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2 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: We're here this
3 morning in Docket DW 20-117 for a prehearing
4 conference regarding the Hampstead Area Water
5 Company, Incorporated, Request for Change in
6 Rates.

7 We have to make some findings because
8 this is a remote hearing.

9 As Chairwoman of the Public Utilities
10 Commission, I find that due to the State of
11 Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of
12 the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with the
13 Governor's Emergency Order Number 12, pursuant to
14 Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is
15 authorized to meet electronically. Please note
16 that there is no physical location to observe and
17 listen contemporaneously to this hearing, which
18 was authorized pursuant to the Governor's
19 Emergency Order.

20 However, in accordance with the
21 Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are
22 utilizing Webex for this electronic hearing. All
23 members of the Commission have the ability to
24 communicate contemporaneously during this

1 hearing, and the public has access to
2 contemporaneously listen and, if necessary,
3 participate.

4 We previously gave notice to the public
5 of the necessary information for accessing the
6 hearing in the Order of Notice. If anyone has a
7 problem during the hearing, please call (603)
8 271-2431. In the event the public is unable to
9 access the hearing, the hearing will be adjourned
10 and rescheduled.

11 Okay. We have to take roll call
12 attendance. My name is Dianne Martin. I am the
13 Chairwoman of the Public Utilities Commission.
14 And I am alone.

15 Commissioner Bailey.

16 CMSR. BAILEY: Good morning. Kathryn
17 Bailey, Commissioner at the Public Utilities
18 Commission. And I am alone.

19 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. And let's
20 take appearances. Starting with Hampstead Area
21 Water Company, who do we have for the Company
22 today?

23 MR. AUGERI: Good morning. This is
24 Attorney Tony Augeri. Along with me for the

1 Company is Chris Lewis -- Christine Lewis Morse,
2 Harold Morse, Vice President and President,
3 respectively; Charlie Lanza, General Manager;
4 John Sullivan, Controller; and Stephen St. Cyr,
5 outside consultant.

6 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Thank you,
7 Mr. Augeri. And for the OCA?

8 MS. SHUTE: Thank you, Chairwoman
9 Martin and Commissioner Bailey. My name is
10 Christa Shute. I'm a Staff Attorney for the
11 Office of the Consumer Advocate, here on behalf
12 of residential ratepayers.

13 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Thank you.
14 And for Staff?

15 MR. TUOMALA: Thank you. And good
16 morning, Madam Chairwoman, Commissioner Bailey.
17 My name is Christopher Tuomala. I'm a Staff
18 Attorney at the New Hampshire Public Utilities
19 Commission, representing the Staff of the New
20 Hampshire Public Utilities Commission. In the
21 audience, I have several members of the Water and
22 Gas Division staff, including Anthony Leone and
23 Robyn Descoteau. We don't anticipate having them
24 in the prehearing conference today, but they are

1 available for the Commission, if it so pleases.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Thank you.

4 And we have a couple of pending
5 interventions. Can those who have petitioned to
6 intervene please identify yourself and state who
7 you represent for the record? Let's start with
8 Ms. Steele.

9 MS. STEELE: Hi. This is Karen Steele.
10 I'm an Atkinson resident.

11 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Thank you,
12 Ms. Steele. And I also have the Atkinson Board
13 of Selectmen. Is someone here for them?

14 MR. CRESSMAN: David Cressman, for the
15 Atkinson Selectmen, Town Administrator.

16 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Thank you.
17 Anybody else?

18 MR. BALDWIN: Bill Baldwin, Selectman
19 for the Town of Atkinson.

20 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. All right.
21 If that's everyone that we have for intervenors,
22 then I wanted to note that we do, I apologize,
23 but we do need to take a quick break at 10:25.
24 And, so, I will just remind everyone of that at

1 10:25.

2 And then, we -- on the motions to
3 intervene, I wanted to hear if anybody has
4 objections to those?

5 MR. AUGERI: Madam Chairwoman, the
6 Hampstead Area Water Company does not have any
7 objections.

8 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Thank you,
9 Mr. Augeri. I see Mr. Tuomala has his hand up.

10 MR. TUOMALA: Yes, Madam Chairman, if
11 you would indulge me. I don't have an objection,
12 but I just wanted to address Karen Steele's
13 petition, Ms. Steele's petition.

