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2 Q. Okay. When did Boeing first adopt Netscape 2.02,
3 Netscape Navigator 2.02, as a standard browser software?
4 A. It seems that I recall that that happened
5 sometime in early 1995. And I can't be absolutely certain of
6 that date, though.
7 Q. Okay. Were you personally involved in the
8 decision to standardize on 2.02?
9 A. No, I was not.
10 Q. Do you have an understanding as to why the
11 company decided to standardize on Netscape 2.02?
12 A. Yes, I do.
13 Q. And what's your understanding of the reason for
14 that?
15 A. My understanding of the reason for standardizing
16 on Netscape 2.02 had to do with problems that we were having
17 with the NCSA Mosaic browser on the Windows desktop.
18 It required some changes in our network protocol-stack that
19 required the installation of Win 3.2S.
20 And then there were also considerations given to
21 the fact that the Netscape browser was a product that we
22 could run across all of the platforms that we had currently
23 installed in the Boeing Company both Windows, Macintosh, and
24 Unix workstations using a common software product with common
25 user interface.

1 Q. Is it true, Mr. Vesey, that the ability of a
2 single browser technology to work acrost all platforms you
3 have at Boeing has been the most significant factor driving
4 the adoption of any particular browser software at the
5 company?
6 A. I'd say it's been a very significant factor in
7 the adoption of browser technology. I mean, the way that we
8 state it or the way that the Web team states that is that we
9 believe that the single defining quality of the Web is to be
10 able to put an electronic document in one place and have it
11 be accessible by virtually anybody irrespective of platform.
12 Q. Okay. And that's the value of the Web to the
13 Boeing Company. Correct?
14 A. Yes. That's what we believe.
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5 Q. The various browser standardization or browser
6 acquisition decisions that Boeing has made that are reflected
7 here on Exhibit 7, have those been made separately from
8 decisions about acquiring an operating system?
9 A. Yes. Those decisions have been made separately
10 from operating system decisions.
11 Q. And why have you made the decision about what
12 browser to acquire and install separately from what operating
13 system you would be acquiring?
14 A. Yeah. It gets back to my view and it's probably
15 would suggest that my people in my group's view that, as an
16 application and a tool that's used to interpret data or parse
17 data, that the Web browser is an application program that's
18 used for those functions.
19 In the same way that we would want to be able to
20 choose what graphics editor or what HTML editing product or
21 what word processor we're using, we would want to be able to
22 choose what Web browser we're using for those same business
23 reasons.
24 Q. Would you like the option of continuing to be
25 able to choose what Web browser Boeing uses independently

1 from any decisions Boeing might make about what operating
2 system to use?
3 A. Yes. I would prefer that.
4 Q. Do you think that's something that would benefit
5 Boeing?
6 A. I believe that that would be in Boeing's best
7 interests.
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