Q. And are you being paid by Impax for the time
- 15 you spent preparing for your testimony today?
- 16 A. They're reimbursing for my time and my expense,
- 17 yes.
- 18 O. \$500 an hour?
- 19 A. Correct.
- Q. And are they paying for your time testifying
- 21 today, too?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 O. And that's \$500 an hour.
- 24 A. Correct.
- Q. Now, Mr. Koch, let's switch subjects and

- 1 discuss the time you worked at Impax and a little bit
- 2 about your professional experience.
- 3 You joined Impax in February of 2015.
- 4 A. 2005.
- 5 Q. I'm sorry. Correct. Thank you. Let me
- 6 rephrase that.
- 7 You joined Impax in February of 2005.
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. And it might have been Valentine's Day in
- 10 February.
- 11 A. I think it was. Yes.
- 12 Q. And at the time you joined Impax, you'd already
- 13 had 30 years of finance, operations and public
- 14 accounting experience.
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. This included service as the chief financial
- 17 officer of three publicly traded healthcare companies;
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And then you resigned from Impax in June of
- 21 2012.
- 22 A. I did.
- 23 Q. So you were at Impax for just about a little
- 24 more than seven years.
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. Eventually you reported to Larry Hsu.
- 2 A. I did.
- 3 Q. And "Hsu" is spelled H-S-U; correct?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. You reported to Dr. Hsu when he became Impax'
- 6 CEO.
- 7 A. I did.
- 8 Q. And broadly speaking, your responsibility as
- 9 CFO was to manage the financial affairs of Impax;
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. Broadly speaking, yes.
- 12 Q. But more specifically, your responsibilities as
- 13 CFO included financial reporting, budgeting, investor
- 14 relations, anpDC cbtyouroax'
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- Q. The Impax executive committee included the CEO,
- 2 the president of the brand division, the president of
- 3 the generics division, the vice president of
- 4 manufacturing and you.
- 5 A. Indeed.
- 6 Q. And the Impax executive committee was also
- 7 sometimes called the G5 because you had five members;
- 8 correct?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. You also served on the financial reporting
- 11 committee and the products development committees at
- 12 Impax; correct?
- 13 A. For both the brand division and the generics
- 14 division, yes.
- 15 Q. Right.
- 16 And that product development committee was also
- 17 sometimes called the new product committee.
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. And as you just said, the company has one for
- 20 the branded division and one for the generic division.
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. And you served on both of those committees.
- 23 A. I did.
- Q. During your seven years at Impax, Impax had
- 25 both a branded business unit and a separate generic

- 1 business unit.
- 2 A. I believe the brand business might have been
- 3 formed shortly after I got there, but there were brand
- 4 activities. It may not have been formalized.
- 5 Q. So during most of the time you were at Impax,
- 6 there was a branded --
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. -- division and a generic division; correct?
- 9 As part of your responsibilities at Impax, you
- 10 also served as the secretary of Impax' board of
- 11 directors?
- 12 A. For a time, yes, for a portion of the time.
- 13 Q. And additionally, as part of your
- 14 responsibility as CFO, you would regularly attend the
- 15 Impax board of directors meetings.
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. And you made regular presentations to the board
- 18 of directors in your capacity as CFO.
- 19 A. I did.
- 20 Q. And it would be common for you to make
- 21 presentations to the board of directors at their
- 22 meetings.
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. When you made a presentation to the board of
- 25 directors, you would always try to be accurate.

- 1 A. Always.
- Q. And if you saw a mistake in the presentation
- 3 materials you put together, you'd absolutely try to
- 4 correct it.
- 5 A. Absolutely.
- 6 Q. And the Impax board of directors would meet
- 7 quarterly.
- 8 A. Sometimes more frequently ad hoc, but there was
- 9 a quarterly scheduled, yes.
- 10 Q. So they would meet quarterly, and sometimes
- 11 they'd even meet more often than that.
- 12 A. That's right.
- 13 Q. And you typically reported the financial
- 14 results of the company and its performance against the
- 15 plan to the board; correct?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- Q. What does "performance against plan" mean?
- 18 A. Comparing actual results to budgeted results.
- 19 Q. And "budgeted results" would mean what?
- 20 A. Each year, we would set an annual budget for
- 21 the business, and we would compare actual results to
- 22 the board -- we would compare actual results to those
- 23 plans to the directors as part of my presentation.
- Q. Impax is a publicly traded company.
- 25 A. That's correct.

- 1 Q. And Impax is listed on the Nasdaq Stock
- 2 Exchange.
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. As part of your job as CFO --
- 5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: What's the stock symbol?
- 6 THE WITNESS: IPXL. IPXL.
- 7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Has that been consistent since
- 8 it went public?
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- There was a time, though, Your Honor, when we
- 11 were not registered on the exchange because of a
- 12 dispute we had with our accountants over revenue
- 13 recognition, so we lost our registration and had to
- 14 reregister in 2010.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: You were able to get the same
- 16 symbol?
- 17 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 18 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Thank you.
- 19 BY MR. MEIER:
- 20 Q. As part of your job as CFO, you would review
- 21 Impax' filings required by the Securities and Exchange
- 22 Commission?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. You were responsible for Impax'
- 25 Sarbanes-Oxley Act compliance?

- 1 A. I'm sorry. I couldn't hear that.
- 2 O. Yes.
- 3 You were responsible for Impax'
- 4 Sarbanes-Oxley Act compliance?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And under Sarbanes-Oxley you had to
- 7 individually certify the accuracy of financial
- 8 information you reported for Impax.
- 9 A. I did.
- 10 Q. You were typically involved in the preparation
- 11 of Impax' annual reports; correct?
- 12 A. Most of the times our annual reports were a
- 13 wraparound our 10-K, so yes.
- 14 Q. And you would review drafts and proposals for
- 15 inclusion in the annual report.
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And the same with the company's so-called 10-K
- 18 filing.
- 19 A. Correct.
- Q. That's a filing you make with the SEC.
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And Impax' financial plans, while you were
- 23 there, were based on the information available to you
- 24 at the time; correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And Impax' financial plans reflected the
- 2 company's best efforts at making estimates.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. In addition to preparing plans, you and the
- 5 people who worked for you sometimes also prepared
- 6 forecasts.
- 7 A. Correct.
- Q. And when you prepared forecasts, you would try
- 9 to use the best information available to the company at
- 10 the time.
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. And your mandate from the CEO and the Impax
- 13 board was to be accurate in your planning.
- 14 A. Of course.
- 15 Q. In your plans at Impax, something called an
- 16 upside scenario is -- in your plans -- sorry. If I
- 17 move the microphone closer, it's going to start sliding
- 18 down the lectern.
- 19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You can raise that entire --
- MR. MEIER: Yes.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: -- lectern or whatever it's
- 22 called. There's a button somewhere that will raise the
- 23 whole thing.
- MR. MEIER: Yes. The problem, Your Honor, is
- 25 it starts to slope, and if I move the microphone, I

- 1 have book here it starts to slope in on. Sorry about
- 2 that. Let me start that over.
- 3 BY MR. MEIER:
- 4 Q. In your plans at Impax, something called the
- 5 upside scenario is a set of assumptions that are the
- 6 most beneficial to Impax; correct?
- 7 A. I wouldn't characterize it as most beneficial.
- 8 It was better -- it was a more favorable forecast than
- 9 a base case.
- 10 Q. So a base-case scenario wouldn't include many
- 11 of the if-everything-goes-right assumptions for the
- 12 company?
- 13 A. Correct.
- Q. So if I have it correctly, a base-case
- 15 scenario was more conservative than an upside
- 16 scenario.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Mr. Koch, let's shift gathers now and talk
- 19 about Impax' efforts to develop generic Opana.
- Opana ER is a brand product manufactured by
- 21 Endo Pharmaceuticals or at the time that you were at
- 22 Impax; correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And Opana ER is an opioid.
- 25 A. It is.