14 And it doesn't appear that Ms. Steele,
15 judging by the motion, her motion for
16 intervention, that she's a ratepayer. She's, in
17 fact, a taxpayer of the Town of Atkinson, who
18 Atkinson is the ratepayer for HAWC.

19 So, unless -- I'm going under the
20 assumption that Ms. Steele is not a ratepayer,
21 but is, in fact, a taxpayer. And, if that is the
22 case, I would suggest that the Commission limit
23 her intervention in this case. And, for a few
24 minutes, I just want to go through the reasoning

1 for that.

2 In Staff's research, it doesn't appear
3 that taxpayers have an automatic right of
4 standing pursuant to RSA 541-A:32, I. But, as
5 the Commission well knows, there's permissible
6 intervention under 541-A:32, II. And the
7 Commission in the past has rejected intervenors
8 who it designated have already been represented
9 by the interest of another intervenor, and in
10 this case it would be the Town of Atkinson
11 representing all taxpayers, and dealing with the
12 rate increase in itself.

13 Excuse me. But I'm not suggesting
14 that Ms. Steele not be admitted as an
15 intervenor. I would instead again suggest that
16 the Commission limit it, pursuant to 541-A:32,
17 III(a) and (c), that it recognizes the Town of
18 Atkinson is also representing her same interests
19 as a taxpayer, and that their issues be limited
20 to the same issues, the same -- that her issues
21 be limited to the same ones that the Town of
22 Atkinson is representing. But, also, that they
23 combine their efforts in its presentation under
24 541-A:32, III(c), and that they are joined

1 together in representation in this, in this case.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Thank you,
4 Mr. Tuomala. Ms. Steele, would you like to
5 respond? I think it would be helpful if we could
6 hear from you whether you are, and I believe your
7 petition says that you are a "taxpayer", as
8 opposed to a "ratepayer". But, if you could
9 confirm or clarify that, and also let us know why
10 you believe that you need to separately intervene
11 from the Town?

12 MS. STEELE: Absolutely. So, again,
13 thank you.

14 I am not a ratepayer. I'm not a HAWC
15 customer. I do reside within the HAWC franchise,
16 but I live over a mile from the closest
17 pipeline. But, as a taxpayer, I'm very concerned
18 about the fire hydrant maintenance fee increase,
19 because that would raise our entire Town's budget
20 by over 1.8 percent.

21 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Thank you,
22 Ms. Steele. Commissioner Bailey, do you have any
23 questions?

24 CMSR. BAILEY: I just want to confirm

1 with the Town that they are also requesting
2 intervention status because they are a ratepayer
3 and the impact on the rates for the Town
4 services?

5 MR. CRESSMAN: The Town is intervening
6 as a ratepayer. We pay the rate for the fire
7 hydrants. But we also have a number of Town
8 buildings and facilities that are served by HAWC,
9 in terms of water.

10 CMSR. BAILEY: Okay. Thank you.

11 MR. CRESSMAN: So, both.

12 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Does the Town want
13 to be heard on the suggestion from counsel for
14 Staff regarding consolidation of efforts?

15 MR. CRESSMAN: I'm not sure if
16 Selectman Baldwin wants to make any comment on
17 it. Selectman Baldwin?

18 I don't see him there right now. I
19 guess what I would say is, in terms of the
20 attorney's recommendation, I understand where his
21 recommendation is coming from. And I don't think
22 we have an objection to it.

23 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Mr. Baldwin,
24 did you hear that question?

1 MR. BALDWIN: I apologize. I had to
2 step out for a second. I did not.

3 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. I had asked
4 if the Town had any response to counsel for
5 Staff's suggestion that the Town and Ms. Steele
6 consolidate their efforts? And Mr. Cressman had
7 responded, but wanted your input as well.

8 MR. BALDWIN: Yes. I concur with that,
9 with Mr. Cressman.

10 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Thank you.
11 All right. Well, I think what we're going to do,
12 given that input, is take the interventions under
13 advisement and we'll issue an order. But, for
14 today's purposes here, and in the technical
15 session, please treat those who have petitioned
16 to intervene as parties for purposes of our work
17 here today.

18 Any other preliminary matters, before
19 we take initial positions?

20 *[No verbal response.]*

21 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Seeing none,
22 I think we will break now. And we will return at
23 10:25 -- sorry -- 10:35. I apologize again, that
24 we're just getting started, but we do need to

1 take a break. Off the record.

