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Complainant,)

vs.)

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WASTE MGMT. DISPOSAL SERVICES)
OF OR., AND MJ TRUCKING &)
CONTRACTING,)

Respondents.)*Caption Continued*

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Page 119 1 LACEY, WASHINGTON; JANUARY 26, 2021 2 10:10 A.M. 3 --000--PROCEEDINGS 4 5 6 JUDGE O'CONNELL: Let's be on the record. Good morning. The time is approximately ten after 10:00 8 in the morning on Tuesday, January 26th, 2020. apologize. My name is Andrew O'Connell. I am an 10 administrative law judge with the Washington Utilities 11 12 and Transportation Commission, and I am co-presiding in these matters along with the Commissioners. 13 We're here today for a virtual status 14 conference is consolidated Dockets TG-200650 and 15 16 TG-200651 to discuss the procedure for these consolidated dockets. 17 After this conference, I will issue an order 18 19 or a notice describing the procedural events and dates that will apply going forward. 20 I sent some preliminary thoughts to the 21 22 parties and ask that they collaborate to determine if an 23 agreement on certain procedural events and dates could 24 be reached. We'll get to that in a moment. 25 First, let's move forward with appearances.

- 1 Let's begin with Murrey's Disposal.
- 2 MR. FASSBURG: Good morning, Your Honor.
- 3 Blair Fassburg here today with Dave Wiley, both at
- 4 Williams Kastner, representing the complainant, Murrey's
- 5 Disposal Company.
- 6 JUDGE O'CONNELL: Thank you.
- 7 And for respondents.
- 8 MS. GOLDMAN: Good morning, Your Honor.
- 9 Jessica Goldman from The Summit Law Group on behalf of
- 10 all of the respondents, and also with me is Andrew
- 11 Kenefick, in-house counsel for the Waste Management
- 12 respondents.
- JUDGE O'CONNELL: Okay. Thank you.
- So prior to this hearing, I sent a message
- 15 to the parties with some general expectations of a
- 16 schedule. I'd included that the parties consider dates
- 17 for the filing of written direct response and rebuttal
- 18 testimony followed by a hearing at which we would hear
- 19 any cross-examination.
- I want to hear from the parties because the
- 21 Commission will consider whether it is more efficient
- 22 simply to have all witnesses testify at a single hearing
- 23 with exhibits filed a few weeks prior or any other
- 24 options for the producing of testimony and exhibits that
- 25 maybe the parties have discussed.

- 1 I'd also included the Commission's
- 2 expectation that the parties would likely want to move
- 3 for a summary determination at some point. If that is
- 4 the case, the Commission wants to consider setting dates
- 5 for simultaneous cross motions for summary determination
- 6 and response briefs followed by another conference to
- 7 determine a procedure going forward from there if the
- 8 Commission is unable to grant summary determination.
- 9 So with that, let me turn to the parties and
- 10 hear from them starting with Murrey's Disposal.
- 11 Mr. Fassburg, have you discussed a
- 12 procedural schedule with the respondents and what are
- 13 your thoughts about setting a date for cross motions for
- 14 summary determination?
- 15 MR. FASSBURG: Sure. So yes, Dave Wiley and
- 16 I spoke with Ms. Goldman yesterday to go over the
- 17 potential schedule. With your email in mind, from your
- 18 email, it appeared as though you preferred a schedule
- 19 that went ahead and set all dates. So without knowing
- 20 exactly when the hearing could be scheduled, we couldn't
- 21 fill in all of the potential dates. But I will say we
- 22 worked out ideas on how the schedule would work, and I
- 23 do believe both sides -- I can't speak for the
- 24 respondents, of course, but I think both sides would
- 25 prefer to attempt to resolve this via summary

- 1 determination.
- I'll say for our part, we were awfully close
- 3 to agreeing on a stipulated record, and I'm not sure in
- 4 the end the facts will be in dispute. It may be just a
- 5 dispute about which facts are material, which means to
- 6 me that it's pretty ripe for summary determination.
- 7 And so we think after a short period for
- 8 discovery, we would be prepared to file a motion for
- 9 summary determination in approximately six weeks, but we
- 10 would definitely like the opportunity to do that before
- 11 going forward with preparing prefiled testimony and
- 12 having a live hearing.
- But in the event for some reason the
- 14 Commission determines there is either a factual dispute
- or it doesn't want to resolve the case on summary
- 16 determination, I think ideally we'd like to have the
- 17 hearing date and other scheduled dates in an order now
- 18 to avoid the potential delay that occurs if we wait to
- 19 schedule those things until we determine if these
- 20 dispositive motions will be successful.
- So, again, without a hearing date, some of
- 22 these dates would be sort of hard to fill in now, but we
- do have some proposed dates for motions for summary
- 24 determination, responses, and then the next phase.
- JUDGE O'CONNELL: Okay. Ms. Goldman, what

