1	THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
2	OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
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4	IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION HP14-001
5	OF TRANSCANADA KEYSTONE PIPELINE, LP FOR ORDER ACCEPTING CERTIFICATION
6	OF PERMIT ISSUED IN DOCKET HP09-001 TO CONSTRUCT THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE
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12	BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS, held in the above-entitled matter, at the South Dakota State Capitol Building, 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, on the 27th day of April, 2015.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: We will call the ad hoc meeting of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to order. My name is Chairman Chris Nelson. I have Commissioners Gary Hanson and Kristie Fiegen on the telephone line with us.

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For everybody's benefit, the hearing room is completely empty except for reporter Bob Mercer and Commission Staff.

First of all, obviously this Motion that we're going to deal with this morning was filed fairly late on Friday so we were under the gun to get this dealt with. Literally this morning is the only time that all three Commissioners were available between now and when our regularly scheduled meeting was on Thursday, and that's why we had to push quickly.

I did feel that this is something that should be dealt with prior to Thursday if at all possible, and that's why we are meeting first thing Monday morning.

And I know some of you were working over the weekend to be ready for this morning.

And so with that background comment, we are dealing with HP14-001, In the Matter of the Petition of TransCanada Keystone Pipeline for an Order Accepting Certification of Permit in Docket HP09-001 to Construct the Keystone XL Pipeline.

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              MR. RAPPOLD: I filed the Affidavit,
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     Mr. Commissioner, so I could take the lead on it with the
     remaining counsel in support.
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              CHAIRMAN NELSON: Okay. If you would identify
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     yourself, and then go ahead.
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              MR. RAPPOLD: Matt Rappold on behalf of the
     Rosebud Sioux Tribe.
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              CHAIRMAN NELSON: Go ahead, Matt.
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     certainly appreciate you taking the time to listen to
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address this on a number of occasions prior to Friday's

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filing, including I'll go back to when we were asked to submit our original procedural schedules. A number of the parties did submit schedules, and we asked for a period of time that would allow the Commission, allow all of the parties to engage in a meaningful discovery process.

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And we're still here today before you with a period of discovery that has not yet been completed. I don't know how many of the other motions that the Commission received at this point, but there were several other motions filed on Friday addressing similar related concerns that we have with the Scheduling Order.

Quite frankly, I mean, we've got a hearing scheduled for next week, and discovery isn't complete.

Our most recent order from the Commission was an order to compel discovery -- (Inaudible).

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Okay. Matt, we've lost you.

MR. RAPPOLD: Can you hear me? All the sudden

it went to mute. I didn't press anything.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Go ahead.

MR. RAPPOLD: On the 14th of April TransCanada was compelled to provide certain parties with discovery. The Rules of Civil Procedure allow for a period of time to make sure that a party when they're compelled has actually compelled -- or has actually complied with the

order to compel.

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We are under the -- we take the position -discovery is not complete in this case yet. And we're
taking the position, as we have, that the Commission
cannot schedule a trial until the discovery period is
actually completed. The Rules of Civil Procedure provide
for a mechanism to enforce a party to compel after
they've been ordered to compel.

There's sanctions. There's other remedies that are available if parties have not complied fully with an Order to Compel under discovery. And in this case, quite frankly, TransCanada hasn't. And they came right out and told us in an Affidavit from their General Counsel that they haven't complied with the Order to Compel and they have no intention of complying.

And so we would ask the Commission to reschedule this hearing until such time as discovery has actually been completed, all of the parties have been provided the information that they were ordered to provide by the Commission on April the 17th. And I would yield to my other counsel on this matter for further thought.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Rappold. I'm just going to go down the list.

Mr. Capossela.

MR. CAPOSSELA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

At the hearing -- I was actually on the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Motion for Continuance last month. The Commission established a schedule to move forward with contested discovery motions and then compliance date for those motions.

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And at that time the Commission admonished the parties be prepared to conduct discovery immediately after April 14 in order to get any discovery that is compelled to the other party by April 17. Everybody was put on notice, and that went both ways. There were Intervenors that were required to respond by April 17.

As Mr. Rappold alluded to, there's an Affidavit of Counsel for TransCanada, and in the Affidavit he affirms that "it is not reasonably possible" to do the due diligence in three days' time for discovery.

And so I think what happened is TransCanada did not meet the time that was available to it the first couple of weeks in April to be prepared for the prospect of having to produce some of the documents that were requested actually back in January by the Intervenors.

Because they didn't use that time, as

Mr. Rappold said, discovery is not complete right now.

Consequently, it would be a judicious use of the

Commission's discretion to give the Intervenors a little

bit more time to review the documents that are still

forthcoming.You

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You know, a continuance in the scheduling is something that is generally within the discretion of the Commission. Here we have the situation because of discovery and nondiscovery -- you know, the refusal by TransCanada to produce some documents for a long time period in this case, because of that we're in a situation where the parties are still scrambling to uncover the discovery documents that lead from the evidentiary hearing.

That really places the Intervenors in a extremely difficult burden, and I think for that reason it would be a very judicious use of the discretion that the Commission has to grant that Motion.

