BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application for transfer of Certificates Nos. 592-W and 509-S from Cypress Lakes Association, Ltd. to Cypress Lakes Utilities, Inc. in Polk County.	: : :
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BEFORE:	COMMISSIONER SUSAN F. CLARK
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1 PROCEEDINGS 2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We will call the hearing to 3 Would you please read the notice. order. 4 MS. BRUBAKER: Pursuant to notice on September 5 15th, 1999, this time and place was set for a prehearing conference in Docket Number 971220-WS, 6 7 application for transfer of Certificates Numbers 592-W and 509-S, from Cypress Lakes Associates, Limited to 8 9 Cypress Lakes Utilities, Inc. in Polk County. The purpose of this conference is set forth in 10 11 the notice. COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you. We will take 12 13 appearances. MR. GIRTMAN: My name is Ben Girtman, 1020 East 14 Lafayette Street, Suite 207, Tallahassee, Florida, 15 32301, representing the applicant, Cypress Lakes 16 Utilities, Inc. 17 MR. McLEAN: My name is Harold McLean of the 18 Office of Public Counsel. Our address is 111 West 19 Madison, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399, and I appear on 20 behalf of the citizens of the State of Florida. 21 MS. BRUBAKER: Stephanie Crossman and Jennifer 22 Brubaker on behalf of the Commission staff. 23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Are there any 24 preliminary matters we need to take up? 25

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1 MS. BRUBAKER: Yes, Commissioner, there are 2 several preliminary matters. First is a pending motion to strike OPC's Issues 9 and 10, prehearing 3 4 statement Issues 9 and 10, filed on September 10th, 5 There is also a request for official 1999. 6 recognition of prior Commission orders filed by the 7 utility on September 23rd, 1999. Furthermore, pursuant to some discussions held in a 8 pre-preconference last week, there may be some 9 discussion about whether this matter should be set for 10 11 a 120.57(2) hearing.

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: How are Issues 9 and 10 set 13 forth?

MS. BRUBAKER: They appear in Office of Public Counsel's prehearing statement. Those issues were dropped from the draft prehearing order pursuant to the discussions held at the pre-pre. I will be happy to provide you a copy of the prehearing statement if you would like to see those issues.

20 MR. GIRTMAN: Commissioner, this may be moot. We 21 filed the motion -- as you may recall from the 22 Wedgefield case, similar motions -- or, excuse me, 23 similar issues were raised by OPC in that case. We 24 filed motions to strike. The staff had made a verbal 25 motion to strike at the prehearing conference with

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Commissioner Garcia. He ruled that the --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let me just ask a question. Why don't I have it in my prehearing order? Have they been withdrawn or do you still want them in there?

MR. McLEAN: No. We pretty much agreed on those eight issues. It doesn't offend my sensitivities that they didn't survive the pre-prehearing conference.

MR. GIRTMAN: That's why I'm saying it may be moot. The point was that we wanted to make sure what issues we were going to have to address at the hearing and in the brief. OPC's position is apparently that they want to go with the eight staff issues, or that are listed now, but wants to brief Issues 9 and 10. In essence, brief Issues 9 and 10 without them being issues. And I'm a little caught as to what we should do. That's why we didn't withdraw the motion.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Mr. McLean, let me know what they are. Can somebody read 9 and 10 to me?

19MR. BRUBAKER: Certainly. Issue 9 from OPC's20prehearing statement, does the Commission have any21rule which addresses the circumstances under which22negative acquisition should be imposed? OPC's23position on that is no.

