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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. We're here this afternoon in Docket DG 21-123 for a prehearing conference regarding the Petition for Rate Recovery Mechanism for Property Tax. Let's take appearances, starting with Mr. Epler.

MR. EPLER: Thank you. Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Gary Epler. I'm the chief regulatory counsel for Unitil Service Corp., appearing on behalf of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. And with me today remotely are Chris Goulding, who's the director of rates and regulatory requirements for Unitil Service Corp., and Dan Nawazelski, who is the manager of revenue requirements for Unitil Service Corp. And as the Commission may be aware, Unitil Service Corp. provides various functions to the utility subsidiary companies, Unitil Corporation, accounting, regulatory, legal, some operational work and engineering work and so on. So they're both employees of Unitil Service Corp., but they are here, appearing

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on behalf of Unitil Energy Systems. Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Thank you Mr. Epler.

And Mr. Dexter.

MR. DEXTER: Well, perhaps it's not my place, but I think Mr. Epler is here on behalf of Northern Utilities today, or I may have the wrong docket.

MR. EPLER: No, that's --

CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Yes, I have Northern Unitil, but Northern Utilities is the actual entity.

MR. EPLER: Yes. Everything I said, except instead of Unitil Energy Systems, it should be Northern Utilities. My apologies.

CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: I don't know how you keep them all straight with different hats. So, understood. Thank you.

And thank you, Mr. Dexter. Go ahead.