Thank you for letting me be heard.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Thank you.

I'm going to see -- Bruce Ellison, have you
joined us yet?

MR. ELLISON: Yes, sir. I have.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Go ahead. It's your turn.

MR. ELLISON: Thank you, sir.

On behalf Dakota Rural Action, we'd join the arguments of Matt and Peter. We're very concerned about the outstanding discovery requests that have not yet been fulfilled. And I must say, in all candor, I have been

trying to not only prepare for confrontation of

TransCanada and the PUC Staff witnesses, but it's almost

been impossible to get completely through, in any kind of

a real review, the thousands of pages of documents we

have, the charts and maps and whatnot and really trying

to make some sense of them.

And, you know, I guess on behalf of Dakota Rural Action we certainly would join the Motion to Join the Motion. We just need more time.

If the Commission -- and I know it is -- is concerned about true fact-finding based upon all of the reasonably available evidence, there is simply not enough time to have the discovery process completed and the review of what has been disclosed by -- it is a monumental task.

And what the PUC will be hearing otherwise is just scattered quick efforts at trying to utilize these documents.

And so we would urge that some time we allow for us to prepare TransCanada to complete its discovery obligations and for us to review those additional materials and then to properly prepare for the hearing.

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CHAIRMAN NELSON: Thank you.

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have you joined us?

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MS. REAL BIRD: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: It's your turn.

MS. REAL BIRD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission. Thank you for taking the time to hear this the motion today. We certainly appreciate it.

The Yankton Sioux Tribe joins in the Motion and arguments already presented for the reasons already stated.

In addition, we have four outstanding Requests for Production that we are owed from TransCanada. Now one of them we've agreed that TransCanada can produce to us I believe it was the first day of the hearing when it's currently scheduled to start. That's our Request for Production Discovery 7 and 8, which are nearly identical.

But TransCanada asked for additional time on that for some identification of rebuttal exhibits, and we've agreed to that. And so we're, you know, in good faith working with them.

However, there were three that were deficient that details to TransCanada our Request for Production No. 2, 3, and 4. And those we notified TransCanada on April 23 of the deficiencies.

We also have those arguments contained in separate motions that are currently pending before the Commission. All three motions are really related to some degree because Yankton also has some concerns with the scope of the Protective Order, and that hasn't -- the restrictions in there haven't allowed us to meaningfully review everything produced from TransCanada to date with our co-counsel. And we've received clarification on that as well as with our clients and with our fact witnesses.

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And so the restriction with the missing Request for Production as well as the scope of the Protective Order have really, I guess, tied our hands to some degree. We're not able to access all the documents.

And then relatedly, which TransCanada did produce on the 17th, the parties that received the production were provided passwords to a secure and an unsecure -- it's a secure FTP site. One was for confidential, and one was for nonconfidential.

And Yankton in particular had really extreme problems accessing the FTP site due to our firm's security restrictions. And so we did work with TransCanada to get those resolved. They were responsive through their IT folks.

However, that resulted in a significant delay. I think Yankton got full access sometime mid last week.

And so really, you know, all the documents produced I would just like to echo what was already stated. It's not sufficient time. And there are still ongoing -- discovery disputes that are currently pending. And so to go forward with the hearing at this time Yankton feels it would violate our due process and the due process rights of other parties.

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And I think TransCanada did cite in a -- a case in their Brief that said other relevant factors, including prejudice to the opposing party, whether the continuance motion was motivated by procrastination, bad planning, dilatory tactics, prejudice caused to the moving party by denial of the continuance and prior continuances or delays.

And so we're really talking about prejudice caused to the moving parties here by denial of the continuances. And there have been no prior continuances or delays as to the hearing itself. There have been, you know, recently a slight continuance for one deadline and a couple of deadline continuances for one of their parties.

But we're really talking about the due process concerns because of the discovery, the ongoing discovery, I guess, disputes or conversations that are still happening amongst the parties.

And so Yankton Sioux Tribe joins in the Motion, and we urge the Commission to grant the Motion today.

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CHAIRMAN NELSON: Thank you. I am next going to go to Kimberly Craven with Indigenous Environmental Network.

Ms. Craven, you filed a separate Motion to Join. It was filed very, very late and so it's not been noticed for this hearing and I'm not sure even if it was, what it would have accomplished beyond our dealing with the issue at hand.

But, Ms. Craven, if you'd address that and then anything that you'd like to on the Motion at hand.

MS. CRAVEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We were inadvertently -- Indigenous

Environmental Network was inadvertently left out of the

Joint Motion that was filed on Friday. We had every

intention of joining along with our colleagues and the

parties to show that we support them in their efforts to

have full and complete discovery to protect the due

process rights of the people of South Dakota.

This is a very -- this is a really important -- as you know, really important issue that we're considering here, and I would just urge the Commissioners to protect the due process rights of the people of South Dakota in order to protect the land and the

resources that are so important to them and the essential health and welfare of the people.

So that's all I'd like to say this morning.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak to the Motion.

