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This link (Witness Statements) provides you access to the summary of and exhibits used in Jody Brooks' interview and the transcript and exhibits to Paul McElroy's sworn statement. The password is: JEA2020.

As we previously reported, Jody Brooks recalled Aaron Zahn telling her in December 2018 or January 2019 that he wanted a long-term compensation plan by which (i) JEA profits could be shared with employees or (ii) something like a stock option plan. Jody also said Zahn told her that he expected the performance unit plan to primarily benefit high-level employees. (Jody has reviewed this summary and confirmed it is accurate.)

Paul McElroy gave a precise, detailed and compelling rebuttal to the claim that JEA will fail unless it privatizes. McElroy also called the Performance Unit Plan disgraceful, greedy and entirely inappropriate for a public utility. He also provided insight into the benefits to Jacksonville of a publicly owned utility.

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