2 *(Recess taken at 10:25 a.m., and the*
3 *prehearing conference resumed at*
4 *10:36 a.m.)*

5 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Let's go back on
6 the record.

7 And we'll start with the initial
8 positions. Mr. Augeri, you can go first.

9 Mr. Augeri? Can you hear me? Eric,
10 can you hear me?

11 *(Mr. Wind indicating in the*
12 *affirmative.)*

13 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Anyone have a way
14 to communicate with Mr. Augeri?

15 We cannot hear you for some reason. It
16 doesn't look like his mute is on.

17 MS. SHUTE: If he dialed in through his
18 phone, his phone might be on mute.

19 MR. AUGERI: Let me try that. Ah.
20 That worked.

21 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay.

22 MR. AUGERI: Sorry about that.

23 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Thank you,
24 Ms. Shute.

1 MR. AUGERI: Very good. Thank you.
2 Good morning. Thank you for the time to present
3 to the Hampstead Area Water Company the
4 preliminary statement of position.

5 HAWC requests that the Commission
6 accept its filing in support for an increase in
7 rates, both on a temporary basis and permanent
8 basis.

9 For the permanent rates, HAWC also
10 requests that a new rate be implemented on a rate
11 design, which proposes an increase both to the
12 customer base charge and to the volumetric
13 charge. In addition, HAWC requests
14 implementation of a Water Infrastructure and
15 Conservation Adjustment as part of this Petition,
16 which is referred to as "WICA", for a surcharge
17 of WICA.

18 Overall, on a temporary rate basis,
19 HAWC is proposing a revenue requirement of \$2.3
20 million, which is an increase of approximately
21 \$300,000, or 15 percent, from general customers.
22 On a permanent rate basis, HAWC is proposing a
23 revenue requirement of \$3.5 million, which is an
24 increase of approximately \$1.5 million, or 77

1 percent.

2 A summary of the issues affecting the
3 revenue increase that we're proposing is as
4 follows, broken down by temporary and permanent
5 rates: For the temporary rates, HAWC did earn
6 its authorized rate of -- did not return [sic]
7 its authorized rate of return during the test
8 year it submitted. As such, part of the rate
9 application that has been made is simply to allow
10 HAWC to recover its costs and earn its
11 PUC-approved rate of return.

12 Second, HAWC incurred normal
13 replacement of plant during this process and/or
14 new plant during the test year, which contributes
15 to the request for temporary rates.

16 Third, HAWC has incurred normal
17 increases in its expenses. And, finally, HAWC's
18 last rate of increase was approved in Docket DW
19 17-118, based on a pro-formed 2016 test year.

20 As to the permanent rates, HAWC is
21 participating in the Southern New Hampshire
22 Regional Water Project, as the Commission knows,
23 as referenced, Docket 19-147. And, as part of
24 that Project built a one million gallon storage

1 tank, which is the subject of a different
2 petition, Docket 18-138.

3 The Company has also changed its water
4 treatment for the core system to match that used
5 as part of this Water Project, and made several
6 system upgrades. This was all done to accept the
7 water as part of this Project from Manchester,
8 which flows from Derry, into Windham, Salem, into
9 the HAWC core system, and, ultimately, to the
10 Town of Plaistow. The purpose of this entire
11 Project is to help solve their water
12 contamination issues.

13 HAWC's customers, however, will benefit
14 from this Project, in that they will gain a
15 minimum water quantity from Manchester to
16 supplement the growing water needs, both domestic
17 and commercial use, and also to improve its fire
18 suppression capabilities.

19 It should be noted, however, that the
20 source of much of the funding is from the State
21 of New Hampshire, which includes about 62 and a
22 half percent for a grant agreement toward the
23 storage tank, and 100 percent grant towards
24 substantial parts of the Southern New Hampshire

1 Regional Water Project.

2 Concerning the new rate design being
3 proposed by HAWC, HAWC commissioned a cost of
4 service study. And, based on this study, HAWC is
5 proposing an increase to increase its customer
6 base charges depending on the size of the meter
7 that is supplying the water, and also for
8 volumetric charges to a tiered rate system. Two
9 tiers for a single family residential customer
10 and a separate rate for non-single family and
11 non-residential customers.

