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Distribution Service Rate Case.  
*(Hearing regarding the Continuation  
of the Reliability Enhancement Program)*

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Sandy Deno, Clerk

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**P R O C E E D I N G**

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2 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: We're here this  
3 morning in Docket DE 09-035, which is Eversource Energy's  
4 Reliability Enhancement Program docket. As the "09"  
5 implies, it's an old docket. There is a program  
6 reference, the Reliability Enhancement Program is set to  
7 expire at the end of this month. There was a filing  
8 asking that it be extended. It's now been wrapped into  
9 this "settlement" thing I've heard something about. And,  
10 I know there's parties here who were not here for the  
11 earlier three hearings to help walk us through what it is  
12 the Parties would like to have done with this docket.

13 So, before we go any further, let's take  
14 appearances.

15 MR. FOSSUM: And, good morning. Matthew  
16 Fossum, here for Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
17 doing business as Eversource Energy.

18 MS. CHAMBERLIN: Good morning. Susan  
19 Chamberlin, Consumer Advocate. With me today is Jim  
20 Brennan.

21 MS. ROSS: Good morning, Commissioner.  
22 Anne Ross, and with me today is Tom Frantz. We're  
23 appearing as adjudicative -- Advocate Staff, excuse me, in  
24 this docket, because of our support of the Settlement

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1 Agreement, which was filed in this docket, as well as some  
2 others.

3 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Thank you. The  
4 adjudicative staff is up here on this one. You're  
5 advocates on this one.

6 MS. ROSS: Got it.

7 MS. AMIDON: Good morning. Suzanne  
8 Amidon, for Commission Staff. With me today is Grant  
9 Siwinski, an Analyst in the Electric Division.

10 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right. How are  
11 we going to proceed?

12 MR. FOSSUM: In the Company's  
13 submission, we had two witnesses. We would propose to  
14 have those two witnesses present their testimony and the  
15 Company's request as part of this motion. So, I would  
16 call Christopher Goulding and Russell Johnson.

17 (Whereupon *Christopher J. Goulding* and  
18 *Russell D. Johnson* were duly sworn by  
19 the Court Reporter.)

20 **CHRISTOPHER J. GOULDING, SWORN**

21 **RUSSELL D. JOHNSON, SWORN**

22 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

23 BY MR. FOSSUM:

24 Q. Mr. Goulding, could you state your name and your

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1 position and your responsibilities for the record  
2 please.

3 A. (Goulding) My name is Christopher Goulding. I'm  
4 employed by Eversource Energy as the Manager of Revenue  
5 Requirements for New Hampshire. In my position, I  
6 oversee the implementation and coordination of revenue  
7 requirement calculations and rate filings. In  
8 addition, I -- in addition, I coordinate and implement  
9 the filings associated with ES, SCRC, and Rate ADE and  
10 TCAM.

11 A. (Johnson) Russell Johnson, with Eversource Energy. My  
12 responsibilities, I am the Manager of System Planning  
13 and Strategy. In that role, I'm responsible for  
14 distribution planning, reliability reporting,  
15 distribution standards, as well as others.

16 Q. Now, Mr. Goulding, back on June 10th of this year, did  
17 you submit prefiled testimony and attachments as part  
18 of a motion in this docket?

19 A. (Goulding) Yes, I did.

20 Q. And, that testimony and those attachments were prepared  
21 by you or under your direction?

22 A. (Goulding) Yes, they were.

23 Q. And, the information in that testimony and attachments  
24 is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge and

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1 belief today?

2 A. (Goulding) Yes, it is.

3 Q. And, Mr. Johnson, did you also submit testimony and  
4 attachments back on June 10th in this docket?

5 A. (Johnson) Yes, I did.

6 Q. And, that testimony and those attachments were prepared  
7 by you or under your direction?

8 A. (Johnson) Yes.

9 Q. And, the information that's in them is true and  
10 accurate to the best of your knowledge and belief  
11 today?

12 A. (Johnson) Yes, it is.

13 MR. FOSSUM: With that, I would ask to  
14 mark the Company's June 10th filing as the next exhibit, I  
15 believe "35" for identification?

16 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: It's so marked.

17 (The document, as described, was  
18 herewith marked as **Exhibit 35** for  
19 identification.)

20 BY MR. FOSSUM:

21 Q. Since this one is somewhat unique and different from  
22 the other ones we've discussed so far today, would you,  
23 Mr. Goulding, very briefly describe what this filing is  
24 and what the Company is requesting in this filing.

