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Backup Generating Facility	_)			

PREHEARING CONFERENCE

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MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020 1:33 P.M.

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Janea Scott, Vice Chair, Associate Member

Rhetta DeMesa, Advisor to Commissioner Scott

Linda Barrera, Advisor to Commissioner Scott

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# INTERVENOR:

Robert Sarvey

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Caryn Quist

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Kevin Kolnowski

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- 2 JUNE 15, 2020 1:33 P.M.
- 3 COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: All right. Well, in that case
- 4 we are on the record and I will kick us off.
- 5 So, again, this is Commissioner Douglas. This is the
- 6 prehearing conference for the application for a Small Power
- 7 Plant Exemption, or SPPE, for the Mission College Backup
- 8 Generating Facility. I am the Presiding Member of the
- 9 Committee assigned to conduct proceedings on this
- 10 application.
- Before we begin, I'd like to make introductions and
- 12 ask the parties to identify themselves for the record.
- Janea Scott, who you just heard from, is the Vice
- 14 Chair of the Energy Commission and the Associate Member for
- 15 the Committee.
- My Advisors, Kourtney Vaccaro and Eli Harland are on
- 17 this call, as are I believe Chair Scott's Advisors Rhetta
- 18 DeMesa and Linda Barrera.
- 19 The Public Advisor's Office is represented here today
- 20 and let me just pause and ask Noemi Gallardo or Rosemary
- 21 Avalos are either of you on? Dorothy Murimi?
- Okay, well, we'll keep going for now. And then,
- 23 Ralph Lee, of course is the assigned Hearing Officer.
- 24 At this point I'll ask the parties to please
- 25 introduce themselves and their representatives, starting with

- 1 the Applicant.
- MR. GALATI: Good afternoon. This is Scott Galati,
- 3 representing Oppidan Investment Company which is the owner of
- 4 the Mission College Data Center and its backup generating
- 5 facility.
- I have some other witnesses with me that I think I'll
- 7 just introduce when it's time for them to speak.
- 8 COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: That sounds very good. Thank
- 9 you very much.
- Now, staff.
- 11 MS. DECARLO: Good afternoon. Lisa DeCarlo
- 12 representing Energy Commission staff. With me as well is my
- 13 colleague and co-counsel Michael Murza. And we have various
- 14 staff and witnesses available who we can introduce as they're
- 15 needed.
- 16 COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Thank you very much. And now,
- 17 Intervenor Robert Sarvey, are you on the line?
- 18 MR. SARVEY: Yeah, this is Bob Sarvey, Intervenor.
- 19 COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: All right, thank you all very
- 20 much.
- 21 At this point I'm going to ask if there are any
- 22 representatives from federal government agencies, or federal
- 23 elected officials on the line.
- 24 What about representatives of state agencies, other
- 25 than the Energy Commission?

- 1 Native American Tribes?
- 2 Is anyone here representing the Bay Area Air Quality
- 3 Management District?
- 4 COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: What about City of --
- 5 MS. QUIST: This is Caryn Quist.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Oh, sorry, go ahead.
- 7 MS. DECARLO: I believe -- this is Lisa DeCarlo. I
- 8 believe that was Caryn Quist. And also, I believe Jakub, I'm
- 9 sorry Zielkiewicz is also here from the Bay Area.
- 10 COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Thank you, Ms. DeCarlo.
- Is anybody here from the City of Santa Clara and
- 12 Silicon Valley Power?
- MR. KOLNOWSKI: Kevin Kolnowski is here.
- 14 COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Thank you.
- 15 Is there anybody else here from a local government
- 16 agency?
- 17 All right, at this time I'll hand over the conduct of
- 18 this hearing to the Hearing Officer Ralph Lee.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Thank you. Good morning. The
- 20 Committee provided notice of today's Prehearing Conference by
- 21 the Notice of Prehearing Conference and Evidentiary Hearing
- 22 Revised Scheduling Order and Further Orders issues on May 28,
- 23 2020. The Committee amended that information in its revised
- 24 Notice of Prehearing Conference and Evidentiary Hearing,
- 25 Scheduling Order and Further Orders including Order Granting