- 1 Q. Opana ER is used to treat pain.
- 2 A. It is.
- 3 Q. Opana ER's generic name is oxymorphone
- 4 hydrochloride extended release.
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. One shorthand for generic Opana ER used inside
- 7 of Impax when you were at the company was oxymorphone.
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. Another shorthand you'd use for generic Opana
- 10 inside Impax was just the initials O, X and M;
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. Impax' generic business unit was responsible
- 14 for developing oxymorphone.
- 15 A. A generic for it, yes.
- 16 Q. And that was the business unit headed by
- 17 Chris Mengler at the time you were at Impax.
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. While at Impax you were aware of a patent
- 20 lawsuit by Endo Pharmaceuticals against Impax involving
- 21 generic Opana ER.
- 22 A. I was.
- 23 O. And Endo's lawsuit concerning generic Opana
- 24 started sometime after you joined Impax.
- 25 A. It did.

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Q. You testified at your deposition that Impax,
 2 quote, had a formulation of generic Opana that the
 3 company felt didn't infringe Endo's patents; is that
 4 correct?
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- 1 A. He was, yes.
- Q. And the global pharmaceuticals division, that's
- 3 just the same name -- I'm sorry -- that was Impax' name
- 4 for the generic business unit.
- 5 A. That's right. We called the business unit of
- 6 the generics division global pharmaceuticals from -- in
- 7 different contexts over time. Yes.
- 8 Q. And like you, Mr. Mengler was a member of
- 9 Impax' executive committee at the time that he was
- 10 there.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And Mr. Mengler had been leading the
- 13 negotiations with Endo for Impax before you took over.
- 14 A. He did. He was.
- 15 Q. But you took over to get the project across the
- 16 finish line; correct?
- 17 A. Larry asked me to get a specific set of
- 18 objectives in the final negotiations. Yes.
- 19 Q. Before you personally became involved in
- 20 actually negotiating with Endo, you were kept regularly
- 21 apprised of the status of the negotiations as a member
- 22 of Impax' executive committee.
- 23 A. Yes. The committee was regularly updated.
- Q. And during the time Mr. Mengler was leading the
- 25 settlement negotiations with Endo, you would give input

- 1 to him on the settlement terms.
- 2 A. As would other members of the executive
- 3 committee. Yes.
- 4 Q. As would other members of the executive
- 5 committee; correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And Meg Snowden, an in-house counsel at Impax,
- 8 was involved in the negotiations with Endo, too.
- 9 A. She was.
- 10 Q. And Ms. Snowden worked with you to complete the
- 11 negotiations.
- 12 A. She did.
- 13 Q. Larry Hsu, Impax' CEO at the time, was also
- 14 involved in the settlement negotiations but not
- 15 directly in the conversations with Endo; correct?
- 16 A. Well, his role as CEO, he was ultimately
- 17 responsible, yes, but he did not have direct contact
- 18 with Endo.
- 19 Q. So Larry Hsu, Impax' CEO at the time, was also
- 20 involved in the settlement negotiations but not
- 21 directly.
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. You were negotiating with Alan Levin, Endo's
- 24 chief financial officer.
- 25 A. I was.

- 1 Q. And you saw the final settlement agreement.
- 2 A. I did.
- 3 Q. You signed the final settlement agreement.
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. And you signed the final settlement agreement 6 on behalf of Impax.
- 7 A. T did.
- 8 Q. Do you remember when Impax' settlement
- 9 agreement with Endo was signed?
- 10 A. June -- I don't remember the day. June 2010.
- 11 O. In your 19 years working in the life sciences
- 12 industry, have you ever heard the term "first-to-file
- 13 exclusivity"?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. "First-to-file exclusivity" is a term you've
- 16 personally used?
- 17 A. In a general sense, businessman sense, yes.
- 18 O. What does "first-to-file exclusivity" mean in
- 19 your businessman sense?
- 20 A. It's a concept granted to a first filer under
- 21 the FDA's ANDA regulations for new products, new
- 22 generic products.
- 23 O. And Impax was the first company to file an
- 24 ANDA with the so-called paragraph certifications for
- 25 the 5, 10, 20, 30 and 40 milligram dosages of Opana ER;

1 correct? Α. Correct. I'm sorry. Let me try to --Q. Α. Oh, I'm sorry. I'm going to try to finish my question. Q. A. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. My voice probably tailed off there 8 beng tfrik3y tand he'stanticipatng ,sor just wait for TjT*2himto fi 9 2with Paragraph IV cetifaicaion.s for rekc5,10 , 20, TjT*230tand 4

- 1 A. Correct.
- Q. And at the time, those dosages comprised over
- 3 95 percent of Endo's Opana ER sales?
- 4 A. I don't remember the number, but it was a vast
- 5 preponderance, so I wouldn't dispute it.
- 6 Q. And so Impax was eligible for the first-filer
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- 8 A. Correct.
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- 1 factors enter into determining whether it was most.
- 2 Q. So first-to-file exclusivity is very valuable
- 3 to a generic company because it helps the generic
- 4 company make more money.
- 5 A. Yes, it does.
- 6 Q. You are familiar with the term
- 7 "authorized generic"; correct?
- 8 A. I am.
- 9 Q. And "the authorized generic" is a term of art
- 10 used in your industry to describe an arrangement that a
- 11 brand company enters into with a generic manufacturer
- 12 to market a generic product of their own brand;
- 13 correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And in your experience, it's common for a brand
- 16 to launch an authorized generic.
- 17 A. It's hard to characterize it as common. It's
- 18 not un- -- it's not infrequent or rare. It happens
- 19 from time to time. But it's hard to know what one
- 20 means by "common." It happens frequently. It happens
- 21 often.
- 22 Q. As an element of negotiating a settlement
- 23 agreement with a brand, a no-authorized-generic
- 24 agreement would be a provision that Impax would
- 25 typically seek in a settlement; correct?

- 1 A. A lot of variables go into that answer because
- 2 it would depend on the plans by the brand to the extent
- 3 they were known. It would depend on the brand's prior
- 4 experience and history.
- 5 So it's not a categorical answer, but a general
- 6 answer is yes.
- 7 Q. So as an element of negotiating the settlement
- 8 agreement with a brand, a no authorized generic would
- 9 be a provision Impax would seek.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And Impax would seek a no-AG agreement because
- 12 the more control over the market a generic has, the
- 13 more predictable the outcomes will be, so the absence
- 14 of an authorized generic would mean more control.
- 15 A. The absence of an authorized generic would
- 16 mean --
- 17 Q. More control for the generic company.
- 18 A. That's correct. Yes.
- 19 Q. And control can often lead to higher profits;
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. Yes, it can.
- 22 Q. The settlement agreement that you signed on
- 23 behalf of Impax with Endo included a
- 24 no-authorized-generic provision; correct?
- 25 A. It did.

