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AT EVERGREEN PACKAGING PLANT * Docket No.: DCA-15-FR-007 PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS *

APRIL 3, 2015

Interview of: JONATHAN SCOLES

Holiday Inn Express Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Friday,
April 10, 2015

The above-captioned matter convened, pursuant to notice.

BEFORE: JOEY RHINE

Investigator-in-Charge

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- 2 MR. RHINE: My name is Joey Rhine, and I am the NTSB
- 3 Investigator-in-Charge for this accident.
- We are here today on April 10, 2015, at the Holiday Inn
- 5 Express in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, to conduct an interview with
- 6 Mr. Jonathan Scoles who works for Railroad Switching Services,
- 7 Incorporated.
- 8 This interview is in conjunction with NTSB's
- 9 investigation where an employee of Railroad Switching Services,
- 10 Incorporated was fatally injured while performing railcar
- 11 switching duties at the Evergreen Packaging Plant on the evening
- 12 of April 3, 2015, in the City of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Jefferson
- 13 County. The NTSB Accident Reference Number is DCA-15-FR-007.
- Before we begin our interview and questions, let's go
- 15 around the table and introduce ourselves. Please spell your last
- 16 name, who you represent and your title. I would like to remind
- 17 everybody to speak clearly so we can get an accurate recording.
- 18 I'll start off and then pass to my right. Again, my
- 19 name is Joey Rhine. The spelling of my last name is R-h-i-n-e,
- 20 and I am the NTSB Investigator-in-Charge for this accident.
- 21 MR. CARTER: Ardell Carter, C-a-r-t-e-r, Federal
- 22 Railroad Administration, Region 5, Operating Practices, Arkansas.
- MS. GREGORY: Georgetta Gregory, G-r-e-g-o-r-y, chief of
- 24 the Railroad Division with the NTSB.
- MS. SANZO: Dana Sanzo, S-a-n-z-o, investigator with the

- 1 NTSB.
- 2 MR. RHINE: Thank you. Do we have your permission to
- 3 record our discussion with you today?
- 4 MR. SCOLES: Yes.
- 5 MR. RHINE: And do you wish to have a representative
- 6 with you at this interview?
- 7 MR. SCOLES: No.
- 8 MR. RHINE: Okay. I'd like to ask everybody to clearly
- 9 announce your name and title before questioning.
- 10 INTERVIEW OF JONATHAN SCOLES
- 11 BY MS. SANZO:
- 12 Q. If we can just start on the day of the accident and tell
- 13 us when you arrived at the jobsite and just tell us -- walk us
- 14 through that day.
- 15 A. We had switched out the warehouse. We pulled out at
- 16 least one car from each track. There's three tracks. We pulled
- 17 the bottom car out of 713, the bottom car out of 711, and two cars
- 18 out of 710. I'm pretty sure it was the bottom or next to bottom
- 19 car out of 710. After we had gotten all of our loads together, we
- 20 were heading out to the yard, the class yard, to put up our loads
- 21 and start doing our outbound. And Bradley, he went to the
- 22 restroom at the office and Kye was sitting on the other side of
- 23 the engine watching my blind side. And we rode out to the yard
- 24 there, and I didn't even know Bradley wasn't with us. I thought
- 25 he was on the point. And Kye told me on the way out there.

- 1 And we got out there and we started setting out our --
- 2 we hooked in to 4 rail, I believe, with our loads on us because
- 3 the bottom car was a pull car, and we started doing our outbound.
- 4 I think it was only supposed to be seven moves. And we were about
- 5 halfway through with it, and we were shoving in and Kye told me
- 6 that we had three cars left, and we were trying to clear up the
- 7 rail. But after he said three cars, I repeated it back to him,
- 8 and a few seconds after that, there was kind of like static where
- 9 someone keyed up the radio. And I asked him what he said and I
- 10 didn't get a response. And I asked him again and I didn't get a
- 11 response.
- So I blew the air out and set the independent brake. I
- 13 kept hollering at him on the radio and still didn't get a response
- 14 from him. So I went to the other side of the engine, leaned out
- 15 the window, because that was the side he was working on. From
- 16 where I could see, I could only see where we went, you know,
- 17 around the curve into 4 rail.
- 18 And I never could get a response from him, so I grabbed
- 19 my flashlight and I grabbed my hardhat and I set -- I set the
- 20 engine to isolate, set my brakes, and I climbed down and I went
- 21 towards the east, heading east, and followed the cars until I seen
- 22 his hardhat. I want to say it was probably six or seven cars from
- 23 there, from the engine. And I kept going towards it and whenever
- 24 I got close enough to where I could see, there was blood on the
- 25 inside of the rail, and I was hollering his name at that point and