But I do support everything my colleagues have said so far and join in their arguments.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Thank you. And I appreciate that clarification. At this point I'm just going to go down the line of the other Intervenors who are on the phone, and if you have anything to add, you can.

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MR. HARTER: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

I guess I would just like to join the Motion on the arguments that have made. And then when the schedule was set we had discussion on the fact of the time frame of this being an extremely busy time for the farmers and ranchers, and which for me having this the first of May is a real burden.

So I just would like to join with the Motion and ask that you guys would forward this proceeding out of the busiest time of the year for a lot of farmers and ranchers so the people of South Dakota can join in this process more freely.

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CHAIRMAN NELSON: Thanks, John.

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              MS. STESKAL: Excuse me. Can you hear me?
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              CHAIRMAN NELSON: Diana, go ahead.
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              MS. STESKAL: I just want to say as an
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     request there was so much that it took me forever to get
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              MR. BLACKBURN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
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can find our missing Commissioners.

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(Discussion off the record)

MR. BLACKBURN: The Motion for Continuance is based on a number of very practical concerns related to review of the very large amount of material provided by TransCanada on April 17. This material includes both confidential and nonconfidential information, and that's important regarding understanding how it's processed and who can review it and how it's reviewed.

The confidential data bears repeating. The confidential data consists of 2,508 files and contains 222 folders and consists of three 25 gigabytes of data. And the nonconfidential data consists of 3,706 files containing 419 folders, and it's 6.84 gigabytes of data.

Due to the limited time, the Intervenors have not counted the total number of pages, but likely this is in the at least tens of thousands of pages of material, and much of it is technical and highly specialized.

The March 31 Order left the parties just five business days to review, respond, and assess the adequacy of over 6,000 files prior to the date of filing rebuttal testimony, which is today. And I have to say the Intervenors have made a remarkable good-faith effort to access and secure TransCanada's 11th hour discovery disclosure so that it may be sufficiently and materially

accessed by all Intervenors.

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But even its effort has had the effect of further reducing the already incredibly limited time provided by TransCanada for review and use of this voluminous discovery material.

This reasonable and good faith and remarkably fast administrative effort simply required time. At best the delivery date ordered by the Commission for this discovery response provided the Intervenors and attorneys and expert just 10 days in which to identify exhibits contained in this response and 17 days in which they can analyze this information for completeness and substance and integrate it into the cases, including via expert and fact witness testimony and preparation for cross-examination.

But as noted, the Commission's Protective Order restricts the access of certain Intervenors as well as experts to this material, thereby reducing the effective time we have for review. And in particular the way the Protective Order is written it sounds like only those parties that requested the material expressly were allowed to see the confidential material.

We need some clarity on that. Otherwise, we risk violating the protective order.

The continued Application of the current

1 schedule violates all the parties' due process rights in that it denies the parties' the opportunity to 2 3 participate meaningfully in the case and imposes 4 unrealistic, unreasonable, and arbitrary and capricious 5 deadlines, especially given the already complexity of the 6 discoverable information already produced, along with the 7 information that Keystone produced on April 17, 2015. 8 So the parties really have worked incredibly 9 hard to try to get access to this material and review it. 10 But it's asking simply what cannot be done, to have all 11 of these 6,000 files to review and analyze and used for 12 the Commission's benefit by the time of the evidentiary 13 hearing. 14 So, therefore, given this -- you know, the 15 practical concerns here, the Motion to Continue must be 16 granted. Otherwise, simply we won't complete discovery. 17 We won't have a reasonable and fair time to review the 18 discoverable material before the evidentiary hearing. 19 Thank you. 20 CHAIRMAN NELSON: Thank you. 21 Dallas Goldtooth. 22 Not hearing anything from Dallas. So I am going 2.3 to go to Commission Staff. 2.4 Ms. Edwards.

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MS. EDWARDS:

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Staff didn't file anything in response to this particular Motion. However, we did file a response to a similar Motion filed by Standing Rock a few weeks back. We would stand by our legal arguments in that -- in our Brief in that we would urge the Commission to rely on the factors laid out in Meadowland Apartments v. Schumacher, which are whether the resulting delay would result in prejudice to the opposing party, the motivation for the Motion, any prejudice to the moving party if the Motion's denied, and whether there have been any prior continuances.

Beyond that, we weren't a party to the discovery motions. I believe at this time Staff has all the information it needs, and we've been able to comply with every deadline set by the Commission.

We do have witnesses compared to come next week and testify so we are prepared to go forward. However, we don't take a position, and if the Commission does choose to grant this Motion, we will, as we have done since September, work diligently to comply with every deadline the Commission sets.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Thank you.

