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PREHEARING CONFERENCE

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1 JUDGE THOMPSON: Let's go ahead and please  
2 be on the record. Thank you.

3 Good afternoon. We are here today for a  
4 prehearing conference in Docket UT-250544. This case is  
5 captioned "In the Matter of the Application of Qwest  
6 Corporation doing business as CenturyLink QC, For an  
7 Order Authorizing the Transfer of Assets or a  
8 Determination That an Order Authorizing the Transfer is  
9 Not Required.

10 My name is Connor Thompson. I am an  
11 Administrative Law Judge with the Commission, and I will  
12 be presiding in this matter, along with Administrative  
13 Law Judge Ann Paisner, who is also on the line today.  
14 The Commissioners may preside in this matter. I have  
15 not made that determination yet, and we will do so after  
16 the prehearing conference today. Regardless, the  
17 Commissioners will not be joining us at this prehearing  
18 conference.

19 Let's go ahead and begin by taking appearances,  
20 and we will go ahead and begin with CenturyLink.

21 ADAM SHERR: Good afternoon, your Honor.  
22 Adam Sherr on behalf of CenturyLink.

23 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

24 And for Commission Staff.

25 JEFF ROBERSON: Good afternoon, Judge.

1 Jeff Roberson, AAG, appearing on behalf of Commission  
2 Staff.

3 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you very much.  
4 And for Public Counsel.

5 ROBERT SYKES: Good afternoon. Rob Sykes  
6 on behalf of Public Counsel.

7 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.  
8 And for Forged Fiber 37 LLC.

9 RICHARD BUSCH: Good afternoon. Richard  
10 Busch, Busch Law Firm, representing Forged Fiber 37.

11 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.  
12 And for Communication Workers of America,  
13 District 7.

14 HOOMAN HEDAYATI: Hello. Hooman Hedayati.  
15 I am here on behalf of CWA, District 7. And also, David  
16 Hyde, our district staff rep, is on the Zoom, as well.

17 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you very much.  
18 At this time, are there any other organizations  
19 on the call that want to give a verbal notice of  
20 appearance here today?

21 RICHARD BUSCH: If I may. On behalf of  
22 Forged Fiber, there are four additional observers: Anna  
23 Kapetanakos of AT&T; Carla Mascaro of AT&T; Isabelle  
24 Salgado of AT&T; and Maureen Jeffreys with Arnold  
25 & Porter.

1 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you very much.

2 Okay. That brings us to Petitions For  
3 Intervention. I believe we have already asked this, but  
4 I will ask one last time. Are there any Petitions for  
5 Intervention, other than those from Forged Fiber 37 LLC  
6 and from the Communications Workers of America, which  
7 have been filed in writing?

8 Okay. Hearing none, let's go ahead and  
9 proceed.

10 I have reviewed the Petitions to Intervene from  
11 both parties. At this point in time, I'd like to ask,  
12 are there any objections to either petition?

13 ADAM SHERR: Yes, your Honor. CenturyLink  
14 objects to the intervention of CWA.

15 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yeah. Go ahead. Please.

16 ADAM SHERR: Okay.

17 CWA has filed a Petition to Intervene. We were  
18 not served with that. It was only by happenstance that  
19 I happened to check the Commission docket late last week  
20 and noticed that it had been filed. CWA did not satisfy  
21 the requirements of WAC 480-07-355. Specifically,  
22 Subsection (1)(c)(iv) requires CWA to state whether they  
23 intend to broaden the scope of the proceeding. It's  
24 very clear that CWA is aiming to broaden the scope of  
25 the proceeding and lacks a substantial interest in the

1 proceeding.

2 This is actually a very narrow case. This is  
3 not a merger. This is not an acquisition. This is --  
4 what is before the Commission to consider here, at most,  
5 is the transfer of assets related to a relatively few  
6 number of fiber associated electronics -- that number  
7 can be found in paragraph 8 of the Petition, it's  
8 confidential, but it's a pretty small number -- that  
9 CenturyLink uses to provide voice service via the  
10 technology we refer to "POTS over PON." So that's plain  
11 old telephone service that is provided with fiber rather  
12 than over copper. It's a very small number relative to  
13 the number of voice customers. All those customers are  
14 going to remain our customers after the transfer, in  
15 terms of the voice service.