- 1 I couldn't get anything back from anyone.
- 2 So I took off running down the track parallel with the
- 3 cars and I found him -- I believe it was the next car, underneath
- 4 the car and halfway on the track. And I had to make sure that --
- 5 I mean, I knew he was gone, but I had to make sure that he was not
- 6 breathing, and I made sure of that. And I didn't have a phone
- 7 that I could call on, all I could do was text. So I immediately
- 8 texted Justin Costello, call 911 and get to the class yard.
- And he texted me back, and I'm not sure exactly how
- 10 long, you know, relatively quick, he showed up. He pulled up in
- 11 his personal car and then everybody started arriving, you know,
- 12 from the mill and the police department, paramedics. And from
- 13 that point, they ushered us back into the mill, me and Bradley.
- Q. Okay. Thank you very much.
- 15 BY MR. CARTER:
- 16 Q. You okay, Jon?
- 17 A. Yeah.
- 18 Q. Is it okay if I call you Jon?
- 19 A. Yes, sir. Yes, sir.
- 20 Q. All right. A few questions for you. Your position at
- 21 Railserve, which is now RSS, is what?
- 22 A. Well, I was an operator at this point in time. I've
- 23 worked for three different companies out there at the same site.
- 24 I worked for IRSS, Industrial Railway Switching and Services, back
- I want to say in '99; and then I worked for Railserve for 2, 2½

- 1 years; and that was back in 2007, 2008, and then I just come back
- 2 on I think 2 to 3 weeks prior to the incident.
- 3 Q. So when you were with Railserve and IRSS, you were a
- 4 promoted operator?
- 5 A. I was operator and -- I mean, I was signed off on crew
- 6 leading and the switchman.
- 7 Q. So you could do all three jobs?
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. Okay. And when you came on -- when did you start the
- 10 last time with Railserve? When did you --
- 11 A. This time, it was the 16th.
- 12 Q. Of March?
- 13 A. Yes, sir.
- 14 Q. Okay, 3/16 of this year?
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Okay. And when you came on, that was approximately 15
- 17 days after RSS has taken -- I mean, took over?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. And did you know anybody --
- 20 A. Yes, sir. I knew Anthony Bearden.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. I had actually gotten him an application before I quite
- 23 with Railserve. I knew Justin Costello, and other than that, I
- 24 didn't know anyone else. They had been there the length of time
- 25 since I quit.

- 1 Q. And did Anthony Bearden, assistant manager, do your
- 2 sign-off ride or did he just know you've always been an operator
- 3 or was there any kind of formal --
- A. Well, I didn't get any formal paperwork, no, sir.
- Q. Okay.
- A. But I helped train Anthony on the engine when I was here
- 7 at -- with Railserve.
- 8 Q. Okay. When you were -- the last time you worked for
- 9 Railserve and you were in the capacity of an operator, did you
- 10 receive your, for lack of a better term, your certification as an
- 11 operator with Railserve?
- 12 A. Well, they -- I don't know exactly what you mean,
- 13 certification. I mean, they had us train and then they had -- it
- 14 was Charlie Parker that trained us, and they had us up there and
- 15 trained with him for a month and he would -- he sat there with us
- 16 for about 2 weeks of it, and my idea of it was they signed off
- 17 with Keith Mann.
- 18 Q. Okay. Jon, what shift were you assigned at the time of
- 19 the accident?
- 20 A. At the time of the accident I just switched to nights.
- 21 It was my first night on nights.
- Q. And by nights, what do you mean?
- 23 A. The 5 to 3; 5 p.m. to 3 a.m.
- Q. 1700 to 3 a.m. And prior to that, how many days had you
- 25 been off?