Issue 10, may the Commission -COMMISSIONER CLARK: I see them. Mr. McLean, you

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1 don't object to those being taken out as issues? 2 MR. McLEAN: Correct. 3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And I would assume you 4 intend to argue those points with respect to your positions on other issues? 5 MR. McLEAN: That is exactly correct. 6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: What's wrong with that, Mr. 7 Girtman? 8 MR. GIRTMAN: That's fine if that's all we are 9 doing. What I'm interpreting is that our motion then 10 is moot. 11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I believe it is. 12 MR. GIRTMAN: Okay. 13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And we will let the 14 prehearing order reflect that. Okay. 15 Any other preliminary matters? 16 MS. BRUBAKER: There is also a request for 17 official recognition filed by the utility. 18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Don't we take that up at the 19 beginning of the hearing? 20 MS. BRUBAKER: Yes, that is typically the time to 21 take it up. 22 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. We will take it up at 23 24 that time. MR. GIRTMAN: Okay. 25

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1COMMISSIONER CLARK: Anything else to take up?2Okay. Let's go to the prehearing order. Is3there any changes through Page 4?

4 MR. GIRTMAN: Excuse me, Commissioner, on that 5 last matter, there was some discussion at the 6 preliminary prehearing that we may be able to avoid a 7 hearing, so I didn't want to leave it unaddressed, the 8 request for official recognition. If we don't go to a 9 hearing, then we need to have some kind of 10 determination at some time.

11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Well, let's go 12 through the prehearing order, get it resolved, and 13 then we will discuss the need for a hearing. And if 14 there is a conclusion that there is no need for the 15 hearing, then we will address official recognition of 16 Commission orders.

Are there any changes through Page 4?

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MR. GIRTMAN: Commissioner, on the last line, the 18 post-hearing procedures, as you may recall in the 19 Wedgefield case which dealt with similar issues, we 20 had to file a motion to file documents in excess of 21 that allowed by the rule. The brief wound up being, I 22 think, 52 pages and the supplemental data analyzing 23 the prior decisions of the Commission at that time was 24 something like 37 or 38 pages. So we will probably 25

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have to request permission to file in excess of the 40
 currently allowed by the rule.

3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I'm not going to 4 change it at this time, and if you need that to be 5 ruled on, we will do so at that time. But I would 6 point out to you that I think when you get much beyond 7 40 pages you kind of lose your reader. And certainly 8 this is an area that we have looked at time and again. MR. GIRTMAN: I understand. 9 10 MR. McLEAN: Commissioner, we won't object if they do want to file for more than that, particularly 11 if it so that they lose the reader. Actually, 12 seriously we won't impose any objection to that. 13 14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: All right. Sounds good. Any changes to Page 5? 15 MR. GIRTMAN: Commissioner, on the issue numbers 16 for direct testimony of Carl Wenz, we should add Issue 17 18 4. Okay. 19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: MR. GIRTMAN: And in rebuttal, Carl Wenz' Issues 20 1 through 8 inclusive. 21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okav. 22 MR. GIRTMAN: And Frank Seidman, add Issue 4. 23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. We will make those 24 changes. Any changes to Page 6? 25

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1 MR. GIRTMAN: Excuse me, Commissioner, I think 2 the OPC in the prehearing draft says Mr. McLean will 3 update as to the issues that Mr. Larkin is addressing. 4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: There is another update. It indicates that Mr. Larkin will address Issues 3, 4, 5, 5 and 6. 6 7 MR. GIRTMAN: Thank you. COMMISSIONER CLARK: Issue 6. I mean, Page 6. 8 No changes. 9 Page 7, any changes to the issues or the 10 positions? 11 Commissioner, Issue 3, we say no 12 MR. McLEAN: position at this time, one of our concerns is whether 13 the case is going to go to hearing or not, and I can't 14 think of a simple way to say this, but let me do the 15 best I can. We may differ from the staff and from the 16 17 utility on that issue, but our disagreement is not important enough to go to hearing on. If we go to 18 hearing, we will put on some evidence on that issue. 19 We don't want that -- if we can work out a procedure 20 by which we don't need to go to hearing, Issue 3 21 doesn't need to be a deal breaker, if you follow me. 22 So, perhaps when the decision is made about 23 whether we are going to go to hearing, I can come back 24 and revisit that issue and simply agree with staff or 25

take no position. But if we are going to go to hearing, I think we will probably introduce some evidence on that issue.