16 It's beyond the Commission's jurisdiction to  
17 consider the transfer of assets related to Internet  
18 services because the Commission doesn't regulate it. So  
19 the entirety of this transaction, which is a significant  
20 sized transaction, is not before the Commission. Really  
21 the only thing, at very most, that's before the  
22 Commission are these relatively few number of fibers  
23 that CenturyLink uses to provide voice service.

24 What CWA is asking is for the UTC to consider  
25 labor issues. Point you to paragraph -- I am sorry,



1 page 3. There were paragraph numbers in the -- in the  
2 Petition. But page 3 of CWA's Petition says AT&T has  
3 not committed to respecting the Collective Bargaining  
4 Agreements between CWA and Lumen for the small number of  
5 employees that are being transferred to AT&T. CWA is  
6 also concerned that the remaining workers at Lumen face  
7 the complete elimination of their good union jobs as  
8 Lumen exits the residential market in the next few  
9 years.

10 Leaving factual assumptions there aside. The  
11 Commission has repeatedly stated that it does not  
12 evaluate labor relations issues when considering -- at  
13 all. They specifically -- the Commission applies a zone  
14 of interest test to determine an organization's purpose  
15 and an interest protected by a Washington statute within  
16 the Commission's jurisdiction. The WUTC has  
17 consistently held that labor unions do not meet the  
18 standard. The union's primary purpose is as a  
19 bargaining representative of its members, and  
20 intervention here would serve its members' interests,  
21 such interests, related solely to collective bargaining  
22 issues, and not the jurisdiction of the Commission.

23 What I just read is really almost a direct  
24 quote from the Commission's Avista decision in Docket  
25 U-170970, Order Number 3, and that is from 2017. The

1 Commission said similar things in a Verizon case in  
2 2009. I can give you the reference for that, as well.  
3 It's UT-9- -- I'm sorry. UT-090842.

4 So the labor issues which CWA is asking to  
5 inject into this proceeding are beyond the Commission's  
6 jurisdiction and not a basis for an intervention.

7 The other issue that CWA mentions in passing,  
8 without any detail on its Petition, relates to service  
9 quality issues. And I -- Lumen would -- or, CenturyLink  
10 would put forward that CWA is not properly or uniquely  
11 qualified or positioned to address those issues;  
12 although, Counsel and Staff are in a superior position  
13 and fully sufficient to address those issues. As your  
14 Honor may know, there is an open service quality  
15 proceeding, a complaint filed by Staff, and so those  
16 issues are being considered. They don't need to be  
17 considered here. And to the extent they would, it would  
18 be extraordinarily narrow, again, to those few number of  
19 POTS over PON fiber customers, voice customers who will  
20 remain with CenturyLink.

21 If CWA is interested in staying close to this  
22 case, which it's absolutely entitled to, CenturyLink has  
23 no objection to CWA being involved an as interested  
24 person. That will not affect filings in the case,  
25 service, et cetera.

1           And as a final note, I would note that CWA is  
2     not represented by counsel. WAC 480-07-345(1) only  
3     permits employees of an organization to seek -- or, to  
4     represent an organization if the Commission permits it.  
5     I don't believe an attorney is present or an attorney  
6     filed the Petition, and there hasn't been a showing that  
7     the representatives who filed the Petition have the  
8     requisite degree of legal training, experience, or skill  
9     to appear in a representative capacity.

10           Thank you for allowing me to speak to the  
11     Petition. And CenturyLink asks the Commission to deny  
12     CWA's Petition for those reasons.

13           JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

14           Ms. Haworth, did you have a question something  
15     that was said?

16                     (Discussion off the record.)

17           JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

18           And I will give CWA an opportunity to respond.  
19     But prior to doing so, I just want to go around the rest  
20     of the room and see if there are any other objections to  
21     any of the Petitions to Intervene. I will go ahead and  
22     start with Staff.