My understanding is Dallas Goldtooth is now back

on the line. 2 Dallas, go ahead. MR. GOLDTOOTH: Thank you, Commissioner. 3 4 is Dallas Goldtooth. 5 I think a lot of folks have really laid out some 6 really solid reasoning for asking for a Motion of 7 Continuance, and I really want to back that up and 8 support those wholeheartedly. So I'd like to join, verbally join, the Motion 10 for Continuance for all the different well laid out 11 reasons by the other parties. 12 CHAIRMAN NELSON: Thank you. 13 Bill Taylor, it is now your turn. 14 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner. We just 15 got a note that there are some issues with our telephones 16 this morning. 17 Can you hear me okay? 18 CHAIRMAN NELSON: We can hear you very well. 19 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you very much. 20 I would like to start with this observation. Wе 21 have heard from some of the Intervenors arguments on 22 Motions that are not set for hearing this morning. 2.3 The issues that Ms. Real Bird raises are not 24 part of this Motion. The issues that Mr. Capossela 25 raised with respect to the scope of discovery responses

are not part of this Motion.

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This is a Motion for Continuance based on the general status of the case, not based on individual discovery issues. And so we will limit our comments to the Motion as filed and noticed.

Having said that, Keystone filed its first objections to discovery in this case in January. No Motions to Compel Discovery were made until March 25, and then only one was made. The rest of the Motions to Compel were filed April 7 in expectation of a hearing seven days later.

The hearing was conducted on April 14. The Commission was very liberal in allowing and compelling further discovery. By prearrangement, the Commission had said we had three days to accomplish that. Keystone accomplished it. We were ready. We had internet sites set up on the afternoon of March 17 and had deposited the information in those internet sites.

So the Commission knows exactly what we did on April 17, I'll tell you. We posted -- Keystone posted documents that we believed to be responsive to the Commission's Motion to Compel on FTP sites. Two sites. One containing confidential documents, the other containing nonconfidential documents.

Before the close of business on Friday

afternoon, the 17th, we issued access codes and passwords to each of the lawyers who was entitled to see that information.

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We arranged to have IT assistance available through the weekend. In fact, Mr. Ellison made use of the IT resources I think in the afternoon of Friday the 17th. Ms. Real Bird made use of the IT resources on Saturday the 18th. And on Monday following our production we conducted a round robin telephone conversation among the interested parties.

Mr. Martinez raised issue that there might be security questions with the FTP site. Our IT Staff moved all of the documents to a new site called Hightail that had better access and better security. We told everybody that in the telephone conversation on Monday, and we supplied new passwords and new information to get into the Hightail site either that day or the next and continued to maintain the FTP site for those persons who wanted to get into those.

We have done everything that we possibly could to make this as easy as possible for the Intervenors, including agreeing to an extension of one week for filing witness lists and document lists.

In addition to that, after there was discussion in the telephone conversation last Monday about the

volume of documents and confidentiality issues, we invited Mr. Martinez and Capossela to narrow the scope of their discovery requests if they wanted.

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Both recognized in those conversations that "all documents, requests, and those discovery requests" and said they would consider narrowing their request. We have heard nothing from them since, other than the motions that were filed on Friday.

This Motion really appears to -- the principal complaint appears to be that the Intervenors got what they asked for. What they asked for was an extensive and broad-based request for documents, and we produced those documents in a timely fashion.

The only thing that we did not produce is there was a request that all communication with all governmental agencies between Keystone and all governmental agencies be produced. We've de-vined that that would require an e-mail search of more than 1,000 persons plus e-mail searches of enumerable contractors who worked on the project, and we concluded that that could not reasonably be accomplished in the time frames allowed and filed an Affidavit to that end.

So everybody knew exactly what the time line would be. Everybody knew going into the hearing on April 14 that if expansive discovery requests were

granted and enforced, that there would be a large production of documents. The Commission granted those broad-based discovery requests, and we produced the documents.

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We acted in good faith with respect to confidential documents. There is a framework that identifies documents in relation to Discovery Requests and Request for Production of Documents that was posted and served with the Discovery Request.

So what we conclude is this: The Commission set a schedule. Everybody knew what the schedule was. The Intervenors waited until March 25 and April 7 to make document production requests one week before the hearing. The Commission granted those discovery requests, and we had three days to produce them and told everybody ahead of time we would have three days to produce. We produced.

We did it in a meaningful manner that allowed access. We provided IT support. We provided -- moved the materials when requested by one of the Intervenors. We have fulfilled our obligations completely and fully.

Final point: This is not a retrial of the 2009

Permit Application. This is a limited scope hearing,

limited to the scope of can Keystone comply with the

conditions the Commission imposed on it in 2009? The

scope of discovery is far, far broader than the scope of the hearing.

And we have complied with all discovery requests fully and completely, and there is no reason, logical or otherwise, to extend the date of the hearing. We've fulfilled our obligations, and we'd ask the Commission to stand on the date of the hearing.

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CHAIRMAN NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Rappold, I'm going to give you an opportunity for brief rebuttal before we go to Commissioner questions.

MR. ELLISON: This is Bruce Ellison. I'd also like a request for brief rebuttal, which is a Joint Motion.

MR. RAPPOLD: Thank you, Commissioners. Just a few things real quick.

Mr. Taylor makes the assertion that the scope of discovery is broader than the scope of the hearing.

Well, he's correct in that assertion because that's what the Rules of Civil Procedure provide. All relevant evidence. It doesn't have to be necessary admissible evidence but evidence that may be relevant to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

The scope of discovery is very broad, and the

rules require that it is broader than the scope of the hearing as they have framed the issues.