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COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Well, let me ask you with respect to Issue 1 and Issue 2, by the fact that you have no position on those, do we, in fact, have no issues?

MR. McLEAN: I don't think that is all that 8 9 farfetched. I mean, I think that we may be a few dollars apart here and there, but I'm not sure that's 10 worth going to hearing on. The principal disagreement 11 which remains is the legal effect to be given to the 12 13 facts which are pretty much before us, although I'm not sure in the record. The record as I understand at 14 this time has pleadings in it and that's about it. 15

16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I guess I'm not -- if you 17 agree not to go to hearing, you are not taking -- it 18 is with the understanding that there would be no 19 testimony moved into the record?

20 MR. McLEAN: I'm not sure either way is 21 particularly critical to us. It seems to me to make 22 more sense to move the testimony into the record, but 23 I don't see that as a necessity. I can look to your 24 staff to give you a recommendation on that point. 25 MR. GIRTMAN: We would agree with OPC that it is

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1 better to have the testimony and exhibits in the 2 record. Otherwise, what do you have upon which to 3 base a decision, what facts are there? I think we can 4 stipulate that the testimony and exhibits are what 5 they are. Of course, OPC is going to disagree with 6 our witness and we are going to disagree with their 7 witness, but we don't object to the introduction. I don't think there is any objection to the introduction 8 of all of the testimony and exhibits that have been 9 10 filed to date.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: All right. Let's just --11 MR. McLEAN: I think the legal effect of what Mr. 1.2 Girtman is suggesting, and I certainly concur with, is 13 we simply waive cross which doesn't say anything about 14 the accuracy of the testimony or anything like that. 15 But it seems to odd to me to argue off of a record 16 that is devoid of facts other than the pleadings. 17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Go ahead. 18 MS. BRUBAKER: I was simply going to say that 19 unless we are willing to stipulate to the facts, it 20 seems to me that by entering testimony and exhibits

which are in contravention to each other on the face that we do have disputed issues of material fact.

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COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I understand that, but 24 notwithstanding that we agree not to go to hearing 25

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because cross is waived. And the only thing we have
to check with is whoever is assigned to this if they
are comfortable with the notion of waiving cross,
stipulating it into the record and simply let the
parties brief it.

MR. McLEAN: I think the majority of the disagreement among our witnesses is the legal import to be given to the facts. And, of course, the witnesses testify extensively about the legal import, but for me I think that is a matter for legal resolution rather than disputed facts.

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, let's go through and 13 see if there are any changes to the prehearing and 14 then deal with what procedure we might follow.

15 Any changes to Page 8?

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16 MR. McLEAN: Yes, ma'am. Issue 4, we find
17 ourselves agreeing with staff.

18COMMISSIONER CLARK: Any changes on Page 9?19Page 10?

20 MR. GIRTMAN: Commissioner, as to Exhibit CW-2, 21 which is the application, I want to be sure that it is 22 reflected here that it includes the late-filed 23 exhibits. There were at least a revised Exhibit G and 24 an Exhibit H.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Any objection, Mr. McLean?

1 MR. McLEAN: No, ma'am. 2 MR. GIRTMAN: I don't believe there were any other late-filed exhibits. But if there are, I want 3 to be sure that's all of them. 4 5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm sorry, when you say 6 late-filed, you mean a revision to the --7 MR. GIRTMAN: Excuse me, there was a Late-filed Exhibit G regarding the publication of notice, and a 8 page was left out. So we revised the exhibit. 9 Exhibit G also was filed as a late-filed exhibit to 10 correct that error. 11 12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: But Exhibit G is what, an attachment to the application? 13 MR. GIRTMAN: It is required by the application. 14 It is an affidavit regarding the publication of notice 15 and the notice on the notice materials. And it is 16 filed as a late-filed exhibit. The Exhibit G that was 17 filed as a late-filed exhibit had an error because it 18 left out a page, and Mr. Wenz filed a revised Exhibit 19 So whether we take the revised Exhibit G or both 20 G. of them --21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: You want whatever is 22 included in CW-2 to include the revised Exhibit G and 23 revised Exhibit H? 24 MR. GIRTMAN: No, it is not revised Exhibit H, 25