- 1 Q. And a no-authorized-generic term was part of
- 2 the settlement you signed.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And Endo agreed not to launch an authorized
- 5 generic of Opana ER in competition with Impax' generic
- 6 Opana; correct?
- 7 A. That's what "no AG" means. Yes.
- 8 Q. In addition to the no-authorized-generic term,
- 9 another subject of the settlement negotiation with Endo
- 10 was the date when Impax could enter the market with
- 11 generic Opana ER; correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And the date was one of the most important
- 14 elements of the settlement agreement.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Impax was seeking as soon a launch date as
- 17 possible as close to the expiration of your 30-month
- 18 stay as you could get.
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. The launch date under the settlement agreement
- 21 that you eventually entered into was January 1, 2013.
- 22 A. Correct.
- Q. And Impax agreed to a specific launch date in
- 24 return for eliminating the uncertainty of the patent
- 25 litigation with Endo.

- 1 A. I'm sorry. Could you repeat that.
- 2 O. Yes, I will.
- 3 Impax agreed to a specific launch date in
- 4 return for eliminating uncertainty of the patent
- 5 litigation with Endo.
- 6 A. Yes. Correct.
- 7 Q. Impax got final FDA approval to market generic
- 8 Opana shortly after entering the settlement agreement
- 9 with Endo.
- 10 A. That's what I remember. Yes.
- 11 Q. So you didn't actually get final FDA approval
- 12 until after you entered the settlement agreement.
- 13 A. Correct.
- Q. So final FDA approval was sometime after
- 15 June 8, 2010?
- 16 A. Correct. Shortly after but after.
- 17 Q. Did it ever occur to you that when Impax agreed
- 18 not to launch generic Opana until January 2013 it was
- 19 giving Endo time to switch the market to a reformulated
- 20 version of Opana?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. It did occur to you?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. So you understood that when you entered the
- 25 agreement?

- 1 A. Well, it was understood when we entered into
- 2 the negotiations we had developed what we called a
- 3 carrot and a stick as a way to get more control than
- 4 just the lost control over that period of time.
- 5 Q. Do you remember discussing a negotiation term
- 6 that was referred to as an acceleration trigger with
- 7 Impax?
- 8 A. There was an acceleration trigger term
- 9 discussed with Endo. Yes.
- 10 Q. But the meaning of this acceleration trigger,
- 11 that changed over time during the negotiations;
- 12 correct?
- 13 A. Not really.
- 14 O. Oh, it did not?
- 15 A. No. We never got an accelerated trigger.
- 16 Q. Right.
- So -- but when it was first discussed, you
- 18 were talking about the opportunity for an earlier
- 19 launch date than the generic entry date Endo proposed.
- 20 A. Right.
- Q. And Impax' interest in negotiating an
- 22 acceleration trigger with Endo was because one of the
- 23 other tools available to a brand is to develop
- 24 alternative products and switch the market.
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. You were concerned about Endo switching the
- 2 market on you before you had a chance to launch your
- 3 generic Opana; correct?
- 4 A. We were.
- 5 Q. And when a branded company does that, the brand
- 6 tries to switch patients away from the brand product
- 7 that Impax has the generic to in favor of a line
- 8 extension or other products that would not be covered
- 9 by Impax' ANDA.
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. But at some point the negotiations with Endo
- 12 moved away from an accelerated launch date in favor of
- 13 something that you understood as the make-whole
- 14 provision; correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. You remember a term in the settlement agreement
- 17 that eventually was called the Endo credit?
- 18 A. I'm familiar with that term, but it was not a
- 19 term used while I was at Impax.
- 20 Q. So you remember calling the Endo credit term a
- 21 make-whole provision when you were at Impax.
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 O. And the make-whole was part of the carrot and
- 24 stick that I think you mentioned a moment ago that
- 25 Impax gave to Endo as an incentive to continue to

- 1 invest in the products to which Impax had the generic.
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. And in return for Endo giving Impax an
- 4 agreement to accept the carrot and stick, Impax stopped
- 5 pursuing an earlier launch date.
- 6 A. It stopped pursuing that trigger, yes.
- 7 Q. In return for Endo giving Impax an agreement to
- 8 accept the carrot and the stick, Impax stopped pursuing
- 9 an earlier launch date; correct?
- 10 A. I wouldn't characterize it that way. We met
- 11 complete resistance to the concept of an earlier launch
- 12 date. We replaced that concept with another form of
- 13 insurance we called the carrot and the stick, which was
- 14 a royalty and downside protection.
- 15 Q. You said you wouldn't characterize it that way,
- 16 but if I showed you your deposition transcript
- 17 testimony where you actually said that, would that
- 18 refresh your recollection that you actually did
- 19 characterize it that way?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Okay. Could you please pull up the binder,
- 22 please. And if you look at the tabs, there's one
- 23 that's the very last one, at the bottom says "DEP."
- 24 Do you see that?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 Q.

- 1 straighten it out a little bit by describing what was
- 2 going through my mind as we were evaluating this
- 3 settlement.
- 4 There was a period of time between the date of
- 5 our approval and the -- a date-certain launch of
- 6 January '13. We were worried about the control the
- 7 brand had over their product during that time, and we
- 8 were looking for a way to gain -- take back some of
- 9 that control away from the brand.
- The tool that we ultimately pursued was the
- 11 what I called carrot and stick as an incentive in the
- 12 form of a carrot to incent them to continue to invest
- 13 in the product and a stick in the form of a penalty
- 14 should the market degrade over that period of time.
- 15 Q. And the penalty was what eventually was called
- 16 the Endo credit; correct?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. And you recall hearing that Impax was
- 19 eventually paid \$102 million by Endo under the terms of
- 20 the patent settlement agreement.
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. And that's the patent settlement agreement you
- 23 negotiated and signed for Impax on June 8, 2010.
- 24 A. Was there a question?
- 25 Q. Yes, there was.

- 1 The patents -- and that's the patent settlement
- 2 agreement --
- 3 A. Oh, sorry. Yes, it is.
- 4 Q. -- that you negotiated and signed for Impax on
- 5 June 8, 2010; correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. In addition to negotiating the settlement
- 8 agreement with Endo, you negotiated an agreement that
- 9 became known as the development and co-promotion
- 10 agreement; correct?
- 11 A. I did.
- 12 Q. You also signed the development and
- 13 co-promotion agreement with Endo.
- 14 A. I did.
- 15 Q. You signed the co-promotion and development
- 16 agreement with Endo on behalf of Impax.
- 17 A. I did.
- 18 Q. Impax had not talked to Endo about the
- 19 development and co-promotion agreement before entering
- 20 into the patent settlement negotiations.
- 21 Let me try that again. I kind of mangled it.
- 22 I can see that you didn't hear me very well.
- 23 A. Okay.
- Q. Impax had not talked to Endo about the
- 25 development and co-promotion agreement before actually

- 1 entering into the patent settlement negotiations;
- 2 correct?
- 3 A. That's correct, yes.
- 4 Q. The product that was to be the subject of the
- 5 development and co-promotion agreement eventually
- 6 became known as IPX-203.
- 7 A. It is. Yes.
- 8 Q. And Impax hoped that IPX-203 would become a
- 9 line extension of a product Impax called IPX-066.
- 10 A. It is. That's correct.
- 11 Q. If successful, IPX-203 would have been a brand
- 12 product.
- 13 A. It would have, yes.
- Q. And as far as you know, Endo was the only
- 15 potential partner Impax was negotiating with concerning
- 16 TPX-203.
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. At the time of the development and co-promotion
- 19 agreement, IPX-203 was at a very early stage of
- 20 clinical development.
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. In fact, IPX-203 was preclinical.
- 23 A.
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- 1 O. Had it even been formulated at the time that
- 2 you had negotiated the agreement with Endo?
- A. I don't know that the formulation had been
- 4 finalized. I think formulation work was underway.
- 5 Q. We've been talking about two agreements that
- 6 Impax entered with Endo in June of 2010, a settlement
- 7 and license agreement and a development and
- 8 co-promotion agreement.
- 9 You were involved in providing input on the
- 10 terms and conditions for both of those agreements;
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. I was, yes.
- 13 Q. And other members of Impax' executive committee
- 14 were also involved in giving their input on both
- 15 agreements.
- 16 A. They were.
- Q. And both agreements were negotiated at the same
- 18 time.
- 19 A. They were.
- Q. Both agreements were completed during the same
- 21 time.
- 22 A. They were.
- Q. Sometimes you would talk to the Endo people
- 24 about the settlement terms and the development terms in
- 25 the same call.