- 1 are your thoughts?
- 2 MS. GOLDMAN: Yeah, I think I am generally
- 3 in agreement with Mr. Fassburg regarding the procedure
- 4 going forward. I -- and we do have some dates that we
- 5 discussed that would -- should work for both parties.
- 6 I -- there are two issues that I wanted to
- 7 flag for Your Honor. One is whether we need to file
- 8 cross motions for summary judgment. In court, the
- 9 responding party can effectively move for summary
- 10 judgment and the -- the court always had the authority
- 11 to grant summary judgment for the nonmoving party.
- 12 Given the amount of briefing that has been
- done here, one idea I had was that they file their
- 14 motion and we respond, so there's -- instead of four
- 15 briefs, there are two. But that I wanted to make sure
- 16 that would preserve the -- your and the UTC's ability to
- 17 grant summary judgment for either party or if you would
- 18 prefer that we actually did four -- four briefs.
- 19 JUDGE O'CONNELL: Okay. This is something
- 20 that we've discussed, the summary -- the motions for
- 21 summary determination, and we do want to see it as cross
- 22 motions for summary determination, one from each side.
- MS. GOLDMAN: Okay. So that settled that.
- 24 The other is -- and we can -- Blair can run
- 25 through the -- the dates that we were discussing, but

- 1 from our part we -- we want to make sure that -- that
- 2 you and the Commission have enough time to resolve the
- 3 summary determination motion before moving on to the
- 4 hearing. So we -- in that schedule we contemplated, we
- 5 built that time in, which was our guess, but we would
- 6 want to make sure that that's okay with you, that you
- 7 feel that that's enough time, because I don't think
- 8 either of the parties or any of the parties wants to
- 9 start taking those prehearing steps until we have a
- 10 determination from Your Honor as -- on the merits.
- 11 So those are really the only things that I
- 12 wanted to raise.
- JUDGE O'CONNELL: That was going to be the
- 14 very next thing I was going to raise, because in hearing
- 15 the suggestion for setting all of the dates now, my
- 16 concern would have been the time allotted for the
- 17 Commission to make a decision. So that's going to be
- 18 something that I am going to take under advisement and
- 19 discuss with the Commissioners to discuss how much time
- 20 the Commission is going to need to make that decision
- 21 after we receive the motions and then the response
- 22 briefs.
- So I can't give you an absolute answer right
- 24 now about how long is going to be sufficient. I'd like
- 25 to hear how much you built in already into your schedule

- 1 and then I can either give you some initial thoughts or
- 2 I can take it to the Commissioners, check with
- 3 Commission availability, as I would for all of the other
- 4 dates you might propose, and then I would issue a
- 5 procedural order or notice depending on which is the
- 6 most appropriate containing the dates that work for the
- 7 Commission.
- 8 I'm able to give you some feedback on the
- 9 availability for hearing dates. So let me -- let's --
- 10 let's go through the schedule that the parties have come
- 11 up with and then we'll see what we can do going from
- 12 there. Who would like to present that?
- MR. FASSBURG: I'll -- I'll go ahead. And,
- 14 Your Honor, I'll point out the same thing I did to
- 15 Ms. Goldman yesterday when we were floating these dates,
- 16 which was that for Mr. Wiley and myself, we tend to
- 17 prefer deadlines that are in the middle of the week
- 18 rather than a Friday or a Monday. That may not seem
- 19 typical for others, but we often find that if it's on a
- 20 Friday, somehow that creates a crunch. If it's on a
- 21 Monday, that seems to create a different crunch. It
- 22 always just seems to work out a little better if it's
- 23 not on a bookend. So most of these dates I believe are
- 24 either a Tuesday or Wednesday.
- 25 But given the amount of time that we hope to