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just Exhibit H. That is the articles of 1 2 incorporation. And I don't believe -- I looked 3 through the file this morning, and I don't believe 4 there were other late-filed exhibits. But if there 5 were, I want to be sure they are included. 6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, we will show that revised Exhibit G and Exhibit H are included. 7 Please 8 let us know if there are any others. Yes. MS. BRUBAKER: Commissioner, if I may revisit 9 10 Page 8, Issue 4. With regard to OPC's position of no position, they would adopt a position of agreeing with 11 staff? 1213 MR. McLEAN: Yes. 14 MS. BRUBAKER: Okay. It seems to me we have a 15 proposed stipulation. COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I'm thinking there may 16 be stipulations in the other. If he doesn't take any 17 positions, then you don't have issues. So we will try 18 and deal with that at the end. Okay. You have taken 19 care of the motion to strike. So we have taken care 20 of the prehearing order. 21 MR. GIRTMAN: Commissioner, also just for 22 information, on Frank Seidman's Exhibit FS-1, that is 23 a document containing the list of prior cases of the 24 Commission dealing with acquisition adjustments 25

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1 including those subsequent to the Wedgefield case. It 2 also includes a chart and some analysis in there. And 3 just for clarification, we are asking that the list of 4 exhibits be officially recognized and not his analysis 5 of it. That, of course, is just an exhibit for 6 argument and brief. 7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I quess it's six of

one, half a dozen of the other if we just move everything into the record.

10 MR. GIRTMAN: Right.

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11MR. McLEAN: This is a list of orders?12MR. GIRTMAN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: And his analysis of the
 order, as I understand it.

15MR. GIRTMAN: That's what I gave you at the16preliminary prehearing. Yes, that's the one.

MR. McLEAN: I'm a little confused. You are
moving those in as an exhibit. Those are Mr.
Seidman's analysis of the legal import of the orders?
MR. GIRTMAN: No, no. It is a factual statement
of what they do. How many cases were positive

acquisition adjustments, how many were negative, what
were the dollars. It's straight numbers.

24 MR. McLEAN: No objection to that.

25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Now, we have -- all

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1 of the issues, as I see it, are potentially stipulated 2 except for the negative acquisition adjustment, would 3 that be correct?

MR. McLEAN: 5, 6 and 8, Madam Chairman.

5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: 5, 6, and 8. Okay. 6 is a 6 fallout of 5.

MR. McLEAN: Correct.

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COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Well, let me suggest 8 9 this as a procedure. That we leave the prehearing order as it is showing the positions on the issues and 10 not attempt to indicate which ones are stipulated and 11 which ones are simply no positions, but leave them as 12 stated at this point and then indicate the parties 13 have agreed to stipulating the testimony and the 14 exhibits into the record, and the waiving of cross 15 examination. And the parties will brief the legal 16 issues, and those legal issues can be based on the 17 testimony that has been provided and stipulated into 18 the record. And that that being the case, there is no 19 need for a hearing, an actual hearing, and we can 20 simply have the briefing. Is that fair? Is that what 21 22 you want to do?

MR. McLEAN: Fair and acceptable.
MR. GIRTMAN: I think it is satisfactory, yes.
MR. McLEAN: Commissioner, you voiced a concern

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that some of the other panel needed to be advised.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes. I want to make sure that they don't have a desire to question the witnesses.