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1 A. (Goulding) Okay. So, as part of the 2015 Public  
2 Service Company of New Hampshire Restructuring and Rate  
3 Stabilization Agreement, there was a section in there  
4 that involved the continuation of Reliability  
5 Enhancement Program, and reconciling historic expenses  
6 related to the Reliability Enhancement Program. So,  
7 what this rate filing is is it is a reconciliation of  
8 capital -- capital investments from April 2013 through  
9 June 2015, and forecasted capital investments from  
10 July 2015 to June 2016.

11 We have a current revenue stream that  
12 was extended as part of the global settlement of  
13 approximately \$4 million. In addition, there was  
14 \$3 million of wind storm amortization that was going to  
15 expire -- or, be fully amortized or June 30th, that has  
16 been redirected to this REP Program. So, in the end,  
17 what happened was this 4 million that was extended,  
18 plus the 3 million, was used for funding of REP from  
19 July 1st forward, and then we reconciled all capital  
20 investments from April 2013 to July 2015. And, that's  
21 what the revenue requirement rate increases for  
22 reliability is for.

23 Q. So, for clarity then, if I can take the end of your  
24 statement, the Company's request to change the rate,

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1 that's to -- for purposes of reconciling past capital  
2 additions, is that correct?

3 A. (Goulding) That's correct. Just want to clarify, those  
4 are Reliability Enhancement Program capital  
5 investments.

6 Q. And, is the Company's request for that rate change  
7 subject to any future review?

8 A. (Goulding) Yes. As constructed, this rate change in  
9 forecasted expenses are subject to a reconciliation.

10 Q. Has that also -- to the best of your knowledge, is that  
11 also part of the underlying Settlement Agreement that  
12 was referenced in this filing?

13 A. (Goulding) Yes. I recall there was a reconciliation  
14 adjustment filing that was necessary as of April or May  
15 of next year.

16 Q. And, Mr. Johnson, could you very briefly explain the  
17 Company's projected Reliability Program for the next  
18 year. I understand it's in your testimony, so just  
19 very briefly what it is that the Company is intending  
20 to do.

21 A. (Johnson) Well, we are intending to make investments in  
22 some key areas of distribution automation, Overhead  
23 System Reliability Programs, some Direct Buried Cable  
24 Programs, either through replacement or injection, and

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1 programs to address aging infrastructure in  
2 substations, vegetation management, as well as a GIS  
3 Connectivity Project, to prepare the GIS to be  
4 effective with the OMS system, which is being put in  
5 place later this year.

6 Q. And, are those proposed programs, those are  
7 continuations of the Company's existing REP Program?

8 A. (Johnson) Many of those programs are consistent with  
9 the previous REP programs. There are a few specific  
10 programs, such as the GIS Connectivity Project, as well  
11 as a specific program for constructing circuit ties to  
12 enhance reliability. Those are a couple of examples of  
13 some that were not in the previous REP program year.

14 Actually, if I can, also I should add  
15 that the Troubleshooter Program is a significant  
16 program that's being added.

17 Q. Well, then, could you then just for the record explain  
18 what that program is?

19 A. (Johnson) The Troubleshooter Program is to create a  
20 group of employees who provide 24/7 coverage to respond  
21 to outages on the system.

22 Q. Thank you. Turning back to Mr. Goulding, could you --  
23 do you have available there what has been marked in  
24 docket 14-236 as "Exhibit 7"?

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1 A. (Goulding) Yes, I do.

2 Q. And, that's what we've been referring to as the "bingo  
3 sheet"?

4 A. (Goulding) Yes.

5 Q. Could you please go through the information on that  
6 exhibit as it relates to the docket that we're  
7 considering presently.

8 A. (Goulding) Okay. So, this rate adjustment would affect  
9 the "Distribution" column, the "Total Delivery Service"  
10 column, and "Total Revenue" column. For -- let's look  
11 at residential customers, they will see an average rate  
12 change for distribution rates of 2.01 percent. The  
13 Total Delivery Service increase will be 4.08 percent.  
14 But, if they're taking service from Energy Service,  
15 they will see a decrease of total rates of  
16 6.56 percent.

17 Q. Now, that "2 percent" that's shown for the residential  
18 customer, is that exclusively due to the Company's  
19 proposed REP change?

20 A. (Goulding) No. That includes the removal of the  
21 Earnings Sharing Mechanism credit.

22 Q. And, that was -- that removal was -- that's subject to  
23 a previous Company submission in this docket?

24 A. (Goulding) Yes. We were ordered last June to have that

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1 credit in place from July 1st, 2014 to June 30th, 2015.