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I would also point you to something that's very concerning to me. The only thing that we didn't produce was the e-mails of over 1,000 people that we would have to check. And then the statement that we've complied with the rule in good faith.

Well, I would suggest to the Commission that simply telling that you say we're not going to do something through the Affidavit of Mr. White is not complying with the Order in good faith. Had TransCanada come back to the Commission and said we'd like an extension because we can't reasonably search these records of over 1,000 people within three days, we'd like an extension to do that, I would think that would be more in good faith rather than just telling us that we're not going to do something.

They were ordered to do something. They don't get to say, well, I'm sorry, we can't reasonably accomplish that within three days. No. That's not good faith, Commissioners. It's just not. And I think you can see that.

Additionally, one other statement regarding good faith and the designation of confidential information and objections to discovery. We asked for lists of high

consequence areas. So did some of the other parties.

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The request initially was objected to on the grounds that the information was confidential. At the hearing that we had on the 14th you recall seeing an e-mail from someone within the Pipeline Mapping System that says this information is confidential and you can give some of it out and you can't give some of it out.

Well, I would draw your attention to the Commission's Staff request back in the 2009 Docket, "Please describe each of the high consequence areas that have the potential to be affected by the pipeline." And Keystone's response was a chart with one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10, 11, 12 designated high consequence areas in the 2009 Docket in response to Staff's data request.

How come if it was confidential now, it wasn't confidential then? The argument wasn't raised at that point. And the information was provided without any sort of dispute about whether the information should be provided or not.

Additionally, one of the documents that was produced in the discovery recently produced by TransCanada pursuant to the Order to Compel them was a list of high consequence areas designated by TransCanada as confidential.

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              CHAIRMAN NELSON: Bruce, just a moment. I need
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    to ask a follow-up question of Mr. Rappold.
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hearing, which underscores the point that I made in the

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1 beginning any issues related to the scope of our 2 discovery are not up for discussion at this point despite 3 the fact that each one of the Intervenors argued that 4 point in the beginning of this proceeding. 5 CHAIRMAN NELSON: I understand. Thank you. And 6 I appreciate --7 MR. RAPPOLD: A brief response, 8 Mr. Commissioner. CHAIRMAN NELSON: No. Matt. Matt, I'm going to 10 go to Mr. Ellison. 11 MR. RAPPOLD: Sure. 12 MR. ELLISON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A couple 13 of comments. 14 Mr. Taylor is correct that I did contact 15 TransCanada I believe it was Friday the 17th late in the 16 day because we started getting stuff late in the 17 afternoon of that last workday of the week because I was 18 having problems getting access. 19 I will put on the record at this point that 20 working eight to 10 hours a day Saturday and Sunday 21 probably about five hours on Friday evening, I was just 22 able to -- because the server was so slow not getting to 2.3 look at -- to read the documents, but it took all of that

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That's a far cry from having a time to digest and analyze tens of thousands of pages.

And it's interesting that Mr. Taylor argues that everybody knew that if expansive discovery was provided, that there would be limited time to review it.

It's as though we make a proper Discovery

Request, we make a Motion to Compel, which is granted by
the Commission, that the items are arguably relevant to
issues that we are raising and now Mr. Taylor is
suggesting that because we asked for things that we felt
we were entitled to, that somehow we -- it doesn't matter
whether we're prejudiced by the amount of time we have to
review it.

And that just doesn't make any sense from a due process standpoint. And it completely goes against the South Dakota Rules of Discovery, which are to be liberally interpreted and applied. And so I'm a little confused by TransCanada's argument. There's simply not enough time to do that.

Now Mr. Taylor also then throws in the question that he asserts that this is not a 2009 -- this is not a retrial of the 2009 Application. However, it was -- if I recall correctly, it was TransCanada and I believe the Commission that stated that what is ripe for review

during these proceedings are matters related to the Findings of Fact and to the Amended Condition.

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This was the basis for our Discovery Request, the Motion to Compel, the granting of the Motion to Compel.

So with all due respect to TransCanada, we are -- and I appreciate that with their huge Staff they're all ready. I am one person. I have not been able to read all of the documents yet. I will not be able to by next Monday and also do what I can to even do a rudimentary preparation for cross-examination.

So I just wanted to mention these points because if the Commission -- and I know that it is -- is really interested in truth and fact finding here with all of the parties having a reasonable time to get properly prepared in the face of tens of thousands of pages of documents disclosed and assuming I had to say a little over a week ago, it's just not possible.

So I would urge that this matter be continued for a reasonable material of time, substantial period of time. Thank you.

No prejudice to the parties, by the way.

Because TransCanada is so far from having even submitted permits to appropriate agencies let alone gotten rulings on them to start construction. I just don't understand

the prejudice argument.

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And Mr. Taylor being an experienced civil practitioner knows that it is not unusual at all when huge discovery matters arise in complicated civil cases that there may be multiple continuances to allow for all parties to get ready so, in fact, there can be, in fact, a true trial.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Thank you.

We are going to go to Commissioner questions.

Commissioner Hanson, do you have any questions?