- 1 A. None. I had worked the day before on days.
- Q. So Thursday, April 2nd, you had worked from 6 a.m. to 4?
- 3 A. To 4, yes, sir.
- 4 Q. To 1600?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. That would have the previous Thursday.
- 7 A. Yes, sir.
- 8 Q. So you were on daylight, so that's 0600 to 1600. So can
- 9 you tell me, from 4:00 Thursday -- that's almost -- that's a
- 10 little over 25 -- that's 25 hours. What kind of sleep did you
- 11 have during that time?
- 12 A. Well, I slept from about 9:00 that night until about
- 13 10:30 that next morning. It was off and on. You know what I
- 14 mean, I don't sleep real steady. But, I mean, it's up and down
- 15 most of the nights. I've got kids all in the house, so --
- Q. So would you call it -- if you had to classify it, would
- 17 you call it a good sleep or an interrupted sleep or --
- 18 A. It was a good sleep. I was well rested.
- 19 Q. You felt like you were well rested?
- 20 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Okay. Do you have a preference, daylights or nights?
- 22 A. It wasn't a big difference to me. I worked nights out
- 23 there for years and I worked days out there for years. So, I
- 24 mean, I prefer days because of my family.
- Q. Okay. That Thursday that we talked about, previous of

- 1 that, how many days had you worked?
- 2 A. I had been off for 6 days before that.
- 3 Q. So 6 off, daylights on Thursday, rotate to night on
- 4 Friday?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. And you were anticipating working how many days on
- 7 nights?
- 8 A. Seven days on nights.
- 9 Q. Okay. So you were working 7 on and -- or 8 on and --
- 10 A. There's 8, yes, sir.
- 11 O. -- and 6 off?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Okay. Let me ask you a question she asked earlier on
- 14 the day of the accident. I understand you guys -- your first move
- 15 was to go over and pull the loads out of the -- off a loading
- 16 dock.
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. And I understand you had four loads.
- 19 A. Um-hum.
- 20 Q. Is that correct?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Okay. When you went to the class yard from the loading
- 23 docks, were you shoving or dragging?
- A. We were dragging.
- Q. Okay. You were on the engineer's side, which would have

- 1 been on the north, and Mr. Stewart was riding the conductor's
- 2 side on the south.
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- 4 Q. You crossed Smart Road, access 6 rail, go all the way to
- 5 the west end.
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. All right. And when you got to the west end, can you --
- 8 so I understand it, can you step me through what your plan of
- 9 operations was to do? You had four cars with you.
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. All right.
- 12 A. He was going to hook into our outbound cars. I wish I'd
- 13 have brought -- I still got my switch list at the house, but --
- Q. Would this help you?
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- 16 Q. If you ignore my jotting and jiddling on it.
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. So you had four cars you pulled to the west end.
- 19 A. Yes, sir, and the bottom car, which is the one that come
- 20 out of 713, was a pull car also. So we hooked in to the cars here
- 21 on 4 rail and we drug them up to the cut. All right. Yeah, we
- 22 drug them up to the cut. And we set this one out, this pull BN.
- 23 It goes to 1 rail. The UPs go to 103. And, I mean, I'm kind of
- 24 speculating because, you know, when I'm at the engine there, I
- 25 can't really see exactly everything --

- 1 Q. Yeah.
- 2 A. -- that's going on around the curve.
- 3 Q. Yeah. Now here's the question I want to ask, and I'm
- 4 not asking you to speculate.
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. But as an engineer, and tell me if I'm wrong, your nose
- 7 is against the boxcar.
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. You're on -- if you'll look at that diagram right there,
- 10 you're on the south side basically.
- 11 A. This was the way I was shoving in.
- 12 Q. That's right.
- 13 A. I was on the, I was on the west end --
- 14 Q. Oh.
- 15 A. I was on the west end of the yard.
- Q. Okay. Yeah, the west end.
- 17 A. And we were shoving back in and around.
- 18 Q. Yeah. And you were nose forward, short hood forward.
- 19 A. Yes, sir.
- 20 Q. So you were shoving forward. That would put you as the
- 21 engineer on the right side --
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- 23 Q. -- or the south side of the yard?
- 24 A. Yes, sir. I was looking down the switches.
- Q. Yeah, that's -- thank you. That's a better way to put