- 1 Request to Modify Schedule by Moving Evidentiary Hearing to
- 2 June 15th, which it issued on June 5th, 2020.
- 3 Going forward I may refer to the Revised Notice as
- 4 the June 5th Notice.
- 5 As explained in the June 5th Notice, the basic
- 6 purposes of the Prehearing Conference are to assess the
- 7 parties' readiness for evidentiary hearing, to clarify areas
- 8 of agreement or dispute, to identify witnesses and exhibits,
- 9 to determine the areas parties wish to provide oral
- 10 testimony, and to cross-examine other parties' witnesses, and
- 11 to discuss procedural and other matters as needed.
- 12 The Prehearing Conference, as well as the Evidentiary
- 13 Hearing that will follow immediately afterwards are being
- 14 held remotely. That is we are in separate locations and
- 15 communicating only through electronic means. We are meeting
- 16 in this fashion consistent with Executive Order N-2520 and N-
- 17 2920, and the recommendations from the California Department
- 18 of Public Health to encourage physical distancing in order to
- 19 slow the spread of COVID-19.
- 20 Before we proceed I want to discuss two housekeeping
- 21 issues. First, in Zoom we have set this Zoom meeting up so
- 22 that all participants should be able to mute and unmute
- 23 themselves. In other words, all participants will be able to
- 24 control their ability to be heard or not during the hearing.
- That said I expect everybody to abide by the

- 1 following protocols to ensure everyone is able to
- 2 meaningfully participate in today's hearing in an orderly
- 3 manner. Only one person is to speak at a time, use the raise
- 4 hand feature if you want to be recognized.
- If you're participating by phone only, you may use
- 6 star 9 to raise your hand and star 6 to unmute. After you've
- 7 been called on please lower your hand so that I can make sure
- 8 that you've been recognized. But if you're on the phone,
- 9 we'll have to do that for you.
- 10 Please do not use the chat function or O&A function
- 11 if it's enabled, as it could be distracting to other hearing
- 12 participants and the decision makers. Anything that is
- 13 placed in the chat function may also become part of the
- 14 official record for this proceeding.
- The second housekeeping matter is to please identify
- 16 yourself before you speak. That's important for me and for
- 17 the court reporter. If you do not identify yourself, either
- 18 the court reporter or I may interrupt you to ask that you do
- 19 so to ensure that we have a complete and accurate record of
- 20 the proceeding.
- 21 Are there any questions?
- So, now, moving on to the substance, this Prehearing
- 23 Conference concerns the application for a Small Power Plant
- 24 Exemption, known as an SPPE, for the Mission College Backup
- 25 Generating Facility, which was filed by the Applicant on

- 1 November 25th, 2019. The application and many of the other
- 2 documents that we will discuss today are available on the
- 3 online docketing system on the Energy Commission's website.
- 4 Specifically, the documents are accessible from the project
- 5 webpage at www2.energy.ca.gov/siting cases/missioncollege.
- 6 The Mission College Backup Generating Facility or
- 7 backup generating facility would be used to ensure an
- 8 uninterruptable power supply for the Mission College Data
- 9 Center located at 2305 Mission College Boulevard in Santa
- 10 Clara, California.
- 11 The backup generating facility would consist of 432.5
- 12 megawatt diesel-fired emergency backup generators, four of
- 13 which are redundant. And also, two 600-kilowatt diesel-fired
- 14 life safety emergency generators. All would be located in
- 15 two onsite generator yards.
- 16 The backup generating facility would help provide an
- 17 uninterruptable power supply to the data center of up to 78.1
- 18 megawatts, which if ultimately permitted would be the maximum
- 19 load of the data center. The data center would consist of
- 20 two three-story data center buildings, totaling about 490,000
- 21 square feet. The Applicant also intends to construct a
- 22 substation and related facilities. The substation would
- 23 allow delivery of power from Silicon Valley Power, known as
- 24 SVP, but the substation would not allow any electricity
- 25 generated from the backup generating facility to be

