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Re: Case No. AX-2000-116 (2.080)

Dear Mr. Roberts:

By original and fourteen (14) copies of this letter I submit my comments to the above referenced rule.

I suggest the Commission leave the response period stated in Section 2.080(16) at 10 days from filing. The proposed revision to 7 days would often leave parties insufficient response time, as they usually do not receive a pleading by mail until 2 or 3 days after filing, and longer if a weekend or holiday intervenes. The existing 10 day period is tight, based on my experience, but typically workable. Less than 10 days could deprive parties of sufficient time to present their positions effectively.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



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