12 Finally, the Company, as part of this
13 Petition, is also seeking to implement a WICA
14 surcharge beginning in 2021. The total annual
15 revenue requirement for this program, as
16 proposed, is about \$10,800 annually, which would
17 result in an annual surcharge per customer of
18 \$3.07, or about 26 cents per month per customer.

19 In conclusion, HAWC respectfully
20 requests that the Commission approve both the
21 temporary rates requested, the permanent rates,
22 including the new rate design, and the WICA
23 surcharge. We anticipate working with the PUC
24 Staff and the OCA, and other parties that have

1 intervened, to reach a mutually agreeable
2 settlement of all of these issues.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Thank you,
5 Mr. Augeri.

6 Commissioner Bailey, do you have any
7 questions?

8 *(Commissioner Bailey indicating in the*
9 *negative.)*

10 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Let's move
11 on to Ms. Steele. Ms. Steele, did you want to
12 make an initial position in this case?

13 MS. STEELE: Yes.

14 I'm opposed to the massive rate
15 increases. I do understand that, because of the
16 water pipeline, there were significant expenses.
17 But I also believe that those expenses were not
18 necessarily for the new customers. They're for
19 future customers that are planned to be built,
20 they're actually currently being built on another
21 of the same family, the Lewis family, who owns
22 the Atkinson Country Club.

23 So, I don't necessarily believe that
24 the expenses incurred were for the benefit of the

1 existing customers or their sister company
2 organizations.

3 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Thank you,
4 Ms. Steele. Commissioner Bailey, any questions?

5 *(Commissioner Bailey indicating in the*
6 *negative.)*

7 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. And, Mr.
8 Cressman, does the Town want to make an initial
9 position statement?

10 MR. CRESSMAN: I'll allow Selectman
11 Baldwin to start off, and then I'll conclude with
12 any.

13 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Mr. Baldwin.

14 MR. BALDWIN: Thank you.

15 So, our position, you know, as a
16 commercial customer, and also as a municipal fire
17 protection, you know, that we have in the
18 community, we feel that the -- it would be an
19 adverse effect with these rate increases, to the
20 community and for us. Simply from, as you know,
21 everything is run by a tax base. And, with this
22 significant type of increase, it will definitely
23 have an impact on the tax rate.

24 And we're just looking to, you know, I

1 understand, as a business, you know, you have
2 costs that come with the business, and I
3 understand how, you know, some of that is relayed
4 back to the customer. But, at a significant,
5 huge rate increase, I think is just -- it will
6 have an adverse effect overall. And, to find the
7 funding to support that, you have to reach out to
8 the taxpayer. And that's one of our purposes for
9 intervening on this is -- to do the intervention
10 is to look out for the taxpayer that's going to
11 have to fund this cost for the Town.

12 So, I think that some significant -- we
13 have to look at this from that perspective. And,
14 hopefully, we can come to an amenable agreement
15 that won't be of a significant impact for the
16 community and for us.

17 Mr. Cressman.

18 MR. CRESSMAN: I think my concern, on
19 behalf of the Selectmen, who are, in a sense,
20 representing the Town, is that there appears to
21 be a very disproportionate increase proposed for
22 the hydrant service. And, in a sense, we are
23 mystified by what the increased value that we're
24 getting that would require such an increase.

1 And we're looking at an increase that
2 we're going from roughly \$17,800, to \$112,000.
3 That's an increase of almost \$100,000. That kind
4 of increase is clearly more than the percentage
5 increase right now on I believe our operating
6 budget, or very close to that amount. And,
7 ironically, it's an operating budget that the
8 Budget Committee just did recommend for the next,
9 you know, this fiscal year. So, we're clearly in
10 a very tight position fiscally to absorb such
11 increases.

12 And I think the further thing I would
13 note is that I think I'm understanding of the
14 drive for some of these increases are due to the
15 Southern New Hampshire Water Project, and I
16 believe also this CIAC tax. And, while I'm very
17 sympathetic to the problems that they have there
18 as a result of those, I don't believe the Town is
19 a direct participant in those matters and -- or,
20 a signatory, but, you know, having to absorb the
21 cost.

22 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Thank you,
23 Mr. Cressman. Commissioner Bailey, any
24 questions?

1 *(Commissioner Bailey indicating in the*
2 *negative.)*

3 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: All right.

4 Ms. Shute.

5 MS. SHUTE: Thank you, Chairwoman
6 Martin.

7 The OCA has a variety of concerns with
8 this rate case and the associated substantial
9 rate hike, the addition of the WICA, and a push
10 toward higher fixed charges, which ratepayers
11 cannot control.