- 1 distributed offsite.
- 2 Under the law that is Public Resource Code Section
- 3 25541, the Energy Commission may grant an SPPE only when it
- 4 makes three separate and distinct findings. These are that
- 5 the proposed power plant has a generating capacity of up to
- 6 100 megawatts; that no substantial adverse impact on the
- 7 environment will result from the construction or operation of
- 8 the power plant; and that no substantial adverse impact on
- 9 energy resources will result from the construction or
- 10 operation of the power plant.
- In addition, the Energy Commission acts as the lead
- 12 agency under CEQA. In reviewing an SPPE, the Energy
- 13 Commission considers the whole of the action. In this
- 14 particular application, the whole of the action means the
- 15 backup generating facility, the data center, and other
- 16 related features such as the substation. I may refer to the
- 17 whole of the action as the project.
- In furtherance of the legal requirements and to aid
- 19 the consideration -- to aid the Committee in consideration of
- 20 the application under both the Warren-Alquist Act and CEQA,
- 21 on April 21st, 2020 staff prepared and published an Initial
- 22 Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, known as
- 23 an ISPMND.
- The ISPMND was subject to a public review and comment
- 25 period that ended on May 2nd, 2020. Comments were received

- 1 from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, BAAQMD for
- 2 short, and from the National Fuel Cell Research Center. No
- 3 comments were received from any intervenor, the general
- 4 public or the Applicant.
- 5 Prehearing Conference Statements. To conduct this
- 6 Prehearing Conference efficiently, we required that a party
- 7 file a Prehearing Conference Statement so that the parties,
- 8 any party who wanted to participate in this proceeding, or
- 9 present evidence, or cross-examine witnesses in the
- 10 Evidentiary Hearing.
- 11 The Committee received Prehearing Conference
- 12 Statements from the Applicant, staff, and the Intervenor
- 13 Robert Sarvey.
- 14 As set forth in the June 5th Notice, the Evidentiary
- 15 Hearings will be conducted using a formal hearing procedure,
- 16 modified to fit the remote nature of the hearing. First, we
- 17 will be using Zoom as set forth in the May 28th and June 5th
- 18 Notices. The Committee may share a screen to display
- 19 documents such as exhibits. Nobody will be sharing live
- 20 video of themselves or their witnesses.
- I see we have the agenda displayed. Ms. Carlos,
- 22 would you mind displaying the Exhibit List?
- Next, while we're using formal hearing procedures to
- 24 conduct the hearing, we will not specifically describe the
- 25 exhibits that are moved into evidence during the Evidentiary

- 1 Hearing or to describe topics covered by the declaration.
- 2 The exhibit list displayed on the screen here, in a
- 3 minute, was compiled by the Hearing Office and is a complete
- 4 list of the exhibits identified by the parties.
- 5 Let's hold on a second and let it come up. Ah, there
- 6 it is. Would you mind, can you make that a little bit bigger
- 7 and scroll through it so we can see the exhibits. Yeah,
- 8 thank you.
- 9 MS. DECARLO: Hearing Officer Lee, is this a good
- 10 time to discuss adding an exhibit number to this list? We
- 11 had identified in our staff's Prehearing Conference that we
- 12 would be identifying that document as Exhibit 203 because it
- 13 does contain staff's declarations and resumes. But it does
- 14 not appear on this list. We just want to make sure that that
- 15 doesn't create a void in our exhibit list.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Yes, thank you for letting me
- 17 know. Are there any other comments on the exhibit list? Or,
- 18 should I say does the exhibit list contain all of the other
- 19 exhibits the parties intend to rely on at the Evidentiary
- 20 Hearing?
- MR. GALATI: Mr. Lee, this is Scott Galati. Could
- 22 you do me a favor, could you please, or Ms. Carlos could you
- 23 please scroll up. It looks like some of the numbers of mine
- 24 might have been changed. I just want to make sure that I
- 25 have everything. I need to see 1 through -- I had 1 through

- 1 20. So, there. Okay.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER LEE: I think I can shed some light
- 3 on that. This is Ralph Lee. You had Exhibit 17 and 20 and
- 4 those two TN numbers had already been identified at that time
- 5 by the Intervenor, Mr. Sarvey. And so, those two exhibits
- 6 are in there with Mr. Sarvey's identification numbers. That
- 7 would be Exhibits 302 and 305, the 2018 Integrated Resource
- 8 Plan and SVP email to Santa Clara re carbon intensity factor.
- 9 MR. GALATI: Okay. Okay, thank you very much. Then
- 10 all of my exhibits are represented.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Yeah, thank you.
- Okay, with that I'll move on. Regarding direct
- 13 examination, we will deem all parties' opening and rebuttal
- 14 testimonies as their direct examination. There's no need to
- 15 discuss experts' resumes, if we have them in writing, and if
- 16 no party objects to the witness as an expert.
- 17 If witnesses testify who have not filed a written
- 18 testimony, please have them identify themselves such as Mr.
- 19 John Doe, Air Quality Environmental Specialist, California
- 20 Energy Commission.
- If any party has an objection to the qualifications
- 22 of a witness, please be prepared to state the objection and
- 23 its basis during the Evidentiary Hearing. Any objections
- 24 will be decided during the Evidentiary Hearing or taken under
- 25 submission.