23           JEFF ROBERSON: Staff has no objection to  
24     either of the Petitions.

25           JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

1 Public counsel?

2 ROBERT SYKES: Public Counsel has no  
3 objections.

4 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

5 And Forged Fiber?

6 RICHARD BUSCH: Thank you. We echo the  
7 comments from Adam, but more particularly, CWA raises  
8 two issues. The first is service quality but related  
9 precisely to broadband, the residential broadband market  
10 after the transaction would be completed. And as you  
11 know, the Commission does not regulate residential  
12 broadband. It is non-regulated service. So to the  
13 extent that there is service quality issues related to  
14 residential broadband post closing, it's not something  
15 that's within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

16 And likewise, the second reason they asked to  
17 intervene is for labor issues, which is beyond the  
18 Commission's jurisdiction. So we are on the same page  
19 as CenturyLink. Thank you.

20 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

21 And now, CWA, if you have any response to the  
22 objections, I'd appreciate hearing them.

23 HEDAYATI HOOMAN: Yes, your Honor. There  
24 was a lot of items mentioned, so I may miss some of  
25 them, but yes. First, I would like to just clarify a

1 minute to explain this in the first opportunity I got to  
2 speak that I don't -- I am not here -- I am not here as  
3 CWA's counsel. We are in the process of identifying the  
4 Washington State Bar attorney that would represent us in  
5 this docket. We saw the public notice published with a  
6 three-day deadline for intervention, so that's why we  
7 quickly submitted our intervention before having  
8 identified the counsel to make an appearance for us  
9 here.

10 But the specific issues that was mentioned.  
11 I'm trying to remember specific ones. We did mention we  
12 believe this transaction will cause harm to our CWA  
13 membership, but we are not interested to intervene just  
14 for that reason.

15 CWA also believes that this transaction, as  
16 structured, would harm consumers, meaning as in  
17 Washington state. We have concerns that Lumen, this --  
18 if this transaction, if approved, it will make it much  
19 easier for Lumen/CenturyLink to exit the residential  
20 consumer market in this state and around the country, so  
21 we believe these are things that needs to be fully  
22 investigated. CWA members have a lot of experience  
23 working maintaining networks for both AT&T and Lumen,  
24 and I believe CWA is able to contribute to the  
25 Commission's understanding of issues that are happening

1 here. CWA -- well, not in Washington state. We, our  
2 members and our locals, have intervened in many UTC  
3 service quality investigations or other telecom related  
4 dockets around the country, and we try to use our  
5 members' expertise to be able to provide information to  
6 help with the process.

7 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you for that.

8 I will take this under advisement, and we will  
9 make a ruling in the Prehearing Conference Order.

10 I just want to note and ask for input.  
11 CenturyLink is generally correct, as is Forged Fiber,  
12 that in the past, the Commission, in granting  
13 intervention to labor unions, has limited that  
14 intervention to include things such as service quality,  
15 safety, et cetera, and not considered labor issue  
16 disputes and Collective Bargaining Agreements, as that  
17 falls outside of the Commission's jurisdiction. And so  
18 if intervention were granted, does CenturyLink or any  
19 other party have any limiting factors that they would  
20 ask the Commission place on CWA's potential  
21 intervention?

22 ADAM SHERR: Thank you, your Honor.

23 Obviously, we ask that -- your Honor to deny  
24 intervention. But if limited intervention is allowed,  
25 then as Mr. Busch said on behalf of Forged Fiber,

1 participation has to be limited to jurisdictional assets  
2 and jurisdictional issues. So we are -- really, again,  
3 are focusing on that small number of -- that small  
4 number of customer connections -- or partial customer  
5 connections that are being sold to AT&T here. We think  
6 the number can be added to the Petition.

7 To the extent there are service quality issues  
8 that related to those few number, then it certainly  
9 would be a focus. Again, I think Public Counsel and  
10 Staff are perfectly capable and competent to consider  
11 this.

12 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you.

13 Does any other party have anything to add on  
14 that point?

15 RICHARD BUSCH: Nothing further for Forged  
16 Fiber. Thank you.

17 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you. As mentioned,  
18 I will take that under advisement, and we will rule on  
19 CWA's intervention in the Prehearing Conference Order.