12 I'd also like to object to the motion
13 that the Company filed for confidentiality. The
14 Company's motion seeks a protective order and
15 confidential treatment for payments to related
16 entities for contractual services, which they
17 identified as being in 1604.01(a)(17), and
18 support for figures -- and the support for
19 figures appearing in accompanying exhibits to
20 1604.01(a)(26).

21 The motion states that the information
22 is located at Tab 31. However, Tab 31 is not
23 marked "confidential" in the confidential
24 version, and it is unclear what in Tab 31 is

1 actually confidential.

2 The other item identified out of
3 1604.01(a)(26) should, according to the index, be
4 located at Tab 40. However, Tab 40 states that
5 the information does not exist.

6 So, for the previous reasons, I find
7 that they don't have the information necessary to
8 evaluate the motion for confidentiality and
9 provide a more detailed objection. So, I'd like
10 to submit this objection orally at this time, and
11 request the additional information that would be
12 necessary to do a more detailed evaluation.

13 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Thank you
14 for that, Ms. Shute.

15 MS. SHUTE: This, and some of the items
16 that I just mentioned as concerns in terms of --
17 so, the search for the confidentiality sort of
18 brought to light another concern with the
19 administrative filing of this docket. So, when I
20 was searching for confidential material, I
21 searched for the word "confidential" in all three
22 confidential documents, and it only occurred in
23 the 261 pages, which was in the Index. And this
24 appears to be because a substantial portion of

1 the filing has been scanned. Yet, many of the
2 documents that are in the filing appear to have
3 originally been *pdfs*, and, therefore, they could
4 be combined electronically, so that at least the
5 majority of the filing is searchable.

6 In addition to the inability to scan
7 for key words to find a location in the filing,
8 the *pdfs* are also bereft of bookmarks identifying
9 the location of the tab, which is more of a
10 concern in the times that we are dealing with
11 now, because we don't have paper copies. And I'm
12 not going to print 267 pages on my home printer.
13 It would be fine if the -- if the *pdf* didn't have
14 a tab, if there was at least a paginated table of
15 contents that was associated with the Index.

16 So, I realize that these concerns may
17 seem minor. But, at the OCA, we are down
18 25 percent of our professional staff. We're
19 working on four water rate cases, a gas rate
20 case, and a myriad of other time-intensive
21 dockets. So, it's been frustrating to spend time
22 looking for items that might otherwise have been
23 found if the filing was done in a more -- in a
24 more modern manner, so I might have the time to

1 deal with the more substantive issues.

2 So, I would humbly ask if the
3 Commission could provide direction to the Company
4 to provide a filing that increases the searchable
5 content of the *pdf*, and includes an index with
6 pagination or a table of contents.

7 On the substantive issues, we are
8 developing our positions, and look forward to
9 working with all the parties. Particularly look
10 forward to working with the Company and the Staff
11 to gather more information, and find a solution
12 that meets the needs of residential ratepayers
13 for safe and reliable water at reasonable rates.

14 Thank you very much.

15 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Thank you,
16 Ms. Shute. Commissioner Bailey, do you have
17 questions of Ms. Shute?

18 *(Commissioner Bailey indicating in the*
19 *negative.)*

20 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay.

21 CMSR. BAILEY: But I would like to hear
22 the Company's response to a request for a
23 searchable *pdf*, because I find that helpful as
24 well?

1 MR. AUGERI: Sure. The issue is
2 two-fold. A searchable, yet confidential, *pdf*,
3 where it's -- some of it is going to be deemed
4 confidential and some others, is very difficult
5 to achieve. In fact, we went through that.

6 So, to the extent that, you know, we,
7 obviously, want to provide a solution to the OCA.
8 It may be -- I mean, we'll look into it further
9 to see if that's achievable in such a large
10 document, where you can search only parts of the
11 areas. It may be that the solution is to provide
12 them with a hard copy. And I know, under the
13 current order, we're not supposed to be doing
14 that. But the alternative may not even be
15 possible.

16 So, we're glad to do whatever we can,
17 obviously, so that they can substantively
18 respond. But it just may not be, in a document
19 that size, achievable.