COMMISSIONER HANSON: I just have one,

Mr. Chairman, and that is of Staff.

Ms. Edwards, we have a number of dockets before us, and you have a lot of things on your plate right now. How are you doing as far as -- since we can't have the opportunity to chat outside the hearing, I'd like to hear from you.

I did listen very carefully to your remarks.

They seemed a bit nuanced. You weren't taking a strong position. But I'm wondering how you're doing from the standpoint of being able to keep up with all of this.

MS. EDWARDS: It's taken a lot of hours, and it's taken a lot of time, you know, beyond regular working hours like any trial would. And I guess that's

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    profession was putting in a lot of extra hours, a lot of
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              COMMISSIONER HANSON: Okay. That's very
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              COMMISSIONER FIEGEN: Chairman Nelson, are you
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              COMMISSIONER FIEGEN: The last speaker, was that
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              CHAIRMAN NELSON: Yes.
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              COMMISSIONER FIEGEN: Okay. I have a question.
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MR. ELLISON: Okay. I am not suggesting that there will be requests for multiple continuances. I was just simply pointing out that in complex civil litigation such matters of continuances are not unusual.

We are requesting our first serious Motion for a Continuance. If the Commission were to give us a couple of months at least, I can't see how there would be a reasonable basis for a Motion to Continue. A couple months would allow us to -- especially those of us without staff and even some with limited staff to really get through all of these documents that have been disclosed and to be able to make meaningful presentations of the evidence.

I mean, one of the concerns that I have is that right now in terms of designating exhibits I need to virtually designate every single document that has been disclosed by TransCanada because I haven't been able to get through them and probably will not even cursory be able to read them by next Monday. That's a concern to me.

I don't want to dump tens of thousands of pages of documents of which maybe 10 percent may actually be relevant. But that's just part of the reality that is faced when we don't have a reasonable amount of time to

go through all of these documents.

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And I would guess that Mr. Taylor didn't start on Friday evening of the 17th and -- or maybe even the week before and, in fact, read each word of each one of these documents. It's just plain impossible. You figure a minute a page on the average with tens of thousands of pages of documents, and you do the math. It just doesn't work out.

So respectfully, ma'am, I would anticipate if we were to get a couple of months on behalf of at least DRA, we would be ready to go. And the only thing I would mention about a couple of months is I have a federal jury trial on July 7, which is definitely going. So other than that week or time afterwards, I just don't envision --

But this is not an unusual occurrence. That's what I'm just trying to suggest. And all we're asking for is we want our day in court. We want to -- and we value the Commission's time. We don't want to just waste it by just doing massive document dumps and just trying to scramble to ask reasonable questions on cross-examination and not overpresenting our case on our case in chief just simply because we didn't have time to really sort through everything in a manner that proper preparation required.

Thank you.

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COMMISSIONER FIEGEN: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: This is Chairman Nelson. I have, I think, just one question. And I'm going to go to Mr. Ellison with the question. I could go to probably any of the attorneys on the Motion, but I'm going to -- I'm going to go with Bruce.

Here's the thing that troubles me the most. You know, Mr. Taylor's made an argument that they filed their objections in January to the discovery requests, and yet it took over two months before we had any Motions to Compel. And those were, in my mind, two wasted months in which all of the things that you've just talked about could have been dealt with to keep us on schedule.

So tell me why you all didn't respond promptly in January to deal with this instead of waiting until late March.

MR. ELLISON: Well, doing the best that I can to try and explain that is is that we're all very busy. I'm a sole practitioner. I have no staff. Doing the best that we can. There were Motion deadlines that were set, and we tried to get in our requests before that.

In hindsight perhaps it should have been a little bit earlier, but that's not from lack of -- you know, basically have idle time that was just then used

for other things.

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We're in the situation now with the normal discovery process these things do just take time as one tries to fit in what work has to be done on any given case that we're working on.

We are simply at this point right now. We have made the Motions to Compel. It was not an effort to just create this kind of a situation. It was just simply trying to take care of everything that one needs to take care of in a practice, and this is how it fell out.

We have been asking for a long time for a lot of time to properly prepare for this case, and now that we have gotten all of these documents we need some additional time. And that's simply the posture that we're in right now, and trying to review these documents the best we can there is just not enough time to properly do that.

MR. CAPOSSELA: Mr. Chairman, this is

Peter Capossela. Might I address your question also?

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Certainly. Thank you.

MR. CAPOSSELA: Thank you for the opportunity.

There was a reference to the first Motion to Compel that was filed which was Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's Motion to Compel on March 25. And that was two weeks after the close of discovery.

I think routinely in discovery the parties try
to work out disputes prior to the conclusion of
discovery. And the Standing Rock Tribe did that. I
mean, there were consultations with counsel shortly after
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And so the efforts to get what the Tribe believed was compliance with its discovery requests dates back to February. And there were discussions between counsel back in February. But it would have been premature to have filed anything prior to March 10. Or at the very least it's fair to provide that time to the party that received the discovery request to comply. I mean, that was kind of the drop dead date for discovery.

