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Page 5 JUDGE DOROSHKIN: Staff? MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Jennifer Cameron-Rulkowski, Assistant Attorney General, appearing on behalf of Staff. And my full appearance is on file. JUDGE DOROSHKIN: Public Counsel? MS. SUETAKE: Nina Suetake on behalf of Public Counsel. JUDGE DOROSHKIN: The Alliance of Western Energy Consumers or AWEC? MR. BROOKS: This is Tommy Brooks from Cable Huston on behalf of AWEC. JUDGE DOROSHKIN: And then The Energy Project?

MR. FFITCH: Good afternoon, Your Honors. Simon ffitch, Attorney, appearing on behalf of The Energy Project. And my information is contained in the notice of appearance and petition to intervene.

JUDGE DOROSHKIN: Okay. So that brings us to the petitions for intervention unless there are any other parties, but I don't believe there are.

So are there any petitions for intervention other than the ones that have been filed in writing? Hearing none, we will proceed.

We have reviewed the petitions to intervene of AWEC and The Energy Project. There were no written

electronic courtesy copies of all the documents filed in this proceeding, please email that to us as well.

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Regarding electronic filing and electronic service, the Commission requires electronic filing of documents for formal filings. In this proceeding, the Commission will also require the filing of an original and five paper copies for internal distribution. If filings include information designated as confidential, please file the original and five copies of fully unredacted version -- of the fully unredacted version. No paper copy is necessary for any partly redacted or fully redacted version. Please file those versions only in electronic format.

Commission's rules provide for electronic service of documents. The Commission will serve the parties electronically and the parties will serve each other electronically. When serving the parties, please also send courtesy copies of the filings to Judge Pearson and me.

Finally, we will get to the procedural schedule. So we were given a proposed procedural schedule prior to going on the record in this prehearing conference. Is there a consensus on this proposal?

MS. RACKNER: Yes.

JUDGE DOROSHKIN: There is? Okay.

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objections filed to these petitions. Are there any objections that anyone would like to present here? Hearing no objections, the petitions to intervene are granted.

Regarding a protective order, one has been issued in this docket.

Regarding discovery, WAC 480-07-05 -- 405, Section 2, requires parties to serve all data requests upon all parties in this case -- or in a case. Does any party object to the Commission making the exchange of data request responses a requirement for parties in discovery in this case? Okay. Hearing none, we'll incorporate that requirement into the prehearing conference order.

Regarding designated persons for service, if any party has not yet designated a lead representative for service, please do so via an email to me and Judge Pearson as soon as possible, preferably by the end of the day today. So our email addresses are nelli.doroshkin@utc.wa.gov, and Judge Pearson's is rayne.pearson@utc.wa.gov.

And then we also have support staff who may be added to the service list. So if you would like to add names and email addresses of any other representatives or support staff who should receive MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: This is Jennifer Cameron-Rulkowski and my understanding is this is an agreed schedule.

JUDGE DOROSHKIN: Okay. Then, Ms. Cameron-Rulkowski, could you please read the proposed schedule into the record?

MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Certainly, Your Honor. Settlement conference, April 22nd; response testimony, June 10; circulation of joint issues matrix, June 13; settlement conference, June 20th; rebuttal and cross-answering testimony, July 22nd. We have a placeholder for a public comment hearing, date and location to be determined; filing of the joint issues matrix, July 26th; discovery deadline, July twenty -- also July 26th; filing of cross-examination exhibits, August 7; evidentiary hearing, August 14 and 15; initial briefs, September 26th; reply briefs, October 10th.

And that's the substantive portion of the procedural schedule, and I would be happy to email a copy of this to -- to both of you.

JUDGE DOROSHKIN: Okay. Please do so. Regarding the public comment hearing, so WAC 480-90-197 requires the prehearing conference order to address the timing, location, and amount of notice to the public or customers of the public comment hearing.

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1	If the date and address of the public comment hearing is	1	CERTIFICATE
2	not yet determined, as it is not here, the parties will	2	
3	need to submit notice of to the Commission of the	3	STATE OF WASHINGTON
4	date, time, and address of the public comment hearing	4	COUNTY OF THURSTON
5	when it is determined.	5	
6	So we will note in the prehearing conference	6	I, Tayler Garlinghouse, a Certified Shorthand
7	order, unless the parties have any objections, the	7	Reporter in and for the State of Washington, do hereby
8	following; that the public comment hearing will be held	8	certify that the foregoing transcript is true and
9	before any hearing on the final disposition of the case,	9	accurate to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.
10	that it will be held in Clark County, and that customers	10	2010
11	will receive at least 30 days' notice of the public	11	
12	comment hearing. And the notice will contain	12	
13	information required under WAC 480-90-197. Are there	13	Jayla Garlinghouse
14	any objections to those requirements in the prehearing	14	Tayler Garlinghouse, CCR 3358
15	order?	15	
16	Okay. Under WAC 480-07-461(b), the deadline	16	
17	for filing errata sheets to exhibits may be established	17	
18	in the prehearing conference order. Are there any party	18	
19	objections to setting the deadline a week prior to the	19	
20	evidentiary hearing?	20	
21	MS. RACKNER: Nothing.	21	
22	JUDGE DOROSHKIN: Okay. We'll incorporate	22	
23	that into the prehearing conference order as well. So	23	
24	including the errata filing deadline, we will	24	
25	incorporate the parties' proposed schedule into the	25	
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1	prehearing conference order.		
2	All right. Is there anything else that we		
3	need to address today?		
4	MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Not from Staff, Your		
5	Honors.		
6	MS. RACKNER: None here.		
7	MS. SUETAKE: None from Public Counsel.		
8	JUDGE DOROSHKIN: Anything from the		
9	representatives on the bridge line?		
10	MR. BROOKS: Nothing for AWEC.		
11	MR. FFITCH: Nothing for Energy Project.		
12	JUDGE DOROSHKIN: Okay. Then we'll issue an		
13	order shortly containing the procedural schedule and the		
14	other guidelines for the disposition of the case that we		
15	discussed here. We are adjourned. Thank you.		
16	(Adjourned at 1:40 p.m.)		
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