- 1 A. I would.
- Q. Most of the negotiations were actually done by
- 3 telephone; correct?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 O. And sometimes the terms for both of the
- 6 agreements were discussed at the same meetings that you
- 7 participated in within Impax.
- 8 A. I'm sorry.
- 9 Q. All right. So you would have meetings
- 10 internally within Impax.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 O. Correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Like the G5 meetings?
- 15 A. Okay. Yes.
- 16 Q. And sometimes the terms for both of these
- 17 agreements were being discussed at the same
- 18 G5 meetings.
- 19 A. That's correct, yes.
- 20 Q. And you were discussing both at the same time?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And it was the same team negotiating both?
- 23 A. The same points of contact negotiating both.
- 24 Both -- both Endo and Impax had separate teams for each
- 25 of the projects because one was brand and one was

- 1 generic.
- 2 Q. Right.
- 3 But the teams that were actually doing the
- 4 negotiations --
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. -- on the call was the same people for Impax
- 7 doing both agreements; correct?
- 8 A. The contact, yes. The point of contact was the
- 9 same.
- 10 Q. And the same people for Endo; right?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. And you and Endo were both trying to get these
- 13 deals done.
- 14 A. We were, yes.
- 15 Q. I'd like to now talk to you about something
- 16 known in the pharmaceutical industry as launch at
- 17 risk.
- 18 You're familiar with the term "launch at risk";
- 19 correct?
- 20 A. I am.
- Q. It's a term you've personally used?
- 22 A. Sure. Yes.
- Q. It means launching a generic product in the
- 24 presence of patent litigation with a brand; correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And in your experience in the seven years at
- 2 Impax, Impax would evaluate at-risk launches from time
- 3 to time.
- 4 A. Infrequently, but yes.
- 5 Q. And whether Impax should launch generic Opana
- 6 at risk was under consideration by Impax in 2010.
- 7 A. It was, yes.
- 8 Q. But Impax ultimately settled its litigation
- 9 with Endo before Impax had final FDA approval to launch
- 10 generic Opana; correct?
- 11 A. It did.
- 12 Q. Successfully launching oxymorphone was a key
- 13 company goal for Impax in 2010; correct?
- 14 A. At certain points in time during 2010, the
- 15 February or January-February time frame, yes, it was.
- 16 That later changed in 2010 as developments unfolded
- 17 with the negotiations.
- 18 O. All right. Well, successfully launching
- 19 oxymorphone was a key company goal for Impax in 2010;
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. January-February time frame.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Hold on a second.
- 23 Impax referred to the generic drug as
- 24 Opana ER?
- THE WITNESS: Yes.

- 1 A. Yes. But it's formulated with hydrochloride,
- 2 and there are some other ingredients. The shorthand is
- 3 "oxymorphone."
- 4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So the prescription bottle
- 5 would say, if you've got the generic at CVS, it would
- 6 say "oxymorphone."
- 7 THE WITNESS: "HCl."
- 8 JUDGE CHAPPELL: "HCl." Okay. Thank you.
- 9 BY MR. MEIER:
- 10 Q. For hydrochloride?
- 11 A. I believe so, yes.
- 12 Q. Impax' CEO, Larry Hsu, would communicate the
- 13 company's key goals to management and staff annually;
- 14 correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And Dr. Hsu would do this in writing; correct?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 O. And division heads like you would use the key
- 19 company goals to make sure you had the plans and
- 20 resources in place to accomplish those goals.
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And the key company goals were also used as a
- 23 tool for setting compensation for Impax' employees.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. The key compensation -- the key company goals

- 1 were used as a tool in setting the compensation of
- 2 executives at Impax like you.
- 3 A. Correct.
- Q. In fact, the key company goals were used as a
- 5 tool in setting your compensation while at Impax.
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. So, Mr. Koch, would you please look into your
- 8 binder at Exhibit Number CX 2562. That's the very
- 9 first tab.
- 10 And while you're doing that, I'll just state
- 11 for the record that this exhibit is included in JX 2
- 12 and has been admitted in evidence, and it is not
- 13 subject to Your Honor's in camera ruling.
- 14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Thank you.
- 15 MR. MEIER: And I would ask Ms. Martin to pull
- 16 this up.
- 17 BY MR. MEIER:
- 18 Q. The first page is an e-mail from Dr. Hsu;
- 19 correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And you're one of the people who Dr. Hsu sent
- 22 the e-mail to. It's the third line down.
- 23 Do you see that?
- 24 A. I do.
- Q. And you're Art Koch; correct?

- 1 A. I am.
- Q. And the date of this e-mail was January -- I'm
- 3 sorry -- February 28, 2010; correct?
- 4 A. Yes.
- Q. And the subject is key -- company key goals
- 6 2010.
- 7 A. Correct.
- Q. And the e-mail says, "Attached please find the
- 9 finalized 2010 company key goals based on discussion in
- 10 the off-site meeting."
- 11 Do you see that?
- 12 A. I do.
- 13 Q. Did you participate in the off-site meeting?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And the next sentence says, "Please use this
- 16 document in setting your MBOs"; correct?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. And "MBOs" means management by objective?
- 19 A. It does.
- Q. Now, let's turn to the second page of CX 2562,
- 21 looking sort of at the very top first.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: Before you do that, where is
- 23 Impax located?
- 24 THE WITNESS: Head office is in Hayward,
- 25 California. There was a second office on the

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1 East Coast in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.
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           JUDGE CHAPPELL: Thank you.
           BY MR. MEIER:
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       Q. Looking at the second page of 2562, at the very
 5 top, these are the 2010 company key goals for Impax;
 6 correct?
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       A. That's what it says. Yes.
       Q. And now if we look to the middle of the page,
 9 under the heading Generics Business, do you see the
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- 1 And Impax took steps in 2010 to prepare to
- 2 launch generic oxymorphone in 2010.
- 3 A. It did, yes.
- 4 Q. Impax management asked the manufacturing
- 5 people to begin to manufacture launch quantities in
- 6 2010.
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. And this required the purchase of raw
- 9 materials.
- 10 A. Among other things, yes.
- 11 Q. And it required the manufacture of pills.
- 12 A. Right.
- 13 Q. And some of the manufactured generic Opana by
- 14 the time of the settlement was already manufactured in
- 15 something called bright stock; correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. And bright stock is product that's
- 18 manufactured, placed in bottles, but hasn't actually
- 19 been labeled yet.
- 20 A. That's correct.
- 21 Q. And some of the manufactured generic Opana by
- 22 the time of the settlement was manufactured as finished
- 23 goods; correct?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. And "finished goods" means it's manufactured,