20 CMSR. BAILEY: Can't you make the
21 redacted version searchable?

22 MR. AUGERI: I think it's the opposite.
23 I believe it's the -- that's the problem, is the
24 redactable version, to both use the redaction

1 feature of the *pdf* and then make it searchable is
2 the issue. The non-redactable potentially --
3 well, I guess I'll say it this way. We'll
4 certainly try to resolve that issue. And, if
5 it's at all humanly possible, and, if not, or if
6 we can't do that, because of the swaths of what
7 is redacted, then we can either report back or
8 just provide an actual paper copy with all of the
9 indexes that was provided.

10 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Rather than spend
11 too much time debating this now, I'd suggest that
12 the parties discuss this at the technical
13 session, and Staff assist in coming up with a
14 reasonable solution. And, if not able to do so,
15 please let us know.

16 I do think it is important, right now,
17 given the limited resources of not only the OCA,
18 but the PUC, to make it manageable to get to all
19 of that information.

20 MR. AUGERI: Absolutely. Happy to do
21 that.

22 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Thank you.
23 And Mr. Tuomala.

24 MR. TUOMALA: Thank you, Madam

1 Chairwoman.

2 Staff has begun its preliminary review
3 of the Company's filing. And a number of the
4 high-level issues, all of the parties have
5 already touched upon. But I will give our list
6 right now.

7 We're preliminarily looking into the
8 prudence of HAWC's participation in the Southern
9 New Hampshire Regional Water Interconnection
10 Project that the parties have spoken about. And
11 we'll certainly be looking into the cost of
12 service studies that were referred to by both the
13 Town and Ms. Steele.

14 Looking into the 0.25 percent adder to
15 the ROE for what the Company deems exemplary
16 performance. The WICA, the Water Infrastructure
17 and Conservation Adjustment surcharge that the
18 Company had spoken about.

19 There's also some proposed tariff
20 amendments. One, in particular, that concerns
21 the Merrimack Source Development Charge for water
22 supplied by Manchester Water Works we're going to
23 be looking into. The inclining block rate for
24 the single family residential customers. Again,

1 that's tied to the cost of service study, but
2 Staff will be exploring that.

3 And, as a preliminary matter we hope to
4 address today, other than the procedural
5 schedule, which we would like to come to
6 agreement with the parties, at the technical
7 session today we'll be addressing their request
8 for temporary rates, which, at this point, is an
9 increase in the consumption charge, from \$6.11
10 per ccf consumed to \$7.22 per ccf consumed.

11 And, again, as I stated, we look
12 forward to working with all parties, and
13 discussing these matters, including, as the
14 Commission has directed, for us to hopefully come
15 to a solution about a searchable document for
16 everyone, because Staff supports that as well.
17 It makes everyone's life easier. And we hope to
18 have a productive session following the
19 prehearing conference.

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Thank you,
22 Mr. Tuomala.

23 I would ask, too, in the technical
24 session, if you can address the concerns that

1 Ms. Shute raised related to the confidentiality
2 motion, so that she is in a position to either
3 file an objection or not.

4 And, Ms. Shute, I assume you will file
5 a written objection, after you receive that
6 information, if there is --

7 MS. SHUTE: Yes, Chairwoman. Yes.
8 Thank you.

9 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Thank you.
10 Commissioner Bailey, did you have questions for
11 Mr. Tuomala?

12 CMSR. BAILEY: No. Thank you.

13 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: And, Mr. Baldwin, I
14 saw that you had your hand up. Did you have
15 something to add?

16 MR. BALDWIN: Yes. I just have a
17 question for Mr. Tuomala.

18 So, if I got you -- I have it correct,
19 the figures that you have, is that applying, the
20 temporary increase, is that also for commercial,
21 too?

22 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Mr. Baldwin?

23 MR. BALDWIN: Yes.

24 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: I'm going to ask

1 that you just address those kind of questions
2 with the other parties during the technical
3 session, which will follow this immediately.

4 MR. BALDWIN: Okay, Madam Chairwoman.
5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Thank you. Is
7 there anything else we need to cover before the
8 technical session?

9 *[No verbal response.]*

10 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Then, this
11 technical session -- this prehearing conference
12 is adjourned, and you can head to the technical
13 session. Stay on this Webex to do that, okay,
14 and the Commissioners will leave.

15 Thank you. And have a good day,
16 everyone.

17 ***(Whereupon the hearing was adjourned***
18 ***at 10:58 a.m.)***

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