2 Q. And, Mr. Johnson, if the Commission approves the  
3 request that the Company is making today, would that --  
4 would the Company continue the program immediately or  
5 would there be some lag to it?

6 A. (Johnson) No. Effective July 1st, we would begin  
7 immediately in order to get the benefits of the  
8 Program.

9 MR. FOSSUM: Thank you. They're  
10 available for cross.

11 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Before I turn it  
12 over to Ms. Ross, Mr. Fossum, because this is not really  
13 an expected docket today, until very recently, I'm going  
14 to suggest that we mark the bingo sheet separately in this  
15 docket, because I'm not sure people would really think to  
16 look in the others, if they didn't already know. So, if  
17 we can, --

18 MR. FOSSUM: Understood.

19 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: -- it would be  
20 "Exhibit 36". So, to the extent other copies need to be  
21 made, we can do that. But we're going to call this one  
22 "Exhibit 36" in 09-035. Good enough for you?

23 MR. FOSSUM: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right.

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1 (The document, as described, was  
2 herewith marked as **Exhibit 36** for  
3 identification.)

4 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Ms. Ross.

5 MS. ROSS: Yes. I'm going to -- is this  
6 mike working? Is this working now?

7 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Yes.

8 MS. ROSS: Tom Frantz is going to ask  
9 the questions.

10 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Frantz.

11 MR. FRANTZ: Good morning.

12 **CROSS-EXAMINATION**

13 BY MR. FRANTZ:

14 Q. With this funding, do you still expect to fully  
15 implement your Outage Management System by the end of  
16 the year, and could you provide details on the  
17 implementation of the Outage Management System?

18 A. (Johnson) My understanding is that we're anticipating,  
19 I believe, in September to implement the Outage  
20 Management System, put it in place.

21 Q. And, based on the funding, if approved by the  
22 Commission, will the Outage Management System be  
23 covered by this program or would it be --

24 A. (Johnson) It is not included in this Program. The GIS

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1 Connectivity Program will make the OMS more effective.  
2 What it does, it effectively ties each customer to a  
3 transformer, to a protective device, and identifies the  
4 phase that that customer is on, so that the OMS is  
5 accurate.

6 MR. FRANTZ: Those are the only  
7 questions I have. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Ms. Chamberlin.

9 MS. CHAMBERLIN: Thank you.

10 BY MS. CHAMBERLIN:

11 Q. The Company is requesting a distribution rate increase  
12 of 0.07 cents per kilowatt-hour, correct?

13 A. (Goulding) That's correct.

14 Q. And, of that amount, how much is for reconciling  
15 historic expenses?

16 A. (Goulding) That would primarily be to reconcile the  
17 historic expenses.

18 Q. Can you quantify it? Is it the entire amount or is  
19 there some identifiable amount that is for another  
20 purpose?

21 A. (Goulding) I have approximately 5.4 million of the  
22 total request is to reconcile the prior amounts.

23 Q. And, that is translated into the 0.07 cents per  
24 kilowatt-hour?

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1 A. (Goulding) 0.068 cents.

2 Q. Okay. And, I was asking the question to get at whether  
3 or not this rate increase is an increase in the  
4 Reliability Program or a continuation of it. Would you  
5 characterize the programs that you are proposing as a  
6 "continuation of the Program"?

7 A. (Johnson) Yes.

8 Q. And, your characterization is based on, like, how would  
9 you -- where did you arrive at that?

10 A. (Johnson) Go ahead.

11 A. (Goulding) All the programs that are being done under  
12 this Reliability -- or, the extension of Reliability  
13 are to continue to fund reliability enhancement  
14 spending or programs. So, they're all reliability  
15 programs that are being -- the funding is being used  
16 for, which is consistent with the original REP.

17 Q. Now, of this distribution rate increase, it's been  
18 characterized as a "temporary rate" until the  
19 Settlement Agreement is approved, is that correct?

20 A. (Goulding) That's my understanding.

21 Q. And, what would drive any change to this number  
22 between, say, July 1, 2015 and whenever the Settlement  
23 Agreement is approved? Let's assume it's approved by  
24 the end of the year. Are there factors that would make

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1 this number change?

2 A. (Goulding) I don't envision any factors. Because, if  
3 there was any underspending for this year, versus what  
4 was forecast, that would get rolled into the  
5 reconciliation filing next year.

6 Q. So, any -- most likely, a change would happen in a  
7 different filing next year?

8 A. (Goulding) Yes.

9 MS. CHAMBERLIN: Okay. All right.

10 That's all I have.

11 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Ms. Amidon.