- 1 A. I would.
- Q. And when you were comfortable, you would
- 3 circulate the minutes to the board of directors.
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. And there would be a motion to approve the
- 6 minutes at the next board meeting.
- 7 A. There would.
- 8 Q. And this motion would be voted on by the
- 9 board.
- 10 A. And recorded in the minutes.
- 11 O. I'm sorry?
- 12 A. And recorded in the minutes.
- 13 Q. Okay. And when you say publishing the minutes
- 14 a moment ago, you mean the minutes would go into the
- 15 minute book.
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. And the minute book is a record of Impax.
- 18 A. It is.
- 19 Q. And as secretary of the board, you would
- 20 actually sign the board-approved minutes?
- 21 A. I would.
- 22 Q. And you wouldn't sign the minutes unless you
- 23 believed they were accurate?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. The purpose of the board minutes is to create a

- 1 record of the -- the purpose of the board minutes is to
- 2 create a record to show the deliberations the board
- 3 considers in the administration of the company.
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. The board minutes serve as a permanent
- 6 corporate record of the company.
- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. Do you recall testifying at your deposition
- 9 that no one at Impax would go to the board of directors
- 10 and make a recommendation about an at-risk launch
- 11 without the approval of the executive committee first?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Mr. Koch, I'd like to show you what's been
- 14 marked as CX 2663. It's in your binder.
- 15 And before pulling that up on the screen, I'd
- 16 just like to state that 2663 is included in JX 2, it
- 17 has been admitted in evidence, and that Impax has
- 18 requested partial in camera treatment for this exhibit,
- 19 but not for the part I plan to use. And consequently,
- 20 we've created a blacked-out version that blacks out the
- 21 in camera part.
- 22 With Your Honor's permission, I'd rather not
- 23 have the courtroom sealed. I've blacked out -- and I
- 24 represent to Your Honor that we've blacked out the
- 25 part that they've asked for in camera treatment of

- 1 because it's not the part I'm going to be asking
- 2 about.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: No. That's good. Thanks.
- 4 Go ahead.
- 5 MR. MEIER: Ms. Martin, would you please
- 6 project the redacted version of CX 2663 which blacks
- 7 out the in camera portion of this exhibit. Thank you.
- 8 BY MR. MEIER:
- 9 Q. Mr. Koch, you've seen CX 2663 before; correct?
- 10 A. I have, yes.
- 11 O. And CX 2663 is the minutes of the Impax board
- 12 of directors meeting for May 25 and 26, 2010?
- 13 A. It is.
- Q. And that's a few weeks before you actually
- 15 signed the settlement of the negotiations with Endo;
- 16 correct?
- 17 A. It is, yes.
- 18 Q. And if we look at the very last page, page 4 of
- 19 the minutes, that's your signature on page 4 of the
- 20 minutes; correct?
- 21 If we could just pull that up real quickly.
- 22 A. Yes, it is.
- 23 Q. And that's your signing in your capacity as
- 24 secretary of the board.
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. Going back to page 1, if we look at the second
- 2 paragraph, this is a paragraph that begins with
- 3 "Mr. Mengler reviewed."
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. T do.
- 6 Q. And if I understand this correctly, Mr. Mengler
- 7 was making a presentation to the Impax board of
- 8 directors at this time.
- 9 A. That's -- yes.
- 10 Q. That's what you're reporting on in this
- 11 paragraph; correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. And still looking at the second paragraph,
- 14 there's a sentence toward the bottom before the
- 15 blacked-out part where it starts with "He expressed the
- 16 view."
- 17 Do you see that?
- 18 A. I do.
- 19 Q. And it says, "He" -- meaning Mr. Mengler;
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. It is.
- Q. -- "expressed the view that oxymorphone was a
- 23 good candidate for an at-risk launch"; correct?
- 24 A. Yes, it does.
- 25 Q. And if anyone had expressed disagreement with

- 1 Q. And that was part of your official duties as 2 CFO.
- 3 A. Correct.
- Q. And you were speaking on behalf of the company when you did that.
- 6 A. I was.
- 7 Q. And it was part of your job responsibilities to 8 do that.
- 9 A. It was.
- 10 Q. And you'd make a prepared statement; correct?
- 11 A. I would.
- 12 Q. And then you'd also answer questions from
- 13 analysts; correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And Impax' earnings calls are public.
- 16 A. They are.
- 17 Q. So actually anybody could listen in.
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. And the earnings calls are recorded.
- 20 A. They are.
- 21 O. And there are various services out there that
- 22 prepare written transcripts of earnings calls;
- 23 correct?
- 24 A. That's correct.
- Q. And one such transcription service is called

- 1 CQ Roll Call, Incorporated; correct?
- A. Correct.
- 3 Q. And that happens to be the transcription
- 4 service that Impax used when you were there.
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. Mr. Koch, I'd like to show you what's been
- 7 marked as CX 2703. It's also in your binder. It's the
- 8 third tab.
- 9 But before I call it up, let me state that,
- 10 Your Honor, CX 2703 is included in JX 2 and has been
- 11 admitted in evidence. The exhibit is a public document
- 12 and is not subject to your in camera ruling.
- 13 Ms. Martin, would you please put CX 2703 up on
- 14 the screen. Thank you.
- Mr. Koch, looking at the cover of CX 2703, what
- 16 is it?
- 17 A. It's the cover published by the service
- 18 describing the Q3 2011 Impax Laboratories Earnings
- 19 Conference Call Final, Fair Disclosure Wire,
- 20 November 1, 2011 Tuesday.
- 21 O. So the date of the conference call would have
- 22 been November 1, 2011?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- Q. Let's turn to page 3.
- 25 And I'm going to direct your attention to the

- 1 Q. And by "recent settlements" you mean recent
- 2 patent settlements?
- 3 A. It's implied. Yes.
- 4 Q. And you were telling the investment community
- 5 at that time that Impax is going to save three million
- 6 in litigation expenses because of settlements.
- 7 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 8 Q. And one of those recent settlements was the
- 9 Endo settlement.
- 10 A. It was.
- 11 O. But that was not the only settlement because
- 12 you used the plural "settlements"; correct?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 O. So the Endo settlement was one of a number of
- 15 settlements for which Impax was able to lower its
- 16 estimate of litigation expenses by \$3 million;
- 17 correct?
- 18 A. That's what it says. Yes.
- 19 Q. That's what you say.
- 20 A. That's what it says.
- 21 Q. No. That's what you said at the conference
- 22 call; correct?
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. Turning now to page 13 of the earnings
- 25 conference call transcript -- and actually, before I

Q. And you say, "Well, the switchout is a very 2 well-known strategy"; correct? A. Yes. Q.

- 1 had a reasonable outcome almost no matter what Endo
- 2 did.
- 3 A. That's correct. We viewed it as insurance.
- 4 MR. MEIER: I have no further questions,
- 5 Your Honor.
- 6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Any cross?
- 7 MR. HASSI: Yes, Your Honor.
- 8 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.
- 9 MR. HASSI: Your Honor, may I approach the
- 10 witness to give him a binder?
- 11 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Yes.
- 12 I've got a guestion for Mr. Meier.
- 13 Did you mean to ask whether if Endo did a
- 14 switch to Opana tamper-resistant? Didn't you mean
- 15 crush-resistant?
- MR. MEIER: Well, at the time, it was called
- 17 tamper-resistant, Your Honor, if you look --
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: So that's what you meant to
- 19 ask?
- MR. MEIER: I meant to ask tamper-resistant.
- 21 That was the question that the analyst had asked. It
- 22 eventually became -- the name changed from
- 23 tamper-resistant to crush-resistant.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right.
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- 1 A. I do.
- 2 O. What is "inventory" a reference to in the
- 3 financial statements of Impax?
- 4 A. "Inventory" refers to the carrying value of
- 5 product held for future sale, and it's usually carried
- 6 at cost or the -- an estimate of that cost as described
- 7 in its accounting policies.
- 8 Q. If you turn to the next page, page 101, using
- 9 the CX number -- and Robert, if we could blow up the
- 10 top of the page -- there's a section that starts on the
- 11 third line. It says, "When the Company concludes FDA
- 12 approval is expected within approximately six months,
- 13 the Company will generally begin to schedule
- 14 manufacturing process validation studies as required by
- 15 the FDA to demonstrate the production process can be
- 16 scaled up to manufacture commercial batches."
- 17 Can you start by telling us, what is process
- 18 validation?
- 19 A. It's a concept in manufacturing to show the
- 20 steps, the manufacturing steps necessary to manufacture
- 21 the pill, the product, and process validation is the --
- 22 a way to demonstrate to the agency that you can --
- 23 you've made small batches, now you can make large
- 24 batches similar to commercial volumes.
- 25 Q. In the statement I just read, was that