- 1 have for discovery and preparing a brief, the first
- 2 deadline we are suggesting for filing the cross motions
- 3 is March 16th, and then giving approximately three weeks
- 4 to each side to respond to the opposing motion, the next
- 5 response deadline would be April 7th. Your email
- 6 contemplated a settlement conference, and so we're
- 7 proposing that be on April 14th, and then the next
- 8 deadline that we believe would come up would be the
- 9 filing of prefiled direct testimony, and there is where
- 10 Ms. Goldman was correct, we agree there needs to be
- 11 enough time for the Commission to rule before we should
- 12 have to get to that step.
- 13 We contemplated about four weeks and/or
- 14 proposed May 4th. If the Commission wants more time
- 15 than four weeks, obviously that could bump back all of
- 16 the deadlines. But after May 4th, I know Ms. Goldman
- 17 wanted about a month before the respondents would file
- 18 their response testimony. And so the date we were
- 19 proposing was June 1st with rebuttal testimony due June
- 20 22nd, a deadline for service of data requests of June
- 21 29th, and then discovery period cutoff July 13.
- 22 All of the other dates are really in our
- 23 minds tied to the hearing date. And so the deadline for
- 24 cross-examination exhibits and exhibit lists and witness
- 25 lists really all just tie to the hearing date. So we

- 1 don't have specific dates there. I know we have ideas
- 2 about how those should be spaced to allow time for each
- 3 side to prepare for the hearing. I can give you that --
- 4 that timing if you'd like, but we don't have specific
- 5 dates.
- JUDGE O'CONNELL: Yes.
- 7 MR. FASSBURG: So I know Ms. Goldman wanted
- 8 cross-exhibits time --
- JUDGE O'CONNELL: Go ahead and give me that
- 10 timing so I know what your expectations are.
- 11 MR. FASSBURG: Right. So for the
- 12 complainants, we thought all of the cross-exhibits,
- 13 witness lists, and time estimates could be due a week
- 14 before the hearing. I know Ms. Goldman wanted two
- 15 weeks, and so we just wanted to put those two
- 16 alternative proposals to you. And then when it comes to
- 17 post-hearing briefs, we'd like at least 30 days after
- 18 the hearing for our simultaneous opening briefs with an
- 19 additional 20 days I believe it was for response briefs.
- 20 And then we -- I think both sides agree that we'd like
- 21 to have at least two days for the hearing. It may not
- 22 go two days, but there's a good chance it could.
- JUDGE O'CONNELL: Okay. And what I'm going
- 24 to do now is just take a minute to quickly review what I
- 25 know of the Commission's calendars and see what dates

- 1 are available or might be available. All of this would
- 2 be subject to me checking and confirming with, you know,
- 3 our -- our scheduling at the Commission and with the
- 4 Commissioners as to availability.
- 5 MR. KENEFICK: Your Honor, this is Andrew
- 6 Kenefick for Waste Management. If I may make two
- 7 observations just as you think about this.
- 8 One observation, and I -- and I concede I
- 9 was not in the discussions yesterday with -- with
- 10 Mr. Fassburg. One question really is, is whether or not
- 11 on the motions for summary determination you would be
- 12 requesting oral argument. If that were the case, then
- 13 we'd probably have to find time in there to do that.
- 14 And then secondly, the time period from the
- 15 deadline for filing the responsive pleadings on the
- 16 motions for summary determination until the date of the
- 17 direct testimony is just under a month. So that's --
- 18 and obviously I think the parties would want to have,
- 19 you know, one or two weeks in -- notice if they -- if
- 20 they have to put out direct testimony.
- 21 So that's just a consideration. And I don't
- 22 want to -- I'm not going to upset the agreement that
- 23 Jessica and Mr. Fassburg came to, but it just a -- just
- 24 noting that that probably does create a little bit of a
- 25 compressed time schedule for the Commission to make a

- 1 decision if we hope to get a decision in time to forego
- 2 the time expense of putting together the direct
- 3 testimony.
- 4 JUDGE O'CONNELL: Okay. Thank you.
- 5 That's -- that's helpful. I understand that's a concern
- 6 and it's a reasonable concern. Two weeks would not be
- 7 enough time I'm positive for the Commission to consider
- 8 the cross motions for summary judgment and issue a
- 9 decision. And what I'm hearing is that if there's a
- 10 month that's set between the filing of response briefs
- 11 and the filing of direct testimony, that that might
- 12 not -- that the parties would probably like some more
- 13 warning whether they're going to need to file that.
- 14 Let me keep that in mind, and since it is
- 15 direct testimony, I will turn back to Mr. Fassburg in
- 16 just a moment to see what he thinks. Let me continue to
- 17 just look at the Commission's calendar.
- 18 Okay. Mr. Fassburg, let me -- let me hear
- 19 your thoughts about what Mr. Kenefick just brought up.
- 20 MR. FASSBURG: So if time were not a
- 21 concern, I would agree with that wholeheartedly in a
- 22 sense that we would want time after the order to prepare
- 23 our direct testimony so that we're not spending time on
- 24 that, and frankly, our client's money on that if it
- 25 turns out to be unnecessary.