5 MS. GERVASI: Commissioner, this is very similar 6 to what we did in the Florida Cities EPA case. But if 7 you recall, we actually did convene the hearing in order to have all of the testimony and exhibits 8 9 entered. So you actually would probably have to convene a hearing for that purpose. It will be short 10 because there won't be any need for cross examination, 11 but it doesn't obviate the 120.57(1) hearing in its 12 entirety. 13

14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I see your point. That if 15 we were doing it to strictly -- if we were going to 16 the extent of categorizing it as a (1) or a (2), and 17 if we characterized it as a (2), then we could just do 18 it in a paper way.

19 MS. GERVASI: Right.

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20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: In this instance, you think 21 since we are not going to go to the extent of trying 22 to categorize it, and perhaps losing a stipulation on 23 not having a hearing, we should convene the hearing, 24 stipulate it into the record, and then have the 25 parties agree that they will brief the issues, but 5

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1 will rely on the evidence as filed. 2 MS. GERVASI: Right. 3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. When is the hearing? 4 MS. GERVASI: October 20. 5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Where is it? 6 MS. GERVASI: Lakeland. 7 MR. GIRTMAN: Is it possible to do that here, 8 Commissioners? COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's right. That's what I 9 need to know. Can we do this here? 10 MS. GERVASI: Well, we did do it here the last 11 time we did a hearing like this. 12 MR. McLEAN: But the hearing was scheduled for 13 here in that case. 14 MS. GERVASI: Was it, I don't recall. We would 15 have to check into that. I don't know offhand. 16 MR. McLEAN: Yes. We went to a couple of 17 technical hearings or service hearings in the service 18 area and then we did the technical ones back here. It 19 seems very cumbersome to me to go down there, too. 20 MS. GERVASI: Do we have service hearings 21 scheduled in this case, I don't know. If there is no 22 scheduled service hearings, there was no intent to 23 have customer testimony entered in. 24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: When did the notice go out? 25

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1 MS. BRUBAKER: It has not yet gone out. 2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: All right. Then can we 3 indicate that we have moved it here? 4 MS. BRUBAKER: I'm sorry, I misspoke. There has 5 been an FAW notice that has issued. I suppose we 6 could revise that. We couldn't do it timely for the 7 October 20th date, however. Staff has not issued its notice, nor has the utility noticed the customers yet, 8 but the FAW notice has gone out. 9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, why don't you find out 10 if we can change the location of the hearing? 11 MR. GIRTMAN: If we have to change the hearing 12 13 date it would seem to be no difficulty except getting the panel. 14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, we could do that before 15 an agenda. If we have to change the hearing date in 16 order to accomplish that, why don't we do it and set 17 it for five minutes before an agenda and deal with it 18 Why don't I leave it to you all to figure out a then. 19 way so that we can have the hearing up here, and we 20 simply convene it to move the testimony into the 21 record, and then adjourn it and leave it to briefing. 22 Is that satisfactory? 23 MR. GIRTMAN: That's fine. 24 MR. McLEAN: I don't want to blindside anyone, we 25

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will probably not participate in a decision to move 1 2 the hearing, but we will not object to it. 3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. 4 MR. McLEAN: Does that make sense? 5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes. Is there anything else 6 we need to take up? 7 MR. McLEAN: Briefing schedule if it is going to 8 change. It is kind of a shame to have everything 9 before us now and not be able to --10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Speed up the briefing 11 schedule? 12 MR. McLEAN: No. Goodness, we would want to do 13 that. 14 MR. GIRTMAN: We have no objection with keeping the same briefing schedule, we will just have the 15 16 hearing whenever it is convenient, because we know what the evidence is going to be, unless the other two 17 Commissioners want to have a full hearing. 18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Before we change the 19 20 hearing, I think you had better ask the other Commissioners if they are comfortable with simply 21 22 stipulating it into the record and moving the hearing 23 up here. Let them know that no customer testimony was 24 provided for, and OPC has no objection to moving the 25 hearing, although they do not request it be moved.

