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1 (The hearing commenced at 12:00 p.m.) 2. JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. It's twelve 3 o'clock, so let's go ahead and get started. like to start by introducing myself. My name is 4 5 Morris Woodruff. I'm the chief judge and secretary of the Public Service Commission. I'd like to 6 7 welcome you all here today to collect comments about our rules. 8 9 Let me introduce to my right the chairman of the commission Daniel Hall, and we're here to 10 listen to you, so let's go ahead and get started. 11 12 To start things off, I'm going to ask 13 Jamie Meyers to come up to the podium and explain 14 why we're here today. 15 MS. MEYERS: Thank you, Judge Woodruff. 16 So as you mentioned, we are here today to review our 17 rules. We're doing this as a process of the Executive Order 17-03 that was issued by the 18 19 governor earlier this year -- in January, to be 20 specific. I am Jamie Meyers. I am the commission 21 staff deputy director. I've been designated here at 22 the commission as the lead person of this review. 23 And so staff is undertaking this process, really, to 24 look at our own rules here at the commission. Some 2.5 of our early thoughts have been, Let's streamline

- 1 our rules. Let's make them as most efficient as
- 2 they can be. We don't want them to be overly
- 3 burdensome, we don't want them to be complicated.
- 4 We want to eliminate unnecessary language; we want
- 5 to update language; we want to remove any
- 6 duplications, particularly, if we're duplicating
- 7 statutory language that's unnecessary, makes our
- 8 rules unnecessarily dense for the user, and we're
- 9 also reviewing for usefulness.
- Some early areas we've looked at, we've
- 11 looked at Chapter 3. That has a lot of our filing
- 12 requirements, and one of our thoughts was, Do we
- 13 need to have a chapter that's specific for those
- 14 filing requirements? Could we, in a sense, break up
- 15 that chapter and put anything that's
- 16 electric-specific in Chapter 20 or anything that's
- 17 gas-specific in Chapter 40? So that's one idea.
- 18 When I'm mentioning usefulness, we're specifically
- 19 looking at Chapter 13, our service and billing
- 20 practices, all of our telecom rules, which you can
- 21 find in Chapters 29, 31, 34, 36, and 37.
- 22 So this public hearing today is part of
- 23 that executive order, and what we are looking for
- 24 from those in attendance are comments or quidance as
- 25 we're doing this internal review, as we're trying to

- 1 streamline our rules. What's some guidance, as the
- 2 users of these rules, as people who work with them,
- 3 what's something you can provide us or the public at
- 4 large, if you interact with these rules? So as part
- of our process, we are go through and doing a
- 6 cost-benefit analysis worksheet for each of our
- 7 rules and refactoring, you know, Do the costs -- if
- 8 there are costs to this rule, do they outweigh the
- 9 benefits and what are the benefits? And so, again,
- 10 we welcome this opportunity to hear those comments
- 11 from you to guide us as we're reviewing.
- 12 That is the end of my prepared remarks, so
- 13 at this point, we're really opening it up to anyone
- 14 who would like to comment.
- JUDGE WOODRUFF: Chairman Hall.
- 16 CHAIRMAN HALL: Yeah. Just a couple of
- 17 questions. Ms. Meyers, thank you for taking the
- 18 lead on this important project.
- 19 What are the time frames that we are
- 20 working within?
- 21 MS. MEYERS: Certainly. So the executive
- 22 order had a date of 2018 -- I believe it was May or
- June of next year. However, we've gotten guidance
- 24 from the governor's office that our internal review
- 25 process needs to be complete by December 31st of

this year. So staff's internal guidelines, in terms 1 of our recommendations on what should be rescinded 2. or amended or left unchanged in our rules, we need 3 to have that complete by December 31st of 2017. 4 5 CHAIRMAN HALL: Okay. Thank you. 6 MS. MEYERS: Thank you. 7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And I'll note for the 8 record that Commissioner Coleman has also joined us. 9 We don't really have any -- a set 10 procedure for what we're going to do this afternoon, so I'm just going to open up to the floor, and if 11 12 anyone wants to come forward and make a statement, 13 come on up to the podium, and we'll hear what you 14 have to say. 15 Anyone want to come forward? 16 Tell us who you are and have your say. 17 MR. WILLIAMS: Good morning, 18 Commissioners. My name is Hampton Williams. 19 acting public counsel. I provided my information to 20 the reporter earlier. I just wanted to state that, 21 you know, myself -- and I'm seeing a lot of parties 22 in this room who have also participated in a 23 workshop several weeks ago. Some of the concerns --24 I shouldn't say concerns -- some of the suggestions 2.5 that OPC had suggested were related to the

- 1 compliance with the Administrative Procedures Act on
- 2 identifying years of either incorporated materials
- 3 inside of our rules. I believe that we will intend
- 4 on actually trying to filing some written comments
- 5 that point out some areas that we think can be
- 6 address. I believe that we've also had some of our
- 7 staff members identify areas either in reporting
- 8 requirements for depreciation, service, and fuel
- 9 areas that are no longer necessary, so we believe we
- 10 can try to find efficiencies there.
- So as this process moves forward, the
- 12 office of public counsel is engaged. We're
- 13 committed to work with staff and any other utilities
- 14 and any other interested party to ensure a
- 15 sufficient regulatory process. That's the
- 16 conclusion of my statement.
- JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you.
- JUDGE WOODRUFF: Anyone else wish to come
- 20 forward and make a statement?
- I see a lot of other people out about in
- 22 the audience. If anybody wants to come forward, now
- 23 is the time to do it. Anyone?
- 24 All right. With that, then we will
- 25 adjourn this proceeding. Thank you all for coming.

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