- 1 At the same time, the -- the hearing
- 2 schedule will be protracted no matter what, and so we're
- 3 hoping not to do that if we can help it. And so
- 4 ultimately, it comes down to how much time does the
- 5 Commission really need to issue its order. If it needs
- 6 more than two weeks or three weeks, then we may want to
- 7 think about pushing back the dates a little bit, but I
- 8 know for the complainants, we don't want to protract
- 9 this any more than necessary.
- 10 JUDGE O'CONNELL: Understood.
- Is -- if when I discuss with the
- 12 Commissioners and I look at the Commission's
- availability, if we do want to push back the filing of
- 14 direct testimony by a week or two and subsequently move
- 15 back the -- well, and move back the subsequent dates by
- 16 a week or two, is -- is that running into any conflict
- 17 for the parties if we were to extend each of the
- 18 subsequent dates by the same amount of time or are there
- 19 conflicts that -- with parties that have been considered
- 20 in coming up with these particular dates?
- 21 MR. FASSBURG: I will say I don't personally
- 22 have any conflicts. I don't know that Mr. Wiley does,
- 23 and we didn't yet have a chance to confer with our
- 24 clients about hearing dates or availability for other
- 25 dates because the hearing date itself is obviously still

- 1 unknown. But I can say for the complainants, we're not
- 2 aware of any conflicts.
- JUDGE O'CONNELL: Ms. Goldman?
- 4 MS. GOLDMAN: Yeah, that's the same for me,
- 5 Your Honor. I would want a heads-up on if you're going
- 6 to have a hearing on a summary judgment. That is
- 7 something I would precisely like to check my calendar.
- 8 But generally bumping these by a week or two would not
- 9 be a problem for me.
- 10 JUDGE O'CONNELL: Typically the Commission
- 11 does not hold oral argument --
- MS. GOLDMAN: Okay.
- JUDGE O'CONNELL: -- for motions for summary
- 14 determination, and we had not planned on having that in
- 15 this proceeding.
- MS. GOLDMAN: Okay.
- 17 JUDGE O'CONNELL: So I think going forward
- 18 our expectation is not to have a hearing where there
- 19 would be oral argument. I think everything could be
- 20 done in writing given that we're -- we're allowing for
- 21 motions from both parties to make all of your arguments
- 22 and then response briefs to respond to the other
- 23 parties' arguments.
- 24 MR. WILEY: Your Honor, this is Dave Wiley.
- 25 I would say that I think once in my whole career of four

- 1 decades-plus at the Commission have they allowed oral
- 2 argument on motions in my experience, so I -- I totally
- 3 agree with you.
- 4 JUDGE O'CONNELL: Okay. So I -- I reviewed
- 5 the Commission's availability and judging by the -- the
- 6 discovery end date that the parties have given me until
- 7 middle of July, I would expect that we're looking at
- 8 somewhere in mid to late August for a potential hearing
- 9 or perhaps even the middle of September.
- 10 Given that the parties have not -- or sorry,
- 11 the representatives have not confirmed with all of the
- 12 parties' availability for a hearing date or for two
- days, what I would propose is that I take some time to
- 14 determine availability for the Commission for a handful
- 15 of dates around that timeline of late August, early
- 16 September and -- and, you know, perhaps a week or two
- 17 later than that depending on what the Commission decides
- 18 to do with the direct testimony filing. And then I
- 19 would send those options to the parties and ask that the
- 20 parties collaborate and determine whether there is an
- 21 agreeable date for hearing among the options that the
- 22 Commission has available.
- What are the parties' thoughts on that?
- 24 Mr. Fassburg.
- 25 MR. FASSBURG: I think that makes a lot of