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1And tell them we need to hear back from them if they2object to that procedure.

3 MR. GIRTMAN: In fact, Commissioner, the seller whose name -- his attorney's name was on the service 4 list, has filed a letter recently asking that they be 5 taken off the service list. And I think OPC had 6 indicated there was an attorney representing a 7 customer down there, and they had asked to be taken 8 off the service list. Is that correct? 9 That is correct. MR. McLEAN: 10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Are you clear on the 11 procedure we are going to follow? 12 MS. BRUBAKER: I believe so. 13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Anything else to come 14 15 up? MR. GIRTMAN: Is it possible to communicate with 16 those other two Commissioners before we leave today? 17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm not going to stay around 18 here to hear from them. I think by close of business 19 today we certainly could hear from them. Who are the 20 other two Commissioners assigned to this? 21 MS. BRUBAKER: That would be Commissioner Deason 22 I assume at some point that case would 23 and Johnson. be reassigned to one of the other Commissioners. 24

COMMISSIONER CLARK: It may not be reassigned; it

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may be left to the two Commissioners. I guess you will have to find that out from the Chairman. And find out -- it occurs to me that maybe that they will reassign someone.

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MR. GIRTMAN: Jennifer, would you repeat the Commissioners' names.

7 MS. BRUBAKER: Currently, it is slated for Commissioners Deason, Clark, and Johnson. An 8 additional concern, Commissioner. The brief -- or, 9 10 excuse me, the staff recommendation is currently scheduled for January 6th of 2000, with briefs being 11 due November 17th. In light of the holiday season, I 12 would like to see if it would be permissible to move 13 14 those dates up.

15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't think we have a --16 we are not having an agenda on that day anyway. I 17 think Chairman Garcia indicated that the Governor's 18 Office has requested we not have an agenda on that 19 day, I think.

20 MS. BRUBAKER: So it would be permissible to 21 schedule that so we are not in the middle of a 22 holiday.

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, you can bump it one 24 agenda. I mean, that is my recommendation, but, of 25 course, the Chairman controls those things.

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1 MR. GIRTMAN: We have no objection if the staff 2 wants to do that. 3 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes. I'm pretty sure that -- is that the first agenda after the holidays? I 4 5 think it is. Yes, and I think we have been requested 6 not to have that agenda. 7 MS. BRUBAKER: The calendar indicates a special 8 agenda on the 11th. 9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Nothing on the 6th? 10 MS. BRUBAKER: And an agenda on the 18th. The 11 6th would be the due date for the recommendation. COMMISSIONER CLARK: I see. Okay. And you want 12 an extension? 13 MS. BRUBAKER: Well, actually an extension would 14 be allowable or possibly see if we could move it up 15 prior to the Christmas season. Or file the briefs 16 just a little early. 17 MR. McLEAN: If it makes -- we can start some 18 briefs now. I mean, unless something drastic happens. 19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Would you like to move the 20 briefs up and move the agenda date up, too? 21 MS. BRUBAKER: If that is permissible. The 22 23 recommendation date. COMMISSIONER CLARK: You know, I guess -- why 24 don't you leave the recommendation where it is and 25

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1 just move the briefs up? That will give you some flexibility. 2 3 MS. BRUBAKER: That's fine. Thank you. 4 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is there an objection to 5 that, moving the briefing date up? MR. GIRTMAN: No. What date would you suggest? 6 7 MR. McLEAN: How much? MS. BRUBAKER: If we could move it up by two 8 weeks. 9 MR. GIRTMAN: To which date? 10 MS. BRUBAKER: Ten working days. That would make 11 the briefs due on November 3rd. 12 MR. GIRTMAN: I think that's fine with us. 13 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Isn't it just a matter of 14 changing the names in some existing briefs? 15 MR. GIRTMAN: Yes, Commissioner. That's why I 16 was asking for 55 pages. My brief is already written, 17 most of it. 18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, maybe our 19 recommendation is, too. I'm just jesting, of course. 20 MR. McLEAN: Not to mention the order. 21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Then why don't we do that. 22 Why don't we move it up and that will give you some 23 flexibility. If you can get it done earlier or if you 24 need -- it will just give you a window of opportunity 25

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to work on it.