- 1 consistent with Impax' practices in 2010 when you were
- 2 the CFO?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. With respect to -- strike that.
- 5 Why does a company have to do process
- 6 validation?
- 7 A. The FDA requires it.
- 8 Q. And would Impax schedule process validation for
- 9 a product even if it was the subject of active
- 10 litigation?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. It goes on to say, "Consistent with industry
- 13 practice, the Company may build quantities of
- 14 pre-launch inventories of certain products pending
- 15 required final FDA approval and/or resolution of patent
- 16 infringement litigation, when, in the company's
- 17 assessment, such action is appropriate to increase the
- 18 commercial opportunity, FDA approval is expected in the
- 19 near term, and/or the litigation will be resolved in
- 20 the Company's favor."
- 21 Was that an accurate statement of Impax'
- 22 practices in 2010?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And why would a company build pre-launch
- 25 inventories of certain products?

- 1 A. Because the readiness, the preparedness for
- 2 launch, sometimes involved long lead items, and it's
- 3 much less expensive, in terms of the company's
- 4 financial goals, to prepare a small cost item to be
- 5 prepared for the launch into a large market.
- 6 Q. Can you explain what you mean when you say a
- 7 small cost item launched?
- 8 A. Cost of the pills is very low relative to the
- 9 market value of the products usually, so it's a small
- 10 cost.
- 11 Q. Did Impax build from time to time pre-launch
- 12 inventories of products that were still the subject of
- 13 litigation?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. This statement says that doing so is consistent
- 16 with industry practice.
- 17 As someone who's got twenty-plus years in the
- 18 life sciences industry, do you think that building
- 19 launch quantities before approval is consistent with
- 20 industry practice?
- 21 A. Yeah. I believe it's routine, yes.
- 22 Q. If Impax builds pre-launch inventories for
- 23 products that are still the subject of litigation, does
- 24 that indicate that Impax expects the litigation will be
- 25 resolved in its favor?

- 1 A. It -- it may. It does not always, but it may.
- Q. Okay. The statement goes on to say, "The
- 3 capitalization of unapproved pre-launch inventory
- 4 involves risks, including, among other items, FDA
- 5 approval of product may not occur; approvals may
- 6 require additional or different testing and/or
- 7 specifications than used for unapproved inventory, and,
- 8 in cases where the unapproved inventory is for a

- Q. And when you reserve against a product, what
- 2 happens to the product?
- 3 A. It's destroyed.
- 4 Q. Is that just a cost of doing business?
- 5 A. It is. Routinely.
- 6 Again, it's a small cost and it is a -- the
- 7 best way to describe it is a cost of doing business in
- 8 the generic industry.
- 9 Q. Do you know whether Impax made process
- 10 validation batches of oxymorphone?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And do you know what happened to those process
- 13 validation batches?
- 14 A. I believe they were ultimately destroyed.
- 15 Q. When Mr. Meier was asking you questions about
- 16 product that was made and bright-stocked, was that a
- 17 reference to process validation batches?
- 18 A. It included process validation batches and
- 19 some manufacturing that was done over and above that.
- 20 Yes.
- 21 Q. Was it unusual for you to have to write off
- 22 process validation batches such as you did with Opana?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. How frequently did Impax have to write off
- 25 unused product or material?

- 1 Q. Do you recall what the status of that
- 2 litigation was?
- 3 A. I don't recall. Sorry.
- 4 Q. Do you recall whether there had been a
- 5 favorable district court decision for the generics on
- 6 that product?
- 7 A. Yes. Yes, there was -- there had been.
- 8 Q. And under what circumstances did Impax launch
- 9 OxyContin at risk in 2005?
- 10 A. We made a very controlled launch of the
- 11 product, capping the risk of the at-risk launch at
- 12 25 million in sales.
- 13 Q. How would Impax cap the launch at 25 million in
- 14 sales?
- 15 A. We would only sell -- we would sell \$25 million
- 16 worth of product and then withdraw from the market.
- 17 Q. And why would Impax cap its risk in this case
- 18 at \$25 million?
- 19 A. Well, because even in the case where we have a
- 20 favorable ruling from the lower court, there's still
- 21 risk of the patent litigation, and Impax, being a small
- 22 company, could not risk -- could not bet the company on
- 23 any one product and therefore had to cap its risk,
- 24 you know, given -- tailored to the specific market
- 25 characteristics.

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Q. Do you know whether when you launched OxyContin
 2 at risk whether any other generics were on the market
 3 at that time?
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- 1 directors because every at-risk launch is a board-level
- 2 decision.
- 3 Q. If the executive committee was not in favor of
- 4 recommending a launch at risk, what would happen?
- 5 A. Work would stop and we would discontinue the 6 effort.
- 7 Q. And if the executive committee were to
- 8 recommend a launch at risk, did I hear you correctly it
- 9 would go to the board?
- 10 A. We would. That was always a board-level
- 11 decision.
- 12 O. And how would the executive committee share its
- 13 recommendation to launch at risk with the board? What
- 14 format --
- 15 A. It would be a very formal presentation of the
- 16 background, the basis for the conclusion by the
- 17 executive committee to move forward, and then a draft
- 18 of a resolution seeking their vote and -- on the
- 19 matter.
- Q. Who would participate in that presentation to
- 21 the board in the 2010 time frame?
- 22 A. It would be legal, the generics president,
- 23 myself, manufacturing. It would be a team.
- Q. You mentioned a limit on the OxyContin risk.
- 25 Would as part of its recommendation to the

- 1 the process of a launch at risk, so we shouldn't be
- 2 barred from addressing these subjects now.
- 3 MR. MEIER: Your Honor, I will agree that I
- 4 didn't press that issue during the deposition with
- 5 Mr. Koch, but that's because we had been foreclosed
- 6 time and time again in the depositions of other
- 7 witnesses about this issue.
- 8 If Your Honor will recall, when I put up that
- 9 CX 2663 where Mr. Mengler spoke to the board and I told
- 10 you that there was pieces of it that had been blocked
- 11 out by -- because of in camera, there was also a piece
- 12 where Meg Snowden, the general counsel or person in the
- 13 general counsel's office that you're going to hear from
- 14 later, that that was redacted for privilege.
- 15 After Mr. Mengler made the statement about this
- 16 would be a great opportunity to launch at risk, they
- 17 redacted Meg Snowden's comments to the board about that
- 18 very thing. I think it's inappropriate.
- Maybe we haven't quite crossed that line yet,
- 20 but I think we're getting very, very close to that
- 21 line, Your Honor.
- 22 It's inappropriate to have this businessperson
- 23 now come up here and try to explain how the company
- 24 went about thinking about at-risk launch when everybody
- 25 in this room knows that lawyers were involved in those