So I don't think it would have been timely to have filed anything with respect to Motions to Compel prior to March 10. And what we tried to do at Standing Rock to keep things moving along as best we could was Standing Rock was the first Motion to Compel on March 25.

And so I think that when you look at that I don't believe filing a Motion to Compel on March 25 in order to go give TransCanada time to March 10 to do what the Tribe had requested -- I don't think that is any unreasonable delay. I think that is -- we were as conscientious as we could have been. We filed the Motion to Compel as promptly after March 10 as we reasonably

could have. At the very least filing on March 25 a

Motion to Compel Discovery that was due on March 10 is

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We didn't drag our feet, and we didn't wait that long. It does take a little bit of time to draft the Motion. As well as to do the consultations with counsel to avoid having to file the Motion in the first place.

And there are a lot of issues even today outstanding. Yes, many documents and many pages of technical documents have been uploaded on the sites, but the sites are not that easy to operate. And so people are trying to access the documents but also, frankly, the discovery was incomplete. And there are documents that are referenced in the Staff's prefiled testimony describing documents that were technical documents relating to ground water, soils, geologic resources, paleontological resources, that were not produced but that are described in the Staff's prefiled testimony as having been given to TransCanada by DENR as TransCanada was doing its planning.

My point is that even though a lot of material was uploaded and that puts a burden on the Intervenors to review that material, arguably it's also not complete.

And I think that's another important reason that would kind of justify what the Intervenors believe is the right

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              CHAIRMAN NELSON: Mr. Capossela, you're going
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              CHAIRMAN NELSON: Yep. Thank you.
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              COMMISSIONER HANSON: No, Commissioner.
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    accustomed to chatting a little bit prior to a Motion.
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              COMMISSIONER HANSON: Mr. Chairman, I move that
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CHAIRMAN NELSON: Discussion on the Motion.

COMMISSIONER HANSON: Mr. Chairman, I -- this is a very difficult Motion for me to make because I do very much agree with Mr. Taylor that this is not a retrial, that the scope of discovery is -- has gone beyond the scope of the hearing. I believe it's far beyond the scope of the hearing. And I'm concerned that the PUC is flirting with prejudicing XL.

There's been plenty of time to engage in meaningful discovery process. I disagree with Mr. -- well, I'm concerned with remarks made that -- by, for instance, Mr. Capossela that being two weeks late to compel is not being dilatory. I think it is dilatory.

The discussion that -- you know, single proprietorship and has other things to do, that's -- that's not -- that's just not part of the process here. If a person takes on a case, they are expected to participate in the case, and it's not up to everyone else to delay their -- the process because they're having challenges.

And I do believe it's improper to place this solely on the shoulders of XL. A two-month delay that -- Chairman Nelson, that you referred to troubles me, greatly.

I know it sounds like I'm arguing against my Motion, but I do stand by my Motion. I think that the problem was created to a great extent by the Intervenors moving to compel discovery of large volumes of information rather than specific information.

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Again, this is a -- not a -- this is not a retrial. It's a plain and simple look at the process that took place previously, what were the conditions that the PUC placed upon XL, look at the particulars in each one, and ask for discovery based upon that.

It's troubling that entities would demand very large volumes of information and then complain that they received very large volumes of information. But it is what it is, and the Commission has granted those rather than limiting them to specific information.

I will not support further delays based upon parties' dilatoriness, especially of their own making. I move on the July 27 through the 31st as a hard and fixed number and will not tolerate any further delays at all.

The parties have had ample time. I think the Intervenors slept on their rights to an extent towards the beginning of this process. That is one reason as we saw that in the PUC that I pressed for a compressed period over the past month that we worked towards the May dates for the hearing. Because I wanted the parties

to -- to work to get things done rather than waiting
until the last minute as I hear that they did early on in
this process.

And, Mr. Chairman, that concludes my remarks.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Additional discussion.

COMMISSIONER FIEGEN: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Go ahead.

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COMMISSIONER FIEGEN: Move to amend the Motion to July 27 to July 30 and further amend that the Staff set procedural time lines on items of Motions to Compel, witness lists and evidence documents and rebuttal due, and rebuttal should be due with that date that gives the Commission over a month to read rebuttal.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: So my understanding --

COMMISSIONER FIEGEN: I certainly agree with Commissioner Hanson and his statements. I do, though, very much appreciate the Intervenors in how hard they've worked, the energy that they've put in. And it is truly an important issue to South Dakota, just like Kimberly stated.

I also appreciate TransCanada on how hard they have worked in complying and trying to cooperatively work with the Intervenors. I continue to suggest that Intervenors work directly with TransCanada when they have issues like they have and TransCanada has responded

quickly to Intervenors when Intervenors have asked for support, and I continue to ask for that in the upcoming months.

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So I will be supporting close to Commissioner Hanson's Motion with the amendment because we currently have a four-day hearing schedule, and this would allow another four-day hearing.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Commissioner Fiegen, let me clarify. Was that a Motion to Amend?

COMMISSIONER FIEGEN: Correct. The beginning statement was a Motion to Amend. Correct.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Would you like Staff to kind of fill out your Motion with some of those additional dates at this point?