MR. DEXTER: Yes. And thanks for clearing that up, Attorney Epler. So I do

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<p>1 have the right docket, because we have these 2 property tax dockets going on for a lot of 3 utilities, and I got momentarily nervous. 4 My name is Paul Dexter with 5 Department of Energy, appearing on behalf of 6 the Division of Regulatory Support. 7 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: All right. 8 Thank you. And do we have any other 9 preliminary matters before we hear initial 10 positions? Mr. Epler. 11 MR. EPLER: Yes, Chairwoman Martin. 12 I just did want to point out that I did file 13 the Return of Service Affidavit of 14 Publication, and I did note in there that we 15 weren't able to strictly comply with the 16 Commission's Order of Notice. It was posted 17 to the web site, to the Company web site, two 18 days later due to an internal communications 19 error. That was my fault. I forwarded the 20 notice but closed my laptop before checking 21 to see if it actually left my inbox. And I 22 didn't realize I neglected to do that until 23 checking a couple days later. 24 [Court Reporter interrupts.]</p> <p>{DG 21-123}] Prehearing Conference] {09-23-21}</p>	<p>1 Dealing first with property taxes. 2 Utilities pay a large amount of property 3 taxes to cities and towns where they do 4 business, as well as to the State of New 5 Hampshire. In the case of Northern 6 Utilities, that amount appears to be about a 7 little bit more than \$4 million annually. 8 For decades, the representative amount of 9 those property taxes paid has been collected 10 in the Company's base rates, and any 11 difference between what was collected from 12 customers and what paid out to cities and 13 towns and the State was absorbed by the 14 utilities, either plus or minus, depending on 15 where billings went. And this provided an 16 incentive for utilities to take what steps 17 they could to minimize the taxes paid. In 18 each base rate case, a new level of property 19 taxes was established for rate recovery. 20 A few years ago, a new statute was 21 passed, RSA -- I'm sorry -- RSA 78:8-d 22 [72:8-d] and -e are relevant today. 78:8-d 23 [72:8-e] provides that taxes are going to be 24 valued by towns using a prescribed formula</p> <p>{DG 21-123}] Prehearing Conference] {09-23-21}</p>
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<p>1 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: I'm having a 2 good conversation with myself. 3 I was saying that I did read that, 4 and I noticed that it was still 25 days' 5 notice and it was fairly close in time to 6 when it was required. So I will find that 7 that still provided adequate notice and we 8 can proceed. Thank you for pointing that 9 out, Mr. Epler. 10 Okay. Anything else? 11 [No verbal response] 12 All right. Mr. Dexter. 13 MR. DEXTER: Thank you, Chairwoman 14 Martin. The title of Northern's petition in 15 this case is "Petition for Approval of Rate 16 Recovery Mechanism for Property Taxes." But 17 upon review of the Company's filing 18 carefully, the Department of Energy finds 19 that there's actually two requests in this 20 docket: One deals with property taxes, the 21 second deals with the collection of the 22 annual PUC assessment, or a portion of that 23 assessment. And my comments will address 24 both of those issues today.</p> <p>{DG 21-123}] Prehearing Conference] {09-23-21}</p>	<p>1 that's based on the book values of the 2 utility plant that sits in those towns. And 3 it's a combination of original cost and book 4 value, and there's a formula to phase that 5 in. This formula applies to taxes levied by 6 the cities and towns, but not taxes levied by 7 the State of New Hampshire. And the formula 8 in RSA 78:8-d [72:8-d] applies to what are 9 defined as, quote, utility company assets. 10 The statute defines "utility company assets," 11 I don't want to say narrowly, but they define 12 them in such a way that it doesn't include 13 all of the properties that utilities are 14 taxed on. For example: Land, office 15 buildings, garages and warehouses are not 16 covered by the formula that's set in RSA 17 78:8-b [72:8-b]. 18 RSA 78:8-e [72:8-e] requires that 19 the PUC establish a rate recovery mechanism 20 for taxes, and that's what we're here for 21 today. And that rate recovery mechanism 22 either has to adjust annually to recover the 23 taxes paid according to the formula, or it 24 has to set up another manner for recovery</p> <p>{DG 21-123}] Prehearing Conference] {09-23-21}</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 acceptable to the utility and the PUC. 2 The ordinance proposal in this 3 case, the Department of Energy believes, 4 falls into the second category because it's 5 not limited to the taxes calculated pro 6 forma. For example: An ordinance request 7 for recovery includes taxes levied on office 8 buildings, land and garages, et cetera. An 9 ordinance proposal does not include taxes 10 levied by the State of New Hampshire. I'm 11 sorry. Northern's proposal does not include 12 taxes levied by the State of New Hampshire. 13 For simplicity, and what we believe 14 is of material concern, DOE generally 15 supports this alternative method. We would 16 find little value in tracing property taxes 17 for two classes of assets -- those falling 18 under the formula and those not -- and 19 reconciling the first group but not the 20 other. We do, however, support excluding 21 taxes levied by the State of New Hampshire 22 from the recovery mechanism, consistent with 23 what Northern has proposed here. First, we 24 believe the statute only dealt with local</p> <p style="text-align: center;">{DG 21-123}] Prehearing Conference] {09-23-21}</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 actually -3, CLG-3. The first number that I 2 mentioned, what should be collected, is under 3 review in this case. 4 The Department of Energy believes 5 that this figure could be calculated in at 6 least two ways. First, the Company could 7 seek to recover the amount that was recorded 8 on their books in the prior year, as reported 9 in the annual report to the PUC. This would 10 be a fairly simple method and would require a 11 quick review of the amount reported for 12 property taxes to the PUC. But it would be 13 important that that number bear a reasonable 14 relationship to the taxes that were actually 15 paid in a given year, which we believe the 16 books would reflect that, but it would 17 require a review. 