- 1 One more request, Ms. Carlos can we please display
- 2 the June 5th Notice, page 5? Yeah, this is the part of the
- 3 Notice describing the process. Have the parties had a chance
- 4 to review the June 5th Notice that sets forth the process of
- 5 the Evidentiary Hearing and are there any questions? Let me
- 6 start with Applicant.
- 7 MR. GALATI: We've reviewed it with no questions,
- 8 thank you.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Staff?
- 10 MS. DECARLO: Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't unmute. Yes,
- 11 we have reviewed it and we have no questions. Thank you.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Thank you. Mr. Sarvey?
- MR. SARVEY: Yes, I've reviewed it. I have no
- 14 questions.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Thank you. So, as set forth in
- 16 the June 5th Notice, you may only use a document that has
- 17 been previously identified as an exhibit when questioning a
- 18 witness. When asking your questions state by identifying the
- 19 document, either by exhibit number or its TN number, and the
- 20 specific page number you may be referencing. Allow each
- 21 party representative to finish their question before making
- 22 an objection. Allow the witness to finish their answer
- 23 before moving on to the next question.
- 24 For the benefit of the court reporter and the
- 25 transcript, please remind your witnesses to identify

- 1 themselves. If testifying as a panel, please remind them not
- 2 to talk over each other or over the person asking questions.
- 3 Again, I'll ask are there any questions, Applicant?
- 4 MR. GALATI: I don't know if now is the right time,
- 5 but I think with the order what we had done in the past,
- 6 which I think is respectful of the witnesses from the
- 7 agencies, we went out of order and took Silicon Valley Power
- 8 and Bay Area Air Quality Management District first, instead
- 9 of the Applicant testifying first. I'd like to propose that
- 10 again.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Great. I'll get to that in
- 12 just a minute.
- MR. GALATI: Okay.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Any other questions?
- MR. GALATI: No, thank you.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Staff?
- MS. DECARLO: No questions, thank you.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER LEE: And Mr. Sarvey?
- MR. SARVEY: No questions.
- 20 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Okay. On June 9th -- now, I'm
- 21 going to discuss the Prehearing Conference Statements. On
- 22 June 9th, 2020 Applicant filed a Prehearing Conference
- 23 Statement, stating it agreed with staff on all issues.
- 24 And likewise, on June 9th Energy Commission staff
- 25 filed a Prehearing Conference Statement that stated it does

- 1 not have any dispute with the Applicant in any subject area.
- 2 But staff proposed oral testimony in the following technical
- 3 areas. They proposed as a group we take Air Quality, Public
- 4 Health and Greenhouse Gas Emission, Energy, and Energy
- 5 Resources, and Generating Capacity.
- 6 Staff also requested time to question Mr. Sarvey on
- 7 anything he files prior to the hearing.
- 8 Then, on June 11th, by leave of the Committee the
- 9 Intervenor, Mr. Sarvey filed a Prehearing Conference
- 10 Statement that indicated the following areas require oral
- 11 testimony at hearing. He listed Air Quality, GHG Emissions.
- 12 And by the way, that's Greenhouse Gas Emissions. I'll be
- 13 calling them GHG Emissions. Utility Service Systems and
- 14 Energy Resources.
- In addition, on June 12th, 2020, by leave of the
- 16 Committee, the Applicant filed a revised Prehearing
- 17 Conference Statement requesting that it be allowed to give
- 18 testimony by panel at the hearing.
- 19 And I had a question of Mr. Galati. Should that be
- 20 -- is Applicant's panel proposing to testify on all the
- 21 issues that will be discussed at the hearing?
- MR. GALATI: No, Mr. Lee. Again, this is Scott
- 23 Galati. No, Mr. Lee, we will have Mr. Johnson who will
- 24 testify and all of this will be most likely our summary of
- 25 our rebuttal to Mr. Sarvey's filings. So, Air Quality,

