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Hearing Officer Celli,

I read CBD's request as directed to staff and serving to formally memorialize discussions they have had with staff's project manager concerning timing. Organizing the biological resources workshop has been challenging, as it involves multiple parties and agencies with differing availability. This, along with the need to start writing the FSA soon, resulted in identifying November 14th as an appropriate time to conduct the workshop. We have confirmed that CBD will be available on that date, though they may not have had the chance to thoroughly review the PSA. We have offered to include biological resources as a topic item at our tentatively scheduled November 28th cultural resources workshop as well, allowing CBD the opportunity to engage in additional discussion of biological resources should they need time after the November 14th workshop. Staff believes that this approach, while not ideal in the eyes of some, presents the best opportunity for reconciling the interests and needs identified above.

With regard to the public comment period, it is common custom for staff to identify 30 days as the preferred time to receive comments on the PSA in order to allow staff sufficient time to respond to comments in the FSA. As CBD is likely aware, parties and the public may comment on staff's analysis throughout the entire AFC proceeding, through publication of the FSA and Presiding Member's Proposed Decision and ultimately at the Commission's adoption hearing. All comments received during the proceeding are considered, but staff has a narrow window of time to include actual responses in the FSA. Staff will endeavor to respond to comments received after the 30 day period identified in the PSA, but without knowing the number or extent of the comments, cannot guarantee that we will be able to address all of them. We encourage CBD to submit their comments as soon as they can, but will not actively reject comments received after the stated date.

I do not believe that these matters require Committee attention at this time. Staff looks forward to engaging in fruitful discussions with the parties, public, tribes, and interested agencies at the upcoming workshops and will apprise the Committee of the results of these workshops in a Status Report once they are concluded.

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To the Parties:

Please indicate whether you intend to oppose the attached request. I would appreciate hearing back from you by close of business tomorrow.

Thank you,

Kenneth D. Celli

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Hello all,

Please find attached the Center for Biological Diversity's request to extend the comment period on the PSA for 15 more working days to December 7, 2012. We also request that the workshop on Biological issues be scheduled for 11/28.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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