20 I do not believe that I have received a  
21 proposed schedule before today's conference call. Have  
22 the parties had an opportunity to discuss a proposed  
23 schedule in this matter?

24 ADAM SHERR: Your Honor, yes. CenturyLink  
25 just proposed a schedule to Public Counsel and to Staff.

1 We did get some feedback. I didn't receive any feedback  
2 from Public Counsel, got some feedback from Staff, but  
3 we are, as of this moment, not on the same page --

4 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay.

5 ADAM SHERR: -- I think it's fair to say.

6 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. Would it be  
7 helpful for me to go off the call for a brief period of  
8 time so that the parties can discuss the procedural  
9 schedule, and then a member of Staff or Counsel can let  
10 me know when the parties are ready for me to come back  
11 on?

12 JEFF ROBERSON: I think that would be  
13 helpful.

14 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. Wonderful.

15 And Mr. Roberson, would you send me a message  
16 when you are ready for me to return?

17 JEFF ROBERSON: (Nodded.)

18 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. Wonderful. Let's  
19 go ahead and be off the record at this point in time,  
20 and I will leave the Zoom room at this point in time.

21 ADAM SHERR: Thank you, judge.

22 (Short recess.)

23 JUDGE THOMPSON: Let's go ahead and please  
24 be back on the record.

25 Okay. Have the parties agreed to a procedural



1 schedule or are we still at an impasse on a procedural  
2 schedule at this point?

3 ADAM SHERR: Yes, your Honor, we have.

4 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. Wonderful. And  
5 for the sake of the record, Mr. Sherr, would you mind  
6 reading that into the record.

7 ADAM SHERR: I'd be happy to, and I will  
8 also email it to your Honor and the parties afterwards  
9 if that would make it easier.

10 JUDGE THOMPSON: That would be much  
11 appreciated. Thank you.

12 ADAM SHERR: Okay. And I am going to try  
13 to speak slowly, but please slow me down.

14 The first date on the schedule will be the  
15 application filed, which was July 7, 2025.

16 Prehearing conference August 11, 2025.

17 CenturyLink and AT&T testimony and exhibits  
18 August 22, 2025.

19 Parties-only settlement conference October 1,  
20 2025.

21 Response testimony from Staff, Public Counsel,  
22 and Interveners, if any, November 21, 2025. And at that  
23 point, discovery responses will reduce from 10 business  
24 days to seven business days.

25 Next, CenturyLink and AT&T rebuttal and Staff,

1 Public Counsel, Intervener cross-answering testimony  
2 would be December 19, 2025, and, at that point,  
3 discovery responses reducing from seven to five business  
4 days.

5 A discovery deadline of December 30, 2025.

6 The exhibit lists, cross-examination exhibits,  
7 witness lists, time estimates, and exhibit errata on  
8 January 9, 2026.

9 And an evidentiary hearing with closing  
10 arguments in lieu of post hearing briefs on January 15  
11 and 16, 2026. It may be that it only needs one day, but  
12 just to be safe, we would ask the Commission to schedule  
13 two days.

14 And that is the hearing. That is the schedule  
15 we have agreed on.

16 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. Wonderful. Thank  
17 you.

18 Before we move on, I would just like to get a  
19 sense from the parties. I mentioned earlier that we  
20 have not yet determined whether or not the Commissioners  
21 will be presiding on this case. And I am not asking for  
22 any party to take a firm position. You won't be held to  
23 this at a later point in time. But is it -- Staff --  
24 particularly, for Staff and Public Counsel. Do you  
25 believe we are going to get to the evidentiary hearing

1 or is this similar in nature to perhaps the transfer  
2 that just was finished up a couple of weeks ago where  
3 Staff and Public Counsel need to be able to get into the  
4 data before making a determination on the overall case?

5 JEFF ROBERSON: Yeah. Speaking for Staff,  
6 they have seen the Petition but none of the underlying  
7 data. They don't really want to opine on the potential  
8 for settlement at this point.

9 ROBERT SYKES: And Public Counsel is going  
10 to need to see the underlying data too.

11 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you. I  
12 appreciate that. And the reason I ask is just so that I  
13 can go back to the Commissioners and let them know my  
14 assessment of whether or not I believe they will be  
15 needed in this proceeding.