- 1 Greenhouse Gas, and I think that's it.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Okay. And just to be clear,
- 3 will Mr. Johnson be offering direct testimony?
- 4 MR. GALATI: Yes, Mr. Johnson will be offering direct
- 5 testimony, so will Ms. Elizabeth Geller, and so will Mr.
- 6 Michael Lisenbee. They'll testify as a panel and they
- 7 represent the project Applicant, and Air Quality and
- 8 Greenhouse Gas Emissions as a panel.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Okay, thank you.
- 10 So, this question goes to all the parties and please
- 11 raise your hand if you wish to discuss, in summary the topics
- 12 that we may need to discuss in the hearing are Utilities and
- 13 Service Systems, Air Quality, Public Health, Greenhouse Gas
- 14 Emissions, Energy Resources, and Generating Capacity.
- Is this the list of topics that we need for live
- 16 testimony and are there any other topics?
- MR. SARVEY: This is Bob Sarvey. There's one other
- 18 topic. It's Environmental Justice, but it's included in Air
- 19 Quality, so we're not going to provide any extra testimony in
- 20 that area.
- 21 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Okay, thank you for that. So,
- 22 just to be clear should we call separately for an
- 23 Environmental Justice or is that just going to be handled
- 24 through your testimony in Air Quality?
- MR. SARVEY: This is Bob Sarvey. I would say it

- 1 would be handled in Air Quality and Public Health. I don't
- 2 think it (indiscernible) -- topic.
- 3 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Okay, thank you. I do see a
- 4 hand raised. Ah-ha it looks like Jakub.
- 5 MR. ZIELKIEWICZ: I'm sorry. This is Jakub
- 6 Zielkiewicz from the Bay Area Air Quality Management
- 7 District. I was just having difficulty speaking earlier on,
- 8 so I'll lower my hand now.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Understood. Thank you for
- 10 joining us.
- 11 MR. ZIELKIEWICZ: Thank you for having me.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Okay. So, do we have any
- 13 witnesses with time constraints today? In the event that
- 14 we're unable to finish the Evidentiary Hearing today, are
- 15 people available on June 18th? June 18th was the original
- 16 date for Evidentiary Hearing and the Committee may use that
- 17 date to complete the proceeding, if necessary.
- 18 I'll handle these two issues together and this is
- 19 probably where I would like to discuss what Mr. Galati
- 20 brought up earlier that we might want to take SVP and BAAQMD
- 21 witnesses first. Let me ask -- let me go to the Applicant
- 22 first.
- MR. GALATI: I would have to confer with my witnesses
- 24 about June 18th. When this got moved to June 15th we were
- 25 available then, so I'll have to get back to you on that.

- 1 We'd very much like to complete this Evidentiary Hearing
- 2 today.
- 3 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Okay. Do any of your witnesses
- 4 have time constraints this afternoon or evening?
- 5 MR. GALATI: No.
- 6 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Okay. Staff?
- 7 MS. DECARLO: Lisa DeCarlo for staff. I think we can
- 8 be generally available June 18th. We have endeavored to
- 9 shorten our direct testimony compared to at least what was
- 10 provided in Sequoia. So, we are hopeful that we can finish
- 11 today. And we should be able to -- staff should be able to
- 12 go a little bit later today if that's required, as well.
- HEARING OFFICER LEE: Thank you. Mr. Sarvey?
- MR. SARVEY: I'm available all day today and I'm
- 15 available on the 18th.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Well, thank you. And as I
- 17 mentioned, staff's Prehearing Conference indicated it was
- 18 sponsoring witnesses from BAAQMD and SVP to participate in
- 19 the Evidentiary Hearing. And it sounds like we have those
- 20 witnesses with us today.
- 21 Mr. Galati asked if maybe the parties would not
- 22 object to moving them toward the front of testimony. Ms.
- 23 DeCarlo, do you have an opinion on that?
- MS. DECARLO: Yes. What we did in Sequoia worked
- 25 well, which is having SVP go first, as Mr. Galati suggested,