- 1 it. You could see the switches.
- 2 A. Yes, sir.
- 3 Q. Now where did you say Mr. Stewart was operating? Where
- 4 was he working from?
- 5 A. He was working from the north side.
- Q. Okay.
- 7 A. I could not -- I couldn't see him.
- 8 Q. All right. You communicate primarily by radio or do
- 9 you --
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. Primarily radio.
- 12 A. Yes, sir, radio.
- Q. Did you have any issues with the radio communication?
- 14 A. We had a problem in the warehouse, where I was coming in
- 15 and he gave me a -- I think it was a two car count, and then as I
- 16 was coming in, I was looking at the ground -- and this is on the
- 17 long track, 710, and we were going back in to spot it up after we
- 18 had already pulled all our loads. And he gave me a two car count
- 19 and then next I heard it was a half car count, but I was already
- 20 -- I mean, I was coming down real slow. I was probably moving
- 21 mile and a half, probably maybe 2.
- 22 Anyway, when he said half a car, I just threw everything
- 23 on and it stopped. I didn't hit the bumper in the back or
- 24 anything. And I addressed him right then. Bradley was in between
- 25 us. He was at the front to cut the cars coming out of the

- 1 warehouse. And he could hear Kye talking and he could hear me
- 2 talking, but Kye couldn't hear me and I couldn't hear Kye. I
- 3 mean, it was kind of -- it was spotty. I mean, I could hear him
- 4 at times, but it was -- I mean, it just ended up that way when it
- 5 got to the very back of the warehouse.
- And I didn't know at the time, but they told me later on
- 7 that evening that they had been having problems in the warehouse
- 8 to where when they're at the back, they couldn't hear each other,
- 9 and they had had, I don't know who it was, come in and done some
- 10 work on the radios there in the office the week before. So that's
- 11 the only problem that we had, but, I mean, it was bad enough that
- 12 it could have been a lot worse.
- Q. As an operator, and you're using radio signals and you
- 14 hear two cars, what's your procedure?
- 15 A. Well, I'm already -- I'm usually running with, you know,
- 16 my big air on, probably 5 pounds, maybe 10, just depending on what
- 17 I got on me. And, I mean, I was coming in real slow. Because the
- 18 week prior, we had had an incident where the engine jumped a rail,
- 19 you know what I mean. We were going into (indiscernible) and just
- 20 one set of wheels come off, and I was real skittish, you know. I
- 21 was trying to be really, really careful. So I was puttering
- 22 around everywhere that I went. And --
- Q. Well -- excuse me. Go ahead.
- 24 A. Well, by the time that I'm coming in -- the Union
- 25 Pacific engine is a little bit different. You know, it's got a

- 1 lot more power and it's got a lot more weight. So it's more of a
- 2 feel thing with it. With a switching engine, it's easier to run
- 3 with your -- you know, just a little bit of big air and your
- 4 independent brake. This one you couldn't do that. I mean, it's -
- 5 you were having to throttle back and forth, you know, you had to
- 6 feather your independent brake plus keep some big air on. But I
- 7 mean, like I said, I was just putting in there.
- 8 Q. So what you like to do is, if you're making a shove to a
- 9 spot, so when you stop, it absolutely stops.
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. You keep a little air on it.
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. Is that like a minimum set or do you go beyond that?
- 14 A. No, it's just a hair above the minimum setting.
- 15 Whenever it brakes over, it's just a little bit further, because
- 16 you can watch your air gauge and your minimum setting really
- 17 doesn't put much on it at all.
- 18 Q. Okay. If I'm a member of the crew and I tell you two
- 19 cars and you don't hear from me in a reasonable period of time,
- 20 what do you do?
- 21 A. I blow the air, and I'm watching the ground to see where
- 22 the car count is. You know, if I'm two cars out from the door of
- 23 the warehouse and he gives me a two-car count, by the time I'm
- 24 halfway there, it's time to quit.
- Q. Is this the first time in all your experience you ever