12 MS. AMIDON: Thank you.

13 BY MS. AMIDON:

14 Q. Mr. Johnson, I just thought for the record it would  
15 just be helpful just to have a brief description of  
16 what the Reliability Program is, to get an  
17 understanding of why it's important to continue this  
18 program that would otherwise expire June 30th.

19 A. (Johnson) The Reliability Enhancement Program provides  
20 for sustained funding for targeted programs  
21 specifically to address reliability. And, it allows us  
22 to, you know, focus dollars on projects that otherwise  
23 would not be funded. So, are you asking me to go  
24 through some of the specific programs?

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1 Q. Well, no. But, as demonstrated in your testimony, you  
2 have SAIDI --

3 A. (Johnson) Yes.

4 Q. -- graphs indicating SAIDI and SAIFI?

5 A. (Johnson) Sure.

6 Q. Has the Company experienced improvement in --

7 A. (Johnson) Sure.

8 Q. -- reducing customer interruptions as a result of this  
9 program?

10 A. (Johnson) Thank you. Sure. Prior to 2007, our  
11 reliability metrics were not headed in a good  
12 direction. And, since the implementation of REP, we  
13 have consistently been improving our reliability  
14 metrics. Specifically, SAIDI, which is the average  
15 interruption duration per customer, but also SAIFI,  
16 which is the average frequency, interruption frequency  
17 incidents per customer. So, both of those reliability  
18 metrics have continued to improve since the adoption of  
19 the Program.

20 Q. Thank you. Now, most recently, I wouldn't say it's  
21 "recent", but the Company filed in April of this year a  
22 report on what projects had been undertaken in the past  
23 12 months, I believe. Is it the Company's intention to  
24 supply the Staff with a similar report next year, about

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1 the same time?

2 A. (Johnson) Our intention is to provide information  
3 relative to the program going forward.

4 Q. And, is the Company willing to meet with Staff to  
5 review this report that was recently filed and to  
6 discuss the reporting going forward?

7 A. (Johnson) Yes.

8 Q. Okay. Thank you. Just for the record, would you  
9 briefly describe the GIS capital project as it relates  
10 to Outage Management by the Company?

11 A. (Johnson) Sure.

12 Q. Thank you.

13 A. (Johnson) When our GIS system was put in place, some  
14 assumptions had to be made specifically relative to,  
15 for individual customers, which transformer they were  
16 connected to, and also there was not at that time done  
17 a verification of the protective device that each  
18 customer was beyond, as well as which phase they were  
19 on.

20 So, the importance of this Project is,  
21 once OMS goes in place, in order for the OMS to  
22 accurately reflect the location of outages and where  
23 customers are impacted, that data needs to be verified.

24 Q. Now, the Outage Management System, obviously, the title

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1 indicates what the intention of the system is. But  
2 what kind of information or technical assistance does  
3 that give the Company in managing the duration and the  
4 magnitude of outages?

5 A. (Johnson) Sure. What the Outage Management System does  
6 is to take calls that are coming in from customers and  
7 very early on determine where you have troubles on the  
8 system, what devices you have open on the system, and  
9 allows you to respond quicker and more effectively to  
10 outages on the system.

11 Q. Thank you. And, am I right that the Company's  
12 intention, I think as reflected in the Settlement  
13 Agreement, is to continue with the REP Program until  
14 its next distribution rate case, at least until, and  
15 have it discussed in its next distribution rate case,  
16 is that fair to say?

17 A. (Johnson) Yes.

18 MS. AMIDON: Thank you. I have no  
19 further questions.

20 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Thank you.

21 BY CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG:

22 Q. This may be for Mr. Johnson. In listening to your  
23 testimony and reviewing the prefiled testimony, how do  
24 we distinguish between stuff that's just getting old

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1 and obsolete and needs to be replaced and things that  
2 are essential to or new and that would be appropriate  
3 for special treatment in the Reliability Enhancement  
4 Program?

5 A. (Johnson) Previously, the way this was looked upon in  
6 the previous REP Program was, if I can give an example,  
7 for our Direct Buried Cable, if it was found that the  
8 concentric --

9 (Court reporter interruption.)

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11 A. (Johnson) -- neutral, concentric neutral had already  
12 degraded, then at that point it was considered an  
13 "obsolete" piece of material, and that was being  
14 handled under our base budget, as opposed to a  
15 proactive program of going out and trying to prevent  
16 outages or equipment failure.