16 I appreciate the parties coming to a procedural  
17 schedule. I will note that if the Commissioners are  
18 going to be presiding during the evidentiary hearing, I  
19 will need to check their calendars and insure that the  
20 proposed hearing date works for the Commissioner  
21 calendars.

22 JEFF ROBERSON: So, Judge Thompson, to the  
23 extent it matters, Staff is fine with the initial  
24 hearing being in front of two presiding ALJs or one  
25 presiding ALJ. I don't know that we necessarily prefer

1 that the Commissioners sit for this one.

2 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you for  
3 that. Does any other party have a position on that  
4 topic?

5 I see head shakes. Okay. Well, thank you very  
6 much. We will go ahead and clarify in the Prehearing  
7 Conference Order whether the Commissioners intend to sit  
8 or not, and I will take a look at their calendars to see  
9 if there is any conflicts, and perhaps let the parties  
10 know if there are any conflicts, prior to issuing the  
11 Prehearing Conference Order so that if that weighs on  
12 whether or not the party has a preference for the  
13 Commissioners sitting or not, that can be made known at  
14 that point in time.

15 Okay. For data requests. We have already  
16 discussed deadlines and shortening those deadlines  
17 throughout the proceeding, and we will incorporate those  
18 in the procedural schedule.

19 I am also aware that parties often request that  
20 any data requests and responses be shared with every  
21 other party. Would it make it easier on the parties to  
22 include such a requirement in the Prehearing Conference  
23 Order?

24 JEFF ROBERSON: From Staff's perspective,  
25 yes.

1 ADAM SHERR: Agreed. From CenturyLink  
2 perspective, yes.

3 ROBERT SYKES: Agreed.

4 ADAM SHERR: If I could ask real quickly.  
5 So I am just making sure you're invoking the discovery  
6 rule. We'd request you to do that. I just want to  
7 confirm that that would be part of the Prehearing  
8 Conference Order.

9 JUDGE THOMPSON: That's correct.

10 ADAM SHERR: Thank you. Appreciate that.

11 JUDGE THOMPSON: And for Forged Fiber?

12 RICHARD BUSCH: That is correct.

13 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. Wonderful.

14 And CWA?

15 HEDAYATI HOOMAN: Yes.

16 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you.

17 Would the parties like a Protective Order in  
18 this docket?

19 ADAM SHERR: Yes, your Honor.  
20 CenturyLink --

21 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. We will go ahead  
22 and issue a separate Protective Order.

23 ADAM SHERR: If I may ask a question  
24 regarding that, your Honor?

25 JUDGE THOMPSON: Please do.

1 ADAM SHERR: The application filed by  
2 CenturyLink does include some confidential information.  
3 I believe, if memory serves, we referenced the rule and  
4 not a Protective Order. That didn't yet exist. I don't  
5 know if it's necessary to go back and refile it with  
6 references to the Protective Order or if the labeling  
7 that's on it is sufficient.

8 JUDGE THOMPSON: We can address that in  
9 the Protective Order, I think, similar in nature to what  
10 we did in the Protective Order in the other CenturyLink  
11 proceeding before the Commission now where we referenced  
12 that, those confidential designations, so they didn't  
13 have to be redone.

14 ADAM SHERR: That works great. Thank you  
15 so much.

16 JUDGE THOMPSON: You're welcome.  
17 Okay. Electronic filing and electronic  
18 service. The Commission requires electronic filing of  
19 documents for formal proceedings. We will also be  
20 requiring -- well, we typically require the parties to  
21 submit five paper copies of testimony, exhibits, and  
22 briefs within two business days of electronically filing  
23 these same documents. Typically, spreadsheets and  
24 models are exempted if they exceed five pages.

25 Do the parties have a preference for waiving

1 paper copies in this proceeding?

2 ADAM SHERR: CenturyLink has that  
3 preference, your Honor.

4 JUDGE THOMPSON: As to Staff?

5 JEFF ROBERSON: Yeah.

6 ROBERT SYKES: Public Counsel agrees.

7 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you very much.