- 1 and I'm not asking questions that were objected to.
- JUDGE CHAPPELL: But again I'll say what I said
- 3 earlier regarding a trial brief that came flying in
- 4 recently, that facts are facts, and every fact doesn't
- 5 get to be tested by someone's expert on analysis, on
- 6 fundamentals and other things. Facts are facts.
- 7 Witnesses can testify to facts, unless a question was
- 8 objected to and the question wasn't answered.
- 9 MR. HASSI: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 10 And I just wanted to add --
- 11 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And if you can show me,
- 12 Complaint Counsel, a question that was asked, what did
- 13 you do when the light turned green, objection,
- 14 privilege, that same question won't be allowed. That
- 15 answer won't be allowed.
- MR. MEIER: I understand that, Your Honor. But
- 17 I'm also suggesting to the court that when it was
- 18 objected to with other witnesses, it's not appropriate
- 19 now to bring it in through this witness just -- I
- 20 didn't ask him -- I stayed away --
- 21 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And again, are you telling me
- 22 it's the same question?
- 23 MR. MEIER: No. We'll have to look for the
- 24 exact same questions, but as I said, Your Honor, the
- 25 document that I put up earlier shows that they did

- 1 exactly that. They redacted out the legal advice that
- 2 Ms. Snowden gave immediately after Chris Mengler said
- 3 this is a great opportunity for an at-risk launch. The
- 4 very next sentence, they blacked it out and they
- 5 redacted it for privilege.
- 6 And I don't think it's appropriate now to have
- 7 Mr. Koch come in here and sponsor testimony about how
- 8 they went about thinking about the risk of an at-risk
- 9 launch when we were prevented from exploring that in
- 10 discovery.
- 11 JUDGE CHAPPELL: The facts regarding when the
- 12 company has done at-risk launches, when they haven't
- 13 done at-risk launches, those are facts, and if those
- 14 facts were disclosed, those are coming in.
- 15 MR. MEIER: A hundred percent, Your Honor, a
- 16 hundred percent. That's different than this
- 17 discussion that's been going into what the board and
- 18 what the executive committee was presenting to the
- 19 board about their assessment of the risk. That's quite
- 20 a different question than how many times have you
- 21 launched at risk, what kinds of factors do you
- 22 generally consider when you launch at risk.
- 23 This is very specific advice that was being
- 24 given to the board that we've been prevented from
- 25 seeing.

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- 1 answers to their questions and report back to the board
- 2 those answers and use the special committee as a tool
- 3 during the evaluation by the board.
- 4 Once everybody was satisfied, we would go to
- 5 the board for a full vote on the draft resolution to go
- 6 for an at-risk launch.
- 7 O. And if the board authorized an at-risk launch,
- 8 what form would that authorization take?
- 9 A. It would be recorded in the minute book.
- 10 Q. Would there be a resolution?
- 11 A. Yes. There would be a resolution and a vote,
- 12 and both would be recorded in the minute book.
- 13 Q. If the board authorized the company to launch
- 14 at risk, would the company necessarily launch at risk?
- 15 A. You know, market conditions change on a daily
- 16 basis, and it's hard to say that by the time we were
- 17 able to launch at risk even with board approval
- 18 conditions still warranted it, so nothing about an
- 19 at-risk launch is set in stone. It's very fluid
- 20 because of the dynamics of the market and the
- 21 litigation.
- 22 Q. We've been talking about an at-risk launch.
- 23 What does the risk in an at-risk launch refer
- 24 to generally?
- 25 A. It's a very serious risk under the patent

- 1 review of the recent results and a forward-looking
- 2 outlook for the next period of time.
- 3 I would make a presentation on the financial
- 4 performance against the company's budget and any
- 5 updates to that budget we were seeking as a result of
- 6 changes in condition.
- 7 Q. If at a board meeting management made a
- 8 recommendation to the board to authorize an at-risk
- 9 launch, is that the kind of thing that you would as the
- 10 secretary record in the minutes?
- 11 A. Very carefully. Yes.
- 12 O. What about if there were a discussion about a
- 13 launch at risk at the board level? Would you include
- 14 that in the minutes as the secretary?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. If there were a board vote on a launch at risk,
- 17 what would you as the secretary do?
- 18 A. That would be carried in the minutes.
- 19 Q. If a resolution were voted on by the board,
- 20 would that resolution appear in the minutes?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And if the board authorized a launch at risk,
- 23 how would that be reflected in the minutes?
- 24 A. The resolution authorizing management would be
- 25 recorded in the minutes and the vote on that resolution

- 1 also recorded.
- 2 Q. You were asked some questions -- do you recall
- 3 that Mr. Mengler made a presentation at the
- 4 May 2010 board meeting?
- 5 A. I do.
- 6 Q. Okay. If we can bring up CX 2662. And I'll
- 7 note for the record this document is in evidence and is
- 8 not in camera.
- 9 And looking at the cover e-mail of 2662, do you
- 10 recognize this?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 0. Okay. Who was Mr. Mengler at the time?
- 13 A. President of the generics division.
- 14 O. And he's sending this e-mail to a
- 15 Laura Bisbing.
- 16 Can you tell us who Ms. Bisbing was?
- 17 A. Laura was my secretary. She was responsible
- 18 for sending board materials out in advance of the
- 19 meeting.
- Q. Let's take a look at the attachment that
- 21 Mr. Mengler sent.
- Do you recognize this document?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And what is it?
- 25 A. Impax' board of directors meeting presentation

- 1 by Chris Mengler, president of global pharmaceuticals
- 2 or generics division.
- Q. If you would flip to page -4, please, Robert.
- What was Mr. Mengler's presentation to the
- 5 board about? What was the purpose of his
- 6 presentation?
- 7 A. As I said, each of the division heads would
- 8 give a history, a presentation on the recent past and
- 9 an outlook ahead. This is his presentation on sales
- 10 and marketing for the division.
- 11 Q. Let's turn to page -13 if we could.
- 12 What is this? What is this page about?
- 13 A. I'm sorry?
- 14 Q. What is -- what did Mr. Mengler indicate to the
- 15 board about oxymorphone at this meeting?
- 16 A. He's updating them on the status of the
- 17 product.
- 18 O. Okay. There's a note toward the bottom. It
- 19 says under Remaining Issues "Validation Complete."
- 20 What does that mean?
- 21 A. Well, there are two different bullet points.
- 22 "Remaining Issues," I don't know what he meant. But
- 23 "Validation Complete" means we've completed the process
- 24 validation.
- 25 Q. And the next bullet says "Several additional

- 1 batches needed for full launch quantities."
- What does that mean?
- MR. MEIER: Your Honor, I'm going to object.
- 4 If they want to ask Mr. Mengler what
- 5 Mr. Mengler meant in his presentation to the board,
- 6 that seems appropriate to me, but to come in and bring
- 7 Mr. Koch in to talk about what Mr. Mengler was saying
- 8 and what Mr. Mengler was presenting, I think that's
- 9 inappropriate. And Mr. Mengler will be here I believe
- 10 tomorrow.
- MR. HASSI: Your Honor, Mr. Koch was asked and
- 12 I want to connect this to the board minutes and a
- 13 reference in the board minutes about Mr. Mengler's
- 14 presentation. This is the presentation that Mr. Koch
- 15 wrote about in those minutes, and we think we're
- 16 entitled to ask him a few questions related to this.
- 17 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, the objection is
- 18 sustained as far as your asking this witness what
- 19 another witness intended or meant. If you're asking
- 20 what he heard or what he understood, I'll allow that.
- MR. HASSI: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 22 BY MR. HASSI:
- Q. What did you understand Mr. Mengler to be
- 24 conveying to the board about additional batches needed
- 25 for full launch quantities?