17 And, again, when you look at age of  
18 equipment, be it circuit breakers or controls, rarely  
19 do they just, on a certain day, become obsolete. So,  
20 many of those types of programs are proactive in  
21 nature, to recognize where you're beginning to have  
22 difficulties with obtaining parts for replacement and  
23 those types of things. And, so, those are some of the  
24 items that are targeted through this program.

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1 BY CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG:

2 Q. But, as particular aspects of the project are submitted  
3 for review, that's the kind of dialogue you'd engage in  
4 with Staff or the OCA or other Parties to this docket  
5 going forward?

6 A. (Johnson) Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: That was my major  
8 question. I have nothing further.

9 Mr. Fossum, do you have anything else  
10 for these witnesses?

11 MR. FOSSUM: I do not.

12 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: If there's nothing  
13 else, then we can excuse the witnesses.

14 We will strike the ID from the two  
15 exhibits we marked, 35 and 36, if there's no objection?

16 (No verbal response)

17 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: And, there's none.  
18 So, we will do that. Are we ready to sum up?

19 (No verbal response)

20 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: We are. Ms. Ross  
21 or Mr. Frantz, whoever is going to speak for you.

22 MS. ROSS: Yes. Speaking for Staff  
23 Advocates, we strongly support the Reliability Enhancement  
24 Program. We recognize the benefits that it is bringing to

1 the reliability and performance of the system. We think  
2 it's important to continue the Program. And, we believe,  
3 because this is a small rate increase, and because it is  
4 also a reconciling rate, that it would be appropriate at  
5 this time for the Commission to approve it.

6 We also support it as part of our entry  
7 into the general Settlement Agreement that's been filed  
8 with this Commission.

9 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Ms. Chamberlin.

10 MS. CHAMBERLIN: Thank you. The OCA  
11 supports the Company's proposal. The testimony is that  
12 0.068 cents of the 0.07 cents per kilowatt-hour increase  
13 is related to reconciliation. If there's any question  
14 about the origin of these numbers, we can look at them  
15 again when the temporary rate is proposed as a permanent  
16 rate. So, we believe that it meets the intent of the  
17 Settlement Agreement and should be accepted.

18 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Ms. Amidon.

19 MS. AMIDON: Thank you. Due to the  
20 timing of this filing, I will not say that Staff had the  
21 time to review it in detail. But we do anticipate having  
22 conversations with the Company regarding its April report,  
23 and to discuss future plans.

24 Having said that, we support the

1 continuation of the Program, and believe that the  
2 Commission should approve the proposed rate on a temporary  
3 basis effective July 1.

4 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Fossum.

5 MR. FOSSUM: Thank you. I want to begin  
6 by thanking the Staff, the OCA, the Advocate Staff, and  
7 especially the Commission, for reviewing this on the  
8 relatively tight timeframe in which it was submitted. So,  
9 I really do appreciate the time that was given to review  
10 this.

11 I'll note that the Settlement Agreement  
12 that's been filed and will ultimately be subject to the  
13 Commission's review specifically provides that the Company  
14 would make a filing in June of this year to reconcile  
15 expenses and revenues relating to the REP, and that any  
16 rate change required to reconcile the amounts would be  
17 accounted -- would be taken into account and put into  
18 effect on July 1. And, so, consistent with that  
19 provision, that's what the Company did and that's what the  
20 Company has provided here.

21 By this request, the Company is seeking  
22 continued funding to support the REP, so that it can  
23 continue its programs on July 1st of this year, rather  
24 than have some lapse or gaps in the Program, because we do

1 truly believe that it is an important program and that it  
2 has led to meaningful benefits for customers.

3 With that said, and relative to the rate  
4 specifically, I would note that this request is for a  
5 "temporary rate". And, the numbers that are provided as  
6 part of the filing are based on the Company's books and  
7 records consistent with RSA 378:27. And, I would request  
8 then that the Commission approve this on a temporary  
9 basis, subject to its continuing review as part of the  
10 more comprehensive Settlement Agreement, and subject to  
11 future reconciliation as called for in that Settlement  
12 Agreement.

13 And, I would ask that any order on this  
14 be provided in sufficient time to permit it and all of the  
15 other rate changes we've discussed this morning to be  
16 implemented on July 1st, as requested. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Thank you. We will  
18 take this under advisement. As we've noted in the other  
19 hearings this morning, Commissioner Scott will be  
20 reviewing the expedited transcript and the exhibits from  
21 this proceeding. And, we understand the request for the  
22 orders in time for rate adjustments effective July 1.  
23 And, with that, we will adjourn. Thank you.

24 **(Whereupon the hearing was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.)**