- 1 followed by the BAAQMD representative, and then followed by
- 2 the subject areas where the parties' witnesses themselves
- 3 will be testifying starting with Air Quality/Public
- 4 Health/Greenhouse Gas Emissions in one panel. And then,
- 5 followed by Energy, Energy Resources, and Generating Capacity
- 6 in a separate panel, at least for staff's purposes.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Thank you. Any objection to
- 8 that, Mr. Sarvey?
- 9 MR. SARVEY: No, whatever accommodates the Applicant
- 10 that's fine with me.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Thank you. Then, as a courtesy
- 12 the Committee will allow witnesses from SVP and BAAQMD to go
- 13 first.
- Now, in Mr. Sarvey's Prehearing Conference Statement
- 15 he requested briefing. In staff and Applicant's Prehearing
- 16 Conference Statements they both said they did not anticipate
- 17 that briefing would be necessary. The Committee is going to
- 18 allow briefing limited to 15 pages and due in 7 business days
- 19 after the reporter's transcript from the Evidentiary Hearing
- 20 is published. The Committee will give details about this
- 21 later at the Evidentiary Hearing or in a written order after
- 22 the Evidentiary Hearing.
- So, if we provide an opportunity for briefing would
- 24 the parties still like to request closing statements?
- MR. GALATI: This is Scott Galati on behalf of the

- 1 Applicant. Yes, I would like a closing statement and again,
- 2 oppose the concept of briefs.
- 3 MS. DECARLO: Lisa DeCarlo for staff. Yes, we would
- 4 request the ability to do a closing statement. We find that
- 5 they are helpful at least to sum up the testimony heard. And
- 6 we also do not believe general briefs are necessary. But
- 7 certainly, if the Committee has a specific legal question
- 8 they feel needs to be explained, then we would be happy to
- 9 dive into that.
- 10 MR. SARVEY: This is Bob Sarvey. I don't need a
- 11 closing argument since you're providing a brief.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Right. I think the closing
- 13 statement serves a purpose. So, the Committee will allow
- 14 closing statements if you wish.
- So, Mr. Galati, it's your burden of proof. Would you
- 16 like to give your closing statement first or last?
- MR. GALATI: I'm happy to go last. Thank you for
- 18 asking and finally recognizing I have the burden of proof.
- 19 I'd like to go last.
- 20 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Yeah, thank you. Now, at this
- 21 time I ask whether Commissioner Douglas or Vice Chair Scott
- 22 would like to make any final remarks.
- 23 COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: This is Commissioner Douglas,
- 24 nothing from me.
- VICE CHAR SCOTT: This is Vice Chair Scott. I also

- 1 do not have any comments right now.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Very good. Then at this time
- 3 we're going to move to public comment. I ask that if I have
- 4 any members of the public who wish to make a public comment,
- 5 please use the raise hand feature so that we can unmute you,
- 6 so that we can obtain your public comments.
- 7 Please use the raise hand feature. Again, on Zoom
- 8 that would be star 9. And I do see one raised hand. That's
- 9 the Public Advisor's Office. Okay, please Ms. Avalos go
- 10 ahead.
- MS. AVALOS: Ralph, this is Rosemary Avalos from the
- 12 Public Advisor. I'm just on the phone on Zoom and I was just
- 13 trying to unmute myself and then mute myself. So, I
- 14 apologize, it's just me working on the phone. But I don't
- 15 have any public comment right now.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER LEE: Okay, thank you. I'm going to
- 17 lower your hand. Well, it looks like I can't. I'll ask Ms.
- 18 Carlos to do that, please.
- 19 Okay, I see no raised hands. And so, I think -- I
- 20 don't suspect we have any public comment, but just to be
- 21 extra sure I'm going to ask Ms. Carlos is it possible to
- 22 unmute all the phone lines?
- MS. CARLOS: There's nobody who has raised their
- 24 hand, the attendees' hands.
- 25 HEARING OFFICER LEE: All right. Yeah, we have

1	nobody who raised their hand so we are going to leave public
2	comment. Going once, going twice, okay.
3	Then, I'm going to turn the conduct of the hearing
4	back over to Commissioner Douglas to adjourn.
5	COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: All right. So, we are
6	adjourned. The Prehearing Conference is adjourned.
7	(The Prehearing Conference was adjourned
8	at 2:05 p.m.)
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