- 1 worked with a GP60 locomotive?
- 2 A. Yes, sir.
- 3 Q. Okay. And let me ask you this, and I'm sorry if it
- 4 sounds like I'm trying to tell you something, but I'm just trying
- 5 to get my head around it. Knowing that you like to make moves
- 6 with a little bit of air so when you stop you stop, would this
- 7 engine, the way is was lowing, was there issues with the slack?
- 8 A. No, not really.
- 9 Q. It stayed pretty tight?
- 10 A. Yeah, it stayed decent.
- 11 Q. Okay. All right. Did they give you -- when this --
- 12 when did they get this GP60, UP 1912?
- 13 A. I don't know. I wasn't there then.
- Q. Okay. So when you showed up and you went to work your
- 15 first day, did anybody give you any walk around, I mean, or did
- 16 they just say there it is, get on it or --
- 17 A. No, I rode with Anthony Bearden. I rode all day with
- 18 him the first day I was there.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- A. And he stood over me and, I mean, I pulled a couple of
- 21 empty boxcars. You know, and I done the inbound, the BN inbound,
- 22 and broke it up. I think it was only three or four moves. But he
- 23 was standing over me while I was busting it up.
- Q. Okay. Switching gears a little bit here, Jon. Give me
- 25 your overall impression, daylights or darks, working in the class

- 1 yard, the condition of the class yard?
- 2 A. It's spooky out there. I mean, the rails aren't very
- 3 good. There's a lot of -- you know, there's a lot of sway to
- 4 them. There's a lot of broken railroad ties and there's a lot of
- 5 debris. There's pieces of broken tie just laying beside the track
- 6 out there a lot.
- 7 Q. What about -- I know you're in the engine compartment,
- 8 but what about visibility?
- 9 A. It's not too bad, and it depends on where you're going
- 10 in the class yard. Like where I was at, shoving in, going east,
- 11 you can't see anything but, you know, just whatever cars until it
- 12 goes into the rail that you're going into.
- Q. Would you normally, when you're in that configuration,
- 14 have your headlight off?
- 15 A. I keep my headlight going in the direction that I'm
- 16 moving, just so that way my guys can see which direction I'm
- 17 going.
- 18 Q. Okay. Let's see here. Oh, you know what I forgot to
- 19 ask you, do you have a driver's license number?
- 21 Q. All right. I'm almost through. In all the time you
- 22 worked for Railserve or RSS, have you ever been counseled on
- 23 fatigue awareness, like your sleep habits?
- 24 A. No, sir.
- Q. Okay. What about -- what do you understand the cell

- 1 phone use policy to be?
- 2 A. No use while any equipment is moving, and that's only --
- 3 the only cell phone use is the company cell phone and the crew
- 4 leader is supposed to have it, and all moves are supposed to be
- 5 stopped.
- 6 Q. Okay. Does the crew leader, and I don't know where I
- 7 got this, do they leave the company cell phone on the unit with
- 8 you, the locomotive with you, or do they keep it with them?
- 9 A. No, not -- some of them do it, but they never done it
- 10 with me.
- 11 Q. Okay. And what's your understanding of the drug and
- 12 alcohol policy of Railserve or RSS?
- 13 A. It's zero tolerance.
- Q. Do they have -- you're an operator. I was an operator
- 15 for 32 years, so -- do they have -- did either of the companies
- 16 have what I call a reportable health event policy? If you have to
- 17 go to the doctor take medication or something, that you're
- 18 required to let Anthony or Mr. Costello know about it?
- 19 A. Not that I know of.
- 20 O. All right. Let me ask you this. Have you ever been
- 21 subjected to rules testing by any manager since you've worked
- 22 here?
- 23 A. This time, no, sir.
- 24 Q. What -- okay.
- 25 A. When I was at Railserve, you know, it was a daily -- we

- 1 had daily toolbox training, and I had to be tested before I could
- 2 ever even go in the field with them. They run a little study
- 3 course with the rulebook, and it usually lasted about a week for
- 4 every new hire. And then after that week, they gave you a testing
- 5 over each section, and you had to pass before they let you go to
- 6 work.
- 7 Q. What about manager, either Anthony or Mr. Costello, out
- 8 in the field and doing what we call field efficiency tests to see
- 9 if you're complying with the rules?
- 10 A. Not that I know of.
- 11 Q. Okay. One last question. What is your understanding of
- 12 the footwear policy for RSS or Railserve?
- 13 A. Railserve had a lace-up boot policy only, and it was my
- 14 understanding that you could wear pull-ons with RSS.
- 15 Q. Okay. Okay. Jon, is there anything else? Did I miss
- 16 something that you could add or --
- 17 A. Not that I know of. I mean, I went over this whole
- 18 thing a million times in my head.
- 19 Q. Okay. Do you have any questions for me?
- 20 A. No, sir.
- Q. All right. Thank you.
- MS. GREGORY: I just have a couple. This is Georgetta
- 23 Gregory.
- BY MS. GREGORY:
- Q. Let's see. You worked for you said IRSS, Industry Rail