- 1 sense. Obviously this year being a little different
- 2 with vacation schedules, but nonetheless kids are out of
- 3 school then and we'd like to make sure witnesses will be
- 4 available, so I like that.
- 5 JUDGE O'CONNELL: Ms. Goldman?
- 6 MS. GOLDMAN: Your Honor, I have a college
- 7 student who I'm very much hoping to return out of my
- 8 house to college in August, and I have no idea when
- 9 that's going to happen. So my preference, my strong
- 10 preference given that I just don't know what that will
- 11 be will be to push it into the second week of September
- 12 or later to give me the wiggle room needed that I'm
- 13 going to have to drive. So that would be my request.
- JUDGE O'CONNELL: That may be necessary
- 15 anyway depending on what the Commission decides to do
- 16 with the direct testimony filing date. But I understand
- 17 that and, you know, we'll try to come up with a hearing
- 18 date that works for everyone, all parties and their
- 19 representatives, and I would like that date to be
- 20 agreeable for all parties. But at the end of the day,
- 21 we're going to set a date determined based upon the
- 22 Commission's availability is the primary concern.
- So what I would like to do, I would like to
- 24 take the dates that the parties have proposed under
- 25 advisement. I will discuss them with the Commissioners

- 1 and confirm with Commission availability in, you know,
- 2 that timeframe of late August, September. If it gets
- 3 pushed back by a couple weeks, it might be even late
- 4 September.
- 5 So I'm going to be giving the parties
- 6 several options based upon what the Commission decides
- 7 we want to do with the direct testimony filing and the
- 8 Commission's availability for a hearing in that
- 9 timeframe.
- 10 We will take into consideration conflicts
- 11 that the parties bring up like thank you, Ms. Goldman,
- 12 we will -- we will take that into consideration your
- 13 concern. I will get those options and I will send them
- 14 to the parties via email, and then I will use the
- 15 information from the parties as to whether there can be
- 16 agreement on any of those dates, and then I will include
- 17 that in a procedural order which will memorialize the
- 18 dates and outline them for going forward in this
- 19 proceeding.
- 20 So with that understanding, is there
- 21 anything else that we should discuss today?
- MR. FASSBURG: Nothing from the
- 23 complainants.
- MS. GOLDMAN: Nothing from the respondents.
- 25 Thank you, Your Honor.

- 1 MR. KENEFICK: Andrew Kenefick from Waste
- 2 Management. I am trying to recall whether we had a
- 3 protective order put in place, because as we will be
- 4 entering into a discovery phase and I would be expecting
- 5 a discovery that might be inquiring into proprietary
- 6 information, competitive information, we are competitors
- 7 obviously, that we have a protective order.
- 8 I concede I am not as familiar with the
- 9 protective order procedures as I know Mr. Wiley would
- 10 be, but I know we would want to be seeking a protective
- 11 order with respect to competitive information.
- JUDGE O'CONNELL: Well, before I hear from
- 13 Mr. Wiley and Mr. Fassburg from the respondents, am I --
- 14 I want to confirm that I understand what I'm hearing,
- 15 that you expect that discovery may likely include
- 16 information that is confidential or sensitive in a
- 17 business nature; is that correct?
- 18 MR. KENEFICK: Correct.
- JUDGE O'CONNELL: Okay.
- MR. KENEFICK: Yes.
- JUDGE O'CONNELL: And would -- Mr. Fassburg,
- 22 I'm not sure if you're familiar with the different types
- 23 of protective orders that the Commission typically
- 24 issues. Would a standard protective order from the
- 25 Commission satisfy your concerns, which is it contains

- 1 provisions for the sharing of confidential information,
- 2 but not highly confidential information, which is an
- 3 additional protection, which from what I'm hearing from
- 4 you does not apply, but I want to ask if a standard
- 5 protective order would resolve your concerns.
- 6 MR. FASSBURG: So in terms of the different
- 7 forms of the Commission orders, Mr. Kenefick was right
- 8 that Mr. Wiley is certainly the expert on that topic. I
- 9 will say I wouldn't imagine it would need to be anything
- 10 protecting highly confidential information. And I think
- if I -- if I understand correctly, it won't be my
- 12 client's information that will be at issue in this
- 13 proceeding. If Mr. Kenefick believes they need a
- 14 protective order and that a standard protective order is
- 15 sufficient, I imagine it would be.
- The information we're seeking won't include
- 17 the proprietary information I don't believe. We will be
- 18 seeking documents that would likely include proprietary
- 19 information. And so if -- if a standard protective
- 20 order gives him that protection, I think it's probably
- 21 adequate.
- Dave, do you have anything you wanted to
- 23 chime in on?
- 24 MR. WILEY: Yes, I -- I concur with that
- 25 analysis, and I have not seen a highly confidential