18 Alternatively, the Department of 19 Energy believes that the Company could total 20 up the various tax bills that they get from 21 the cities and towns, and that would be the 22 amount that would be sought to be recovered. 23 This would take any accounting deferrals and 24 accruals and prepayments and things like that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">{DG 21-123}] Prehearing Conference] {09-23-21}</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 taxes, and therefore it's appropriate to 2 limit the recovery mechanism to local taxes; 3 and secondly, the state taxes are easily 4 identified by the utilities and can readily 5 be excluded from any proposed mechanism. 6 With that background, turning more 7 specifically to the Company's proposal, 8 Department of Energy believes that this case 9 really involves the establishment of just two 10 numbers: First, what taxes should the 11 Company collect through the mechanism; and 12 secondly, what taxes are the companies 13 collecting in rates right now. The 14 difference between these two numbers -- in 15 other words, what they propose to collect 16 versus what they are collecting -- needs to 17 be calculated. And Northern proposes to 18 collect that difference through its annual 19 cost of gas/LDAC filing, local distribution 20 adjustment clause, based on the method 21 determined in this case. And a sample of the 22 rate proposed by Northern is provided in the 23 exhibits -- the schedules, specifically 24 Schedule CLG-1. Sorry. I think it's</p> <p style="text-align: center;">{DG 21-123}] Prehearing Conference] {09-23-21}</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 out of the equation and simply focus on what 2 the Company actually paid to the cities and 3 towns. A brief review indicates, we believe 4 if we have this right, that Northern gets 5 about 35 bills two times per year from about 6 20 cities and towns. Being a small utility, 7 it's not a matter of calculating hundreds and 8 hundreds of invoices. 9 The other matter that makes this 10 second method potentially appealing is that 11 the tax years and the accounting years don't 12 line up. For example: Property tax bills 13 are based on a year that starts April 1st and 14 ends March 31st, whereas the PUC reported 15 amount would be based on a calendar year. So 16 in theory, or I guess in practice, 17 reconciling to the latest bills probably 18 would give the Company a more current number 19 to reconcile to. 20 The Department of Energy believes 21 that Northern's proposal is to reconcile to 22 the per books amount; at least that's what it 23 says on Schedule CLG-1 Line 6, entitled "2020 24 Property Tax Expense." But when we tried to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">{DG 21-123}] Prehearing Conference] {09-23-21}</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 verify that number against the annual report 2 to the PUC at Page 25-B, we find a difference 3 of about a half a million dollars. 4 Now, we have been in contact with 5 the Company, our audit staff, as well as 6 analysts working on the case and myself, to 7 try to figure out what this difference is. 8 And I imagine we will get to the bottom of 9 it, and that will be the subject, or one of 10 the subjects of the tech sessions that 11 follow. But as I said, if we are going to 12 reconcile to a per books amount, it has to be 13 crystal clear in the Department of Energy's 14 mind what makes up that number on the books. 15 We also want to explore, which we 16 don't think the Company proposed in this 17 case, but, again, we want to make sure we 18 have this right -- we also want to explore 19 reconciling to the list of the latest tax 20 bills, like I said. These numbers we think 21 should be fairly close, as there is that 22 timing difference that I mentioned. But we 23 think either method should yield a similar 24 result, and we will continue to work with the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">{DG 21-123}] Prehearing Conference] {09-23-21}</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 same for all rate classes. And the DOE does 2 not expect to contest that method. 3 We want to clarify, and maybe 4 Attorney Epler can address this, our 5 understanding is that in this case the 6 Company wants, as proposed, a method, and 7 then proposed tariff changes, which all fall 8 under the LDAC portion of their tariff and a 9 sample rate. We don't believe that the rate 10 is at issue in this case. We believe that 11 the actual rate will be addressed in the 12 annual LDAC filing, which has either been 13 made or will be made shortly, as I 14 understand. But I just want to make sure 15 that at least from the Department of Energy's 16 standpoint, we don't understand that that 17 rate is proposed or being approved in this 18 case. The methodology to determine that rate 19 is what's at issue, from our understanding. 20 With respect to the second element 21 that's contained in the Company's proposal, 22 this has to do with the PUC regulatory 23 assessment. Our understanding of what's 24 proposed here is that that item is currently</p> <p style="text-align: center;">{DG 21-123}] Prehearing Conference] {09-23-21}</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 Company to figure out what's the most 2 accurate method, what's the most easily 3 verified, and what will comply with the 4 statute. 5 The second number I mentioned, 6 what's in collected rates now, does not 7 appear to be in dispute at this time. On 8 Schedule CLG-1, Page 1, Northern provides 9 references to its most recent base case, 10 which was DG 17-070. And that settlement in 11 that case I believe had a specified amount 12 for property taxes, and then there were two 13 subsequent step adjustments which also had a 14 property tax element. So what the Company 15 did on CLG-1, Page 1, was add those three 16 numbers up and determine that's what's in 17 rates. We believe that's accurate. We 18 haven't had a chance to verify all those 19 numbers yet, but it makes perfect sense to 20 us. 21 As far as developing the rate to 22 recover whatever amount we come up with for 23 reconciliation, Northern has proposed an 24 equal per therm charge, which would be the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">{DG 21-123}] Prehearing Conference] {09-23-21}</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 recovered through an element of the LDAC, 2 called the "GAPRA." Not sure what that 3 stands for. I probably should have looked 4 that up. And the Company's proposal is to 5 take that element, take the PUC assessment 6 out of that element, rename it the "GAP" -- 7 so I believe that is the gas assistance 8 program -- and take the regulatory assessment 9 piece into this new element of the LDAC, 10 which was proposed in Mr. Goulding's 11 testimony, called the "RCAM," which would be 12 the regulatory cost adjustment mechanism. 