- 1 Switching Services?
- 2 A. It's Industrial Railway Switching and Services. It was
- 3 out of Texas.
- 4 Q. Okay. And then you went to work for Railserve and
- 5 worked for them for 2, 2½ years --
- A. Yes, ma'am.
- 7 Q. -- until about 2008.
- 8 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 9 Q. Where did you work in between Railserve and coming back?
- 10 A. I worked for G&L Drywall. It's a local drywall company.
- 11 Q. Okay. And you mentioned Charlie Parker --
- 12 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 0. -- when you were with Railserve, that you got your
- 14 training from him. Who was he? Was he an instructor?
- 15 A. He was a -- he worked for BN probably -- I don't know
- 16 how long. I mean, he retired from there and then come out there.
- 17 He had worked for them so many years and then come out there to
- 18 Railserve and worked until he could retire.
- 19 O. Um-hum.
- 20 A. I'm really not sure. He was an older man, and he was a
- 21 very thorough instructor.
- Q. Okay. And then just back to your -- my last question
- 23 here. When you came out of the warehouse, you came -- which track
- 24 did you come -- you came through 6 --
- A. Yes, ma'am.

- 1 Q. -- 6 rail?
- 2 A. We come from the mill.
- 3 Q. This way?
- A. Down through 6 rail and around, all the way up past the
- 5 115 switch, the 103 west lead.
- 6 Q. And you had four cars?
- 7 A. Yes, ma'am. Well, I mean, whenever we come in, we
- 8 hooked into -- once we cleared 4, he stopped the move, and then we
- 9 hooked back into 4 and then drug back out. Whenever everything
- 10 was said and done, I was probably right about the 115 switch
- 11 whenever I stopped.
- 12 Q. Okay. So this 4 switch, then, when you went over to set
- 13 the loads into 1 and 3 --
- 14 A. Yes, ma'am.
- Q. -- was in the reverse position, and it's remained in the
- 16 reverse position?
- 17 A. Um-hum.
- 18 Q. Okay. And so you pulled out here and you made the --
- 19 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 20 O. -- the cars you set out. And then you said your lead
- 21 was on the north side? He was in here?
- 22 A. Yes. He was right in this area here, in between --
- 23 right past the 4 switch going into 4 rail.
- Q. Okay. So you set the two cars out and then he walked
- 25 over to here?

- 1 A. I don't know. I could not see.
- 2 Q. All right.
- 3 A. I didn't -- he was never on this side of the track.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. I never seen him physically.
- 6 Q. That was what I had. Thank you.
- 7 MR. RHINE: I think that's it. Nobody has anything
- 8 else?
- 9 BY MR. RHINE:
- 10 Q. Okay. Do you have anything that you'd like to add at
- 11 all?
- 12 A. No, not that I can think of right now.
- Q. Okay. We may have some follow-up questions. Would you
- 14 mind if we contacted you?
- 15 A. That's fine.
- MS. SANZO: What would be the best way for us to contact
- 17 you, Jon?
- 18 MR. SCOLES: I got a cell phone number on here. That's
- 19 the only way I got to get any contact right now.
- MS. SANZO: Okay.
- 21 MR. RHINE: And is this one -- is it text only or is
- 22 this a --
- MR. SCOLES: No, that's a calling number.
- MR. RHINE: Okay.
- MR. SCOLES: The text only is the one in my pocket. I

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don't even know what the number is because I don't never call it
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    or text myself.
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              MR. RHINE: Okay.
              MR. SCOLES: But, yeah, that's my wife's phone.
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              MR. RHINE: Okay. All right. Well, that's it. I
    appreciate you coming down. On behalf of the NTSB, thank you for
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    your time and cooperation.
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              MR. SCOLES: Yes, sir.
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               (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)
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