- 1 protective order ever issued in a transportation case.
- 2 So I -- I can't imagine that -- that there's anything
- 3 but a conventional one that issues -- the form order,
- 4 Your Honor, that -- that issues typically.
- 5 JUDGE O'CONNELL: Mr. Wiley --
- 6 [Multiple speakers.]
- 7 MR. KENEFICK: If I could --
- JUDGE O'CONNELL: Mr. Kenefick, go ahead.
- 9 MR. KENEFICK: Yes, if -- it -- it may be
- 10 fine to have a -- and I'm -- I'm not a student of the
- 11 protective order, so the -- the major concern I have is
- 12 that if Murrey's insists upon Waste Management or the
- 13 haulers disclosing pricing information, that
- 14 information -- and they insist on that being disclosed
- 15 without it being redacted from documents, then we would
- 16 need to have a protective order that would preclude them
- 17 from sharing it even with their clients, because
- 18 obviously if their clients know what pricing we've
- 19 offered to customers, that would put us into a
- 20 significant competitive disadvantage.
- On the other hand, if we're going into this
- 22 acknowledging that pricing information should it --
- 23 should it appear in a document requested could be
- 24 redacted and they're not going to be fighting over
- 25 whether or not we have to produce pricing information to

- 1 the attorneys representing Murrey's that might be shared
- 2 with the Murrey's clients themselves. You know, if the
- 3 redaction is fine, then just I -- I assume a regular
- 4 protective order would be adequate.
- 5 JUDGE O'CONNELL: Let me -- let me step in
- 6 here to explain. The Commission's standard protective
- 7 order has two appendices. One is an attorney agreement
- 8 for being able to view confidential -- or information
- 9 that is marked confidential.
- 10 The second is a nondisclosure agreement for
- 11 a witness to view things that have been marked as
- 12 confidential.
- 13 The -- the -- the company that the
- 14 nondisclosure agreement protects would have the ability
- 15 to object to either being -- to any nondisclosure
- 16 agreement being signed and submitted. And there's a
- 17 procedure for that that is outlined in what would --
- 18 what I would issue as the protective order.
- 19 So when you're talking about information
- 20 that you wouldn't want to be available to some witnesses
- 21 but perhaps to attorneys, you, Mr. Kenefick, the company
- 22 would be able to object to someone who has signed a
- 23 nondisclosure agreement being able to access that
- 24 information.
- MR. KENEFICK: Okay. Thank you.

- 1 JUDGE O'CONNELL: Let me check back with
- 2 you. Does that satisfy your concerns knowing that you
- 3 would be able to know who would be seeing what?
- 4 MR. KENEFICK: Yes, that -- that sounds
- 5 right. And I'm also operating on the assumption that
- 6 even Murrey's lawyers would not be insisting on seeing
- 7 the pricing information, but they would simply want to
- 8 understand the contractual relationships.
- JUDGE O'CONNELL: Okay. Well, let's do it
- 10 this way. From what I've heard from the parties, I
- 11 think there's cause to issue a protective order. If it
- 12 turns out that the Commission's standard protective
- order is insufficient, the respondents could always move
- 14 for a highly confidential protective order. From what
- 15 I've seen, heard, or read of any transportation case
- 16 they usually don't have a highly confidential protective
- 17 order. But the Commission does -- is familiar with them
- 18 through other cases at the Commission. So that's why I
- 19 brought it up and I apologize if it's added confusion
- 20 for this, but --
- MR. KENEFICK: Thank you, Your Honor. That
- 22 should be adequate.
- JUDGE O'CONNELL: Okay. Thank you.
- Okay. So I will issue a protective order in
- 25 these consolidated dockets shortly, within a few days,

- 1 because I understand that discovery's going to begin.
- Okay. With that plus how I discussed I'm
- 3 going to move forward with the proposed dates for a
- 4 procedural schedule moving forward, is there anything
- 5 else from the parties we should discuss at this
- 6 conference?
- 7 Ms. Goldman.
- MS. GOLDMAN: No, Your Honor, we're fine.
- 9 Thank you so much for your time.
- JUDGE O'CONNELL: Okay.
- MR. KENEFICK: Your Honor, it appears that
- 12 Mr. Fassburg, we may have lost him.
- MR. WILEY: I'm here.
- JUDGE O'CONNELL: Mr. Wiley?
- MR. WILEY: Yes, nothing else from the
- 16 complainants, Your Honor, at this stage.
- 17 JUDGE O'CONNELL: Okay. Okay. Thank you.
- 18 Then with that, we will be adjourned for today. Thank
- 19 you and we're off the record.
- 20 (Adjourned at 10:41 a.m.)
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