8 RICHARD BUSCH: Forged Fiber agrees.

9 JUDGE THOMPSON: And CWA?

10 HEDAYATI HOOMAN: Same for CW, yes.

11 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you. We  
12 will go ahead and waive the paper requirement at this  
13 point in time. I will note that if the Commissioners  
14 are presiding in this docket, that may be amended later  
15 on. If we are planning on an ALJ-only evidentiary  
16 hearing on January 15th and 16th, then we will make due  
17 with electronic copies.

18 ADAM SHERR: Your Honor, I have one just  
19 small administrative matter, if I could ask. I don't  
20 believe I am on the service list for the case. I  
21 didn't -- I'd just ask if you could confirm that I am on  
22 it along with Bill Magness, who signed the application,  
23 as well, on behalf of CenturyLink.

24 JUDGE THOMPSON: I will check on that in  
25 just a moment. Yes.

1 ADAM SHERR: I appreciate that.

2 JUDGE THOMPSON: I will note that the  
3 Commission's rules provide for electronic service, and  
4 we do ask that parties serve one another electronically  
5 when making a filing at the Commission.

6 In regards to the service list. You should be  
7 able to find that under the docket number for this  
8 proceeding. And service would need to be made on all of  
9 those individuals listed on the service list.

10 That brings us to the service list. If any  
11 party has not yet designated a lead representative for  
12 service, please do so via email me -- via email to me or  
13 Judge Paisner. My email is  
14 "Connor.Thompson@utc.wa.gov." That's  
15 C-o-n-n-o-r.T-h-o-m-p-s-o-n-@-u-t-c.w-a.g-o-v. And  
16 Judge Paisner's email is "Ann.Paisner@utc.wa.gov."  
17 "Paisner" is P-a-i-s-n-e-r. I will check the service  
18 list here in just a second for representatives for  
19 CenturyLink.

20 If you have or would like to add names or email  
21 addresses for other representatives or support staff who  
22 should receive electronic courtesy copies of all  
23 documents filed in this proceeding, please email that to  
24 us, as well.

25 We have established a deadline for errata



1 sheets, and so I don't believe that we need to go over  
2 that at this point in time. I will just check the  
3 docket and the service list. If you could bear with me  
4 for a moment.

5 JEFF ROBERSON: Records has Mr. Sherr. He  
6 is on the service list.

7 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. I am seeing that,  
8 as well. And we will go ahead and have Mr. Magness  
9 added, as well.

10 ADAM SHERR: I appreciate that very much.

11 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. At this point in  
12 time, I do want to go back to Interveners and  
13 intervention.

14 I remembered, while I was off the Zoom, that I  
15 have not made a ruling on the intervention of Forged  
16 Fiber. I will grant Forged Fiber 37 LLC status as an  
17 Intervener, as no party objected to Forged Fiber's  
18 intervention and they sufficiently laid out their  
19 interest in this proceeding in their Petition to  
20 Intervene.

21 As mentioned earlier, I will continue to take  
22 CWA's intervention under advisement and include a ruling  
23 on that in the Prehearing Conference Order.

24 Is there anything else we need to address  
25 today? I will just go ahead and start with CenturyLink.

1 ADAM SHERR: No. Thank you, your Honor.  
2 I appreciate it.

3 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you.  
4 Staff?

5 JEFF ROBERSON: Not from Staff.

6 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay.  
7 Public Counsel?

8 ROBERT SYKES: Nothing from Public  
9 Counsel.

10 JUDGE THOMPSON: Forged Fiber?

11 RICHARD BUSCH: Nothing from Forged Fiber.  
12 Thank you.

13 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you.  
14 And CWA?

15 HEDAYATI HOOMAN: Nothing from CWA.

16 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you very  
17 much.

18 We will plan on issuing an Order shortly  
19 containing the procedural schedule and other guidelines  
20 for the disposition of this case.

21 CWA, if you obtain counsel and have them  
22 intervene on your behalf in this docket and enter their  
23 appearance, we will take that into consideration if it  
24 occurs before issuance of the Prehearing Conference  
25 Order.

1                   And with that, we are adjourned. Thank you  
2                   very much.

3                   And we can go off the record.

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