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Page 21 Page 23 1 1 Coie, representing Cascade. staff who should receive electronic courtesy copies of 2 JUDGE DOYLE: Thank you. 2 all documents filed in this proceeding, please email 3 3 And for Staff? that to us as well. 4 MR. CALLAGHAN: Thank you, Your Honor. Nash 4 And for data requests, because parties often 5 Callaghan, appearing on behalf of Commission Staff. My 5 request that any data requests and responses are shared 6 pronouns are he/him. 6 with every other party, it would make this easier on the 7 JUDGE DOYLE: Thank you. 7 parties to include this requirement in the prehearing 8 8 And for Public Counsel? conference order. 9 MS. PAISNER: Good morning. This is Ann 9 Is there any objection to including that 10 10 Paisner, with the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington requirement? Okay. Attorney General's Office. And my pronouns are she/her. 11 11 MS. BARNETT: No. 12 JUDGE DOYLE: Thank you. 12 JUDGE DOYLE: Great. Hearing none, we will 13 13 And for the Alliance of Western Energy be including that. 14 Consumers, or AWEC? 14 For the procedural schedule, we have two 15 15 MR. STOKES: Good morning. Chad Stokes, sets of dates the parties can choose from for the 16 from the Cable Huston law firm, on behalf of the 16 evidentiary hearing. Those dates are November 8 and 17 Alliance of Western Energy Consumers. And I use he/him. 17 9th, 2022, or November -- November 17th and 18th, 2022. 18 18 Thank you. If the parties select the earlier hearing 19 JUDGE DOYLE: Thank you. 19 dates, rebuttal testimony will be due on October 11th. 20 20 That brings us to petitions for And if the parties select the later dates, rebuttal 21 intervention. Are there any petitions for intervention 21 testimony will be due October 20th. 22 other than AWEC's petition, which is filed in this 22 JUDGE PEARSON: Sorry, Judge Doyle. This is 23 Judge Pearson. I just wanted to clarify one thing. docket? 23 Okay. Hearing none, let's proceed. When we had initially set those dates aside, we were 24 24 25 We've reviewed AWEC's petition, and there 25 anticipating the parties asking two days, but it looks Page 22 Page 24 1 like, from Staff's email this morning, that they only 1 are no written objections to it that have been made. 2 2 anticipate one day. Does anyone wish to object orally? 3 MR. CALLAGHAN: No objections from Staff, 3 Mr. Callaghan, can you confirm that that's 4 Your Honor. 4 correct, that the parties only anticipate needing one 5 JUDGE DOYLE: Okay. Hearing none, AWEC's 5 day? 6 petition to intervene is granted. 6 MR. CALLAGHAN: That's just from Staff, Your 7 7 Honor, but, yes, Staff only anticipates needing one day Just to cover electronic filing and 8 electronic service, I want to remind the parties that 8 for an evidentiary hearing in this case. 9 the Commission requires electronic filing of documents 9 JUDGE PEARSON: So when the parties confer, 10 if you all decide -- end up deciding that you need two 10 for formal filings and will waive paper filing 11 requirements for this case due to the ongoing COVID-19 11 days, that's why we put those two days back-to-back, or 12 12 you can pick one of those four days. I just wanted to pandemic. 13 13 clarify that. Thank you. Also, the Commission's rules provide for 14 electronic service of documents. The Commission will 14 MR. CALLAGHAN: Thank you, Your Honor. JUDGE DOYLE: Thank you, Judge Pearson. 15 serve the parties electronically, and the parties will 15 16 serve each other electronically. 16 Okay. Well, with that, we will take a brief 17 And in regards to designated person for 17 recess to allow the parties time to check their 18 service, if any party has not yet designated a lead calendars and discuss their preferences between the two 18 representative for service, please do so via an email to sets of hearing dates and select the remaining 19 19 20 me and Judge Pearson as soon as possible. My email is 20 procedural dates as well, including a date for a first 21 samantha.doyle@utc.wa.gov, and Judge Pearson's email is 21 settlement conference and a date for a public comment 22 22 rayne.pearson@utc.wa.gov. hearing. 23 23 Mr. Callaghan, will you please alert us in And for the service list additions for 24 24 the chat for this meeting when the parties are ready? support staff, if anyone would like to add names and 25 email addresses of other representatives or support 25 MR. CALLAGHAN: Yes, Your Honor.

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2	JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So we can be off the	2	To address errata sheets, under
3	record.	3	WAC 480-07-461(b), the deadline for filing errata sheets
4	(Recess taken from 9:36 a.m.	4	to exhibits may be established in the order and okay.
5	until 9:49 a.m.)	5	That was perfect. Okay. Sorry. I was just
6	JUDGE DOYLE: Let's be back on the record.	6	double-checking.
7	It's approximately 9:50.	7	Does anyone have an objection to setting a
8	Okay. And after the parties had an	8	deadline for the week prior to the evidentiary hearing?
9	opportunity to look at their calendars and confer,	9	MR. CALLAGHAN: No, Your Honor.
10	Mr. Callaghan, will you let us know which dates the	10	JUDGE DOYLE: Okay. So hearing none, we
11	parties prefer?	11	will incorporate that date into the prehearing
12	MR. CALLAGHAN: Yes, Your Honor. So the	12	conference as well.
13	parties were able to come to an agreement on Staff's	13	Is there anything that we need to address
14	proposed procedural schedule, with a few changes.	14	before we adjourn today?
15	So that would include changing the	15	MS. PAISNER: Excuse me, Your Honor. I
16	evidentiary hearing to November 17th. That would also	16	apologize. I just would like to confirm that the
17	include changing the second settlement conference to	17	rebuttal testimony date is October 20th? I believe that
18	September 30th.	18	was the later option, if we chose the later hearing
19	And we would also ask that the DR response	19	dates, but I realized I wasn't clear on my note.
20	times be changed after the response testimony is filed.	20	JUDGE DOYLE: Yes, you're correct.
21	Originally, in my email, I had included five days, but	21	October 20th was the later date.
22	the parties asked for seven.	22	MS. PAISNER: Thanks.
23	And I believe those are all the changes.	23	JUDGE DOYLE: Sorry I didn't clarify that.
24	Your Honor	24	Thank you.
25	JUDGE DOYLE: I was on mute, yes.	25	Okay. With that, we will issue an order
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