13 Our understanding is that no additional 14 amounts will be charged to customers as a 15 result of that shift. It will simply be a 16 move from one element of the LDAC to another. 17 And the Department of Energy does not expect 18 to take issue with that aspects of the 19 proposal. 20 So having said all that, we look 21 forward to plowing through the few numbers 22 that I mentioned in the tech session, and we 23 hope to come up with a method that's 24 supported by both parties for Commission</p> <p style="text-align: center;">{DG 21-123}] Prehearing Conference] {09-23-21}</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 approval. Thank you.</p> <p>2 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Thank you, Mr.</p> <p>3 Dexter.</p> <p>4 Mr. Epler.</p> <p>5 MR. EPLER: Thank you. I believe</p> <p>6 Attorney Dexter gave a good and robust</p> <p>7 summary of the issues that are before the</p> <p>8 Commission with the Company's filings, so I</p> <p>9 don't feel I need to repeat them.</p> <p>10 The second element that was</p> <p>11 addressed, the moving of the portion of the</p> <p>12 regulatory assessment that's not recovered in</p> <p>13 base rates from the, as indicated, the gas</p> <p>14 assistance program and regulatory assessment</p> <p>15 mechanism to this new proposed regulatory</p> <p>16 cost adjustment mechanism is simply the</p> <p>17 movement of that recovery from one item to</p> <p>18 another item. It doesn't involve any change</p> <p>19 in how that's calculated or the amounts. And</p> <p>20 that was done, just by way of background,</p> <p>21 prior to making this filing on behalf of</p> <p>22 Northern Utilities, and also a similar</p> <p>23 filing, a similar request on behalf of Unitil</p> <p>24 Energy Systems. The Company reached out to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">{DG 21-123}] Prehearing Conference] {09-23-21}</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p> <p>1 consistent with the statute is the aim of the</p> <p>2 Company as well.</p> <p>3 And so we look forward to the</p> <p>4 technical session and continuing to work with</p> <p>5 the Department of Energy in reviewing the</p> <p>6 Company's proposal and hopefully being able</p> <p>7 to present the Commission with an agreement</p> <p>8 of what the tariff should look like, how it</p> <p>9 would be calculated, what filings would be</p> <p>10 required and so on. Thank you.</p> <p>11 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Thank you, Mr.</p> <p>12 Epler.</p> <p>13 Commissioner, Goldner do you have</p> <p>14 any questions?</p> <p>15 COMMISSIONER GOLDNER: One comment</p> <p>16 and one question.</p> <p>17 QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONERS:</p> <p>18 BY COMMISSIONER GOLDNER:</p> <p>19 First, thank you for the summary,</p> <p>20 Mr. Dexter. That was excellent and very</p> <p>21 helpful.</p> <p>22 Question for Mr. Epler: Is there a</p> <p>23 place I can go, or can you point me to a</p> <p>24 place where I can go to find LDAC charges,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">{DG 21-123}] Prehearing Conference] {09-23-21}</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p> <p>1 Staff, which was then at the time the Staff</p> <p>2 of the Commission, and we had a series of</p> <p>3 informal meetings just to discuss this new</p> <p>4 legislation and what it meant and what the</p> <p>5 Company would be looking to do and what the</p> <p>6 Staff had. In the course of those, as I</p> <p>7 said, involuntary discussions, there was an</p> <p>8 indication, or at least we understood the</p> <p>9 Staff to desire to have us move that recovery</p> <p>10 of regulatory assessment not recovered in</p> <p>11 base rates from where it was previously</p> <p>12 recovered to what would be this new factor.</p> <p>13 So when we filed, we did include that in our</p> <p>14 proposal. And I'm saying this not to</p> <p>15 indicate that there's any agreement with</p> <p>16 Staff that we would do that, but just that</p> <p>17 that's what we understood Staff was in favor</p> <p>18 of. So in terms of filing, we took that into</p> <p>19 consideration and tried to make our filing</p> <p>20 consistent with what our discussions had</p> <p>21 been. As far as the rest, we do agree</p> <p>22 generally that coming to a determination of</p> <p>23 what would be the most accurate, the most</p> <p>24 easily verifiable methodology, and one that's</p> <p style="text-align: center;">{DG 21-123}] Prehearing Conference] {09-23-21}</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p> <p>1 you know, sort of element by element and the</p> <p>2 charges associated with each of those</p> <p>3 elements? Is there a place I can go to find</p> <p>4 that?</p> <p>5 MR. EPLER: Yes, there is. One is</p> <p>6 to -- we can provide you after this hearing</p> <p>7 and technical session, and I can send this</p> <p>8 material to you directly -- would be to look</p> <p>9 at the tariff language itself which lays out</p> <p>10 what is to be recovered. There's some</p> <p>11 specificity in that tariff language. And</p> <p>12 then in the annual filings, we do go through</p> <p>13 each element. And there's a description and</p> <p>14 then a calculation that's done of those</p> <p>15 elements. So looking, for instance, at a</p> <p>16 previous year's filing would most likely</p> <p>17 provide that information unless -- so we can</p> <p>18 direct you to where you can find that, both</p> <p>19 in schedules and probably testimony.</p> <p>20 COMMISSIONER GOLDNER: Okay. Thank</p> <p>21 you.</p> <p>22 MR. EPLER: I don't know if Mr.</p> <p>23 Goulding or Mr. Nawazelski have any better</p> <p>24 suggestions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">{DG 21-123}] Prehearing Conference] {09-23-21}</p>

