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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. I'd  
4 like to start by introducing myself. My name is  
5 Morris Woodruff. I'm the chief judge and secretary  
6 of the Public Service Commission. I'd like to  
7 welcome you all here today to collect comments about  
8 our rules.

9 Let me introduce to my right the chairman  
10 of the commission Daniel Hall, and we're here to  
11 listen to you, so let's go ahead and get started.

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  
18 Executive Order 17-03 that was issued by the  
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  
25 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.

10 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 guidance 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  
5 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.

15 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  
23 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

1 this year. So staff's internal guidelines, in terms  
2 of our recommendations on what should be rescinded  
3 or amended or left unchanged in our rules, we need  
4 to have that complete by December 31st of 2017.

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,  
11 so I'm just going to open up to the floor, and if  
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. I'm an  
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  
25 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.

11 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.

17 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN HALL: Thank you.

19 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Anyone else wish to come  
20 forward and make a statement?

21 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.

1 (The hearing concluded at 12:06 p.m.)  
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