- 1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: That objection is sustained.
- 2 That answer will not be considered.
- 3 MR. HASSI: Understood, Your Honor.
- 4 MR. MEIER: Your Honor, if I could also be -- I
- 5 appreciate your ruling, but --
- 6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, he was violating what I
- 7 said earlier in that he was testifying to his
- 8 interpretation of what another man meant. That's why
- 9 I'm sustaining it.
- 10 MR. MEIER: Thank you very much.
- 11 BY MR. HASSI:
- 12 Q. Let's go to 2663, which are the board minutes.
- 13 And if we could blow up the second paragraph.
- Mr. Koch, do I understand you were the author
- 15 of these minutes?
- 16 A. Correct. Yes.
- 17 Q. And as the author of these minutes, what did
- 18 you intend when you wrote, "He expressed the view that
- 19 oxymorphone was a good candidate for an at-risk
- 20 launch"?
- 21 A. And the simplest way I can describe what I
- 22 meant is he thought it was a great market opportunity.
- 23 And that's what I intended to communicate in those
- 24 words.
- Q. What do you mean by "a great market

- 1 opportunity"?
- A. Oxymorphone was a very rapidly growing product,
- 3 and we had a tentative approval or we had an
- 4 application that was going to be successful, and it
- 5 presented a great opportunity.
- 6 Q. Looking at these minutes, was there a
- 7 recommendation from the executive committee to launch
- 8 oxymorphone at risk made at this board meeting?
- 9 A. There's no discussion of an at-risk launch by
- 10 any -- I regret that I used the words "at-risk launch."
- 11 It's confusing the readers. There was no discussion of
- 12 an at-risk launch.
- 13 MR. MEIER: Your Honor, again, this is parts
- 14 redacted. We don't know what it says. I'm not really
- 15 sure how Mr. Koch can confidently testify based on this
- 16 one paragraph when there's all these other redactions
- 17 on this page.
- MR. HASSI: Well, we anticipated Mr. Meier's
- 19 objection. If Mr. Koch would like to see the
- 20 unredacted portions that Mr. Meier redacted and
- 21 appropriately because it's in camera, we've given him
- 22 an in camera version in his binder that he can look at,
- 23 and we don't have to project it up on the screen, and
- 24 he can read the parts that complaint counsel redacted
- 25 if he needs to assure himself --

- 1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Was he at the meeting?
- MR. HASSI: He was, Your Honor. He took the
- 3 minutes.
- 4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: The way I heard the answer, he
- 5 said that there was no discussion at the meeting. He
- 6 can certainly tell us that if he recalls it.
- 7 MR. MEIER: If he recalls that from the meeting
- 8 but not from these minutes and this is the --
- 9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, I thought it was
- 10 redacted.
- 11 MR. MEIER: But this shows -- the first
- 12 redaction there where it says "and Ms. Snowden
- 13 discussed, "they redacted that for privilege. That's
- 14 not redacted for the in camera purpose. That was
- 15 redacted for privilege.
- 16 That's exactly what I was talking about
- 17 earlier, is that as soon as Mr. Mengler finishes
- 18 making this statement -- and by the way, it's not a
- 19 new sentence, it's a continuation of Mr. Mengler's
- 20 expression -- you have the lawyer Ms. Snowden
- 21 discussing, and then that's been redacted.
- 22 That's not the in camera redaction. That was
- 23 redacted for privilege, and so we don't know what it
- 24 says under there. We've never seen what it says under
- 25 there. We were denied from seeing what's under there.

- 1 launch, would you have reflected -- of oxymorphone at
- 2 this meeting, would you have reflected that in the
- 3 minutes?
- 4 A. Absolutely.
- 5 An at-risk launch is something that, you know,
- 6 is a very serious undertaking by the company, and if
- 7 there was a discussion about it by the directors, I
- 8 would have noted that.
- 9 Q. If a resolution had been put before the board
- 10 with regard to an at-risk launch of oxymorphone at this
- 11 meeting, would it be reflected in the minutes?
- 12 A. Absolutely.
- 13 Q. Do you see one reflected in the minutes? And
- 14 if you need to look at the in camera version, it's in
- 15 your binder.
- 16 A. Yeah, I don't need -- there was no resolution.
- 17 I would have written the resolution, and there was no
- 18 resolution for oxymorphone.
- 19 Q. If the board was asked to vote about an
- 20 at-risk launch, would you have noted that in the
- 21 minutes?
- 22 A. Absolutely.
- 23 Q. Is there any -- was there any vote taken at
- 24 that meeting with regard to an at-risk launch of
- 25 oxymorphone?

- 1 A. There was not.
- Q. In your time at Impax, was the board of
- 3 directors of Impax ever asked to vote on an at-risk
- 4 launch of oxymorphone?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Did management ever make a recommendation to
- 7 the board of directors for an at-risk launch for
- 8 oxymorphone?
- 9 A. We did not.
- 10 Q. In your testimony, Mr. Meier asked you whether
- 11 an at-risk launch was being considered by the
- 12 management. Do you recall that?
- 13 A. I do.
- Q. Can you describe what sort of consideration
- 15 generally management was giving to an at-risk launch at
- 16 this point in time?
- 17 A. We were looking at possible scenarios and at
- 18 different points in time -- our calendar -- our fiscal
- 19 year is a calendar year, so in the beginning of the
- 20 year, we'll make a budget and we'll describe the
- 21 assumptions included in those budgets. And
- 22 frequently, almost on a monthly basis, circumstances
- 23 will change, requiring an update to those budgets.
- 24 So at different points in time and I remember
- 25 in early 2010 we were -- we budgeted, we forecasted, we

- 1 So it's his analysis. He's communicating his
- 2 analysis of the market opportunity.
- Q. Why would you share that information with the
- 4 board of directors if management is not prepared at
- 5 this time to recommend a launch at risk?
- 6 A. Because we were unsure of what direction we
- 7 were to ultimately take and we didn't want the case --
- 8 we didn't want to come back to the board seeking an
- 9 at-risk launch with them never having heard of it
- 10 before, so almost at the earliest time we can think of
- 11 we would scope out for them the market profile. And
- 12 this -- and that was what Chris was doing here.
- 13 Q. I want to jump now to the negotiation of the
- 14 settlement and the negotiation of the separate
- 15 development and co-promotion agreement.

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- 1 ten, ten to fifteen minutes.
- 2 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I don't see us finishing
- 3 before 6:00, so we're going to call it a day.
- 4 Is this a good breaking point?
- 5 MR. HASSI: It is a good breaking point, yes,
- 6 Your Honor.
- 7 MR. LOUGHLIN: Your Honor, can I ask a question?
- 8 Since the witness is on the stand, can I
- 9 assume that counsel is prohibited from discussing any
- 10 testimony with the witness until the case is over?
- 11 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You two work something out. I
- 12 don't want to hear things like this at the end of the
- 13 day. Talk among yourselves, come up with an
- 14 agreement, and if you can't settle it, let me know in
- 15 the morning.
- 16 Thank you, sir. You can take off. But be back
- 17 in the morning.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor. I will.
- 19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Anything further?
- 20 MR. HASSI: Nothing further from respondents,
- 21 Your Honor.
- 22 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay. Until tomorrow morning
- 23 at 9:45 we're in recess.
- 24 (Whereupon, the foregoing hearing was adjourned
- 25 at 5:32 a.m.)

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