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1 MR. GOULDING: Yeah. Sorry. This
2 is Chris Goulding. We provided a copy of the
3 local delivery adjustment charge in red-line
4 form and not red-line form as part of this
5 filing because there was items that needed to
6 be made to it. So it starts off with a
7 section that identifies all the components
8 that are in the LDAC. And then it's about
9 probably 25 pages or so that talk about each
10 component and how it's all calculated.
11 COMMISSIONER GOLDNER: Yeah, I can
12 go look at that. I was really looking for
13 something in readable format that there's,
14 like, you know, eight elements and then this
15 much in dollars or this much in percentage.
16 Is there anything that's that simple? I
17 would hate to wade through 25 pages of red
18 line to sort through what you're describing.
19 Is there something that's kind of a summary
20 table, something simplified?
21 MR. GOULDING: Yes. I don't --
22 let's see. Trying to see what was provided
23 in this docket. There was a page, one of the
24 last pages after the red-line tariff, that

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1 lists the different components of the LDAC,
2 the GAPRA, EEC, LBR, ERC, ITMC -- some of
3 these are zeros -- the RCAM, and then the
4 total illustrative LDAC. And it's listed by
5 rate schedules. So, heating, non-heating,
6 small C&I, medium C&I, large C&I, and it has
7 the individual rates for each one of those
8 rate schedules per rate and in total. They
9 are illustrative. So we might want to get
10 you an updated version. We just filed the
11 cost of gas filing last week, and in there
12 that also included the LDAC filing. And it
13 has all the different mechanisms in the rates
14 within that filing.
15 COMMISSIONER GOLDNER: Yeah, I can
16 poke around I guess. My request would be the
17 next time we see each other, if we could just
18 have a simplified table, something that's in
19 a readable format, you know, just on one
20 page, just so everyone can see what's in
21 there, just each of the elements and then
22 what the charges are or the percentage, that
23 would be very helpful. I'll look through the
24 filings. I appreciate the pointer. But,