2 MS. BRUBAKER: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: All right.

MR. McLEAN: If we need to go to hearing then -if we do need to go to hearing for some reason, we are going back to the original briefing schedules and so forth?

MS. BRUBAKER: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And we should know by the 10 end of today. I guess the thing you need to do is 11 alert the Chairman's office that this can be a short 12 hearing, just stipulating the evidence into the record 13 and that we can -- although it is scheduled for down 14 there, we think we can move it up here, but we need to 15 know about who he wants to assign to it.

16 If he wants to leave it a two-member panel, alert 17 him to the fact who is on the two-member panel, and 18 indicate it may be wise to put a third person on 19 otherwise he may be hearing it himself, I guess, to be 20 candid. All right.

21 MR. GIRTMAN: Commissioner, the reason I asked if 22 we could find out this afternoon, we have two days to 23 get the notice out, October 6th.

24COMMISSIONER CLARK: I understand. And I'm25pretty sure we can find something out today. Although

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1 I would ask staff to look into whether or not -- I 2 know it has been our practice to convene the hearings, 3 but where we have an agreement to stipulate it into the record, I'm not sure there is a necessity for 4 5 holding that. MR. McLEAN: Neither am I. And if there is we 6 waive our part of it. That seems very cumbersome --7 MR. GIRTMAN: As do we. 8 MR. McLEAN: And I think Rosanne is probably 9 right. But if you find a way in which we can do it, 10 we won't object. 11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Just something else 12 to put in the list of to do when you can get to them. 13 Okay. 14 MR. GIRTMAN: Commissioner, going back to the 15 question, one of the last items I have left on here 16 was talking about the number of pages in the brief, 17 and I concur. When you go beyond a certain level the 18 attention span of any reader drops off somewhat. Μv 19 concern is that when we did the Wedgefield brief we 20 had to go into a lot of background and detail, and I 21 was thinking about just adopting the Wedgefield brief, 22 but that is really not going to work. Or adopting 23 parts of it. And I don't think that really is the 24 best practice to do, so I'm stuck with having to redo 25

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the arguments that I have done before.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's fine. All you have to do is indicate that you cannot -- you need that. I would still urge you to cut it down to the extent you can.

MR. GIRTMAN: I will do my best. We had a very detailed table of contents, so it broke it down very easily to follow. And I have already been thinking about what parts I'm going to leave out, but the problem is that this is a stand-alone case. I mean, it's not the Wedgefield case, although --

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I appreciate that.

MR. GIRTMAN: -- it is practically identical. 13 I will And so I've got to make the arguments again. 14 do my best, and if I find -- I know I'm going to need 15 more pages than 40, because we are having to analyze 16 all those prior cases, or at least provide a short 17 summary of some of them. So I know there is going to 18 be a motion and I will just go ahead and file the 19 motion and when I get down to find out the number of 20 21 pages.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: All right.

23 MR. GIRTMAN: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: We will still hold out the 25 hope that that may not be necessary. But if it, is we

1 will handle it.

ĺ	2	MR. McLEAN: Or we could stipulate that the
ł	3	Commission has a non-rule policy on the issue. Maybe
	4	that will save Mr. Seidman all the trouble.
	5	COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is there anything else that
	6	we need to handle in this prehearing conference?
	7	MS. BRUBAKER: Staff has nothing.
	8	COMMISSIONER CLARK: Hearing none, we will
	9	adjourn.
	10	MR. McLEAN: Thank you, Commissioner.
	11	MR. GIRTMAN: Thank you.
	12	(The prehearing conference concluded
	13	at 2:15 p.m.)
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