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1 yeah, just something simple is what I would
2 like to see.
3 MR. GOULDING: I think I know what
4 would probably help you out. So it would be
5 the type of schedule, but then also an
6 additional line added to it that actually has
7 the total dollars that are being recovered
8 for each mechanism. Because just giving you
9 rates, then you have to go find what the
10 terms are being divided by to come up with
11 that rate. So we can make it a little
12 simpler.
13 COMMISSIONER GOLDNER: Thank you.
14 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Just to
15 simplify things for Commissioner Goldner, if
16 the Company would either file that, or we can
17 actually make it a record request, however
18 you want to do it, but it would certainly be
19 helpful to get that information for him.
20 MR. EPLER: Yes, certainly. If we
21 don't have something that we can provide, we
22 will prepare something and file it in the
23 docket.
24 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Perfect. Thank

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1 you.
2 MR. EPLER: I don't think we need
3 to do a record request. We understand what
4 Commissioner Goldner is asking and we will
5 provide it.
6 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay.
7 COMMISSIONER GOLDNER: That's all I
8 have. Thank you.
9 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Just a
10 couple things following up on Mr. Dexter's
11 comments.
12 The difference of half a million
13 dollars, I assume that -- well, you didn't
14 say in which direction. Can you clarify?
15 MR. DEXTER: Yes. The number on
16 Mr. Goulding's schedule that they seek to
17 reconcile to is in the \$5.2 million range,
18 and the number in the PUC report for property
19 taxes on Page 25B for the 2020 calendar year
20 is in the area of 4.7 million. I can get you
21 that number exactly, but that's basically
22 what I was talking about.
23 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Thank
24 you.

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1 MR. DEXTER: So to answer your
2 question directly, the PUC number reported is
3 lower.
4 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Thank you.
5 And also Mr. Dexter raised the
6 question of whether or not the rate itself is
7 at issue here or just the mechanism, and I'm
8 just wondering if the Company has a response
9 to that.
10 MR. EPLER: Mr. Goulding, if you
11 want to clarify that?
12 MR. GOULDING: Sure. So it is just
13 the mechanism and the calculation of the
14 mechanism -- or the calculation of the rate,
15 but not the actual rate. Once we get the
16 mechanism and kind of the tariff approved, we
17 would file a supplemental LDAC filing that
18 included this component within the LDAC. So
19 we'd have to do an updated filing to our
20 September 17th LDAC filing, which is going to
21 be necessary anyways because there's some
22 testimony in the LDAC filing revolving around
23 the GAPRA mechanism that mentions we included
24 the regulatory assessment costs as part of

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1 the GAPRA, pending the resolution of this
2 docket here. And then it would either have
3 to be removed from the GAPRA filing and be
4 included in the RCAM filing.
5 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Thank
6 you. I appreciate that.
7 Those are all my questions.
8 Anything else we need to cover before the
9 tech session?
10 [No verbal response]
11 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Seeing
12 nothing, we are adjourned.
13 Are you staying on this Webex?
14 MR. DEXTER: Yeah. My
15 understanding is, because I asked this of the
16 moderator, is that if I stay on for the tech
17 session, that the moderator will be able to
18 promote the attendees so that they can
19 participate. So I believe we are.
20 CHAIRWOMAN MARTIN: Okay. Thank
21 you. Then we are adjourned and we will
22 depart. Have a good rest of the day.
23 (Whereupon the hearing was concluded at
24 2:03 p.m.)

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