COMMISSIONER FIEGEN: They can do it now, or they can submit that to us at a Commission meeting. I want to make sure that all Motions to Compel and everybody has their discovery quickly. I want to make sure that they have additional time for witness lists.

Are you still there?

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Yeah. I am. And Staff has just indicated that they'd like a little bit more time, and so perhaps we can deal with that at our meeting on Thursday.

COMMISSIONER FIEGEN: And I would assume that we

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              CHAIRMAN NELSON:
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              MR. TAYLOR: Commissioner Nelson, Bill Taylor.
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I'll say it again. This is a very limited question that we're going to be dealing with. But I'm not convinced that four days is going to get us there.

I would prefer to see a five-day schedule, but, frankly, I'm not convinced that that's going to be enough and we might not need to go into the following week. So for that reason I'm going to oppose the Motion to Amend.

Further discussion on the Motion to Amend.

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COMMISSIONER HANSON: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Go ahead.

commissioner Hanson: I'm fine with either way on the date from the 27th to the 31st, the 27th to the 30th. I would look to Commissioner Fiegen if that portion of her Motion to Amend -- I'm not sure what other part of her Motion would be excluded, but it's always safe to have the extra day available.

I believe she makes the point that we have four days presently, and it would make sense to have -- it makes sense both ways so I have no problem going to the 31st. So I'm just looking to Commissioner Fiegen to see if she'd be interested in having it the 27th through the 31st just to make certain we have that extra time so that Commissioner Nelson could support the Motion.

COMMISSIONER FIEGEN: Sure. Commissioners are

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              CHAIRMAN NELSON: Yes. Briefly.
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    are like with respect to the July dates.
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27th is very difficult, July 27, very difficult for me.

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1 Mr. Moore the same. And I have no idea about the rest of 2 our witnesses or Mr. White, anybody else's schedules.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Thank you.

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Further discussion on the Motion to Amend which would amend the Motion to state that it would be the 27th through the 30th and that Staff would provide us with some of those intervening deadlines.

Hearing no further discussion on the Motion -- go ahead.

COMMISSIONER FIEGEN: Okay. I can vote on the Motion to Amend. That's fine.

MR. TAYLOR: Commissioner Nelson, let me ask one more question. Bill Taylor.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Certainly.

MR. TAYLOR: Is it possible that if the Commission is going to defer the dates, that we wait until Thursday at your next regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the date that the hearing would be conducted on so we can at least talk to our people?

CHAIRMAN NELSON: That -- and this is simply part of the discussion here. I would have no problem with that. I guess I would throw that question out to Commissioner Fiegen and Hanson.

COMMISSIONER FIEGEN: Correct. I would be open to that. I believe the first week in August may be an

- opportunity too. So I'm certainly open to discussing
 that on Thursday or have the Staff work with the parties,
 whatever works.
- COMMISSIONER HANSON: I'm fine with that,

 Mr. Chairman.

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- CHAIRMAN NELSON: Okay. I think all three of us are in agreement with that. I will just say that, you know, having looked at the Commission's schedule this summer, there's not a lot of flexibility, but perhaps some. And so --
- And, Mr. Taylor, you know, I don't know if this Motion's going to pass or not, but I certainly understand the situation that you and your people are in should the Motion pass.
- MR. TAYLOR: It would be useful for us. If it is the Commission's intention to continue the May hearing date, it would be useful for us to know what other dates are available so that we can at least suggest for our witnesses that -- the last week of July, if there are other weeks in August that are available.
- CHAIRMAN NELSON: And that's a very reasonable question. I believe the first week in August may also be available.
- Commissioner Hanson, is that your understanding also?

1 COMMISSIONER HANSON: Yes, it is. Thank you. 2 Beyond that, I think those are CHAIRMAN NELSON: 3 probably the two weeks that the Commission is available. 4 Other weeks may open up, but at this point that's -that's it. 6 So, with that, Commissioner Hanson, would you 7 consider it a friendly amendment to strip the dates off 8 with the understanding that we'll deal with that on Thursday? 10 COMMISSIONER HANSON: Yes. 11 CHAIRMAN NELSON: Thank you. 12 At this point we have a Motion -- simply a 13 Motion to Grant the Motion to Continue the Hearing, 14 Motion for Continuance. 15 Further discussion on that Motion? 16 Let me -- let me say this is very difficult for 17 me to support, but at the end of the day I will be 18 supporting the Motion. I think Commissioner Hanson did a 19 nice job of laying out the difficulties with this. 20 We laid out a schedule very early on. I believe 21 it was a reasonable schedule. As I have indicated, I

We laid out a schedule very early on. I believe it was a reasonable schedule. As I have indicated, I think there was a couple of months that may not have been used as wisely as they could have been by some of the Intervenors.

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The flip side to that is if back in January

Keystone would have turned over all of the information that ultimately was compelled, the Intervenors could have used those two months to review the documents. And so there may be a little bit of fault on both sides that has ultimately brought us to the situation that we're in today.

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Having said that, given the very, very large volume of documents that were turned over, I understand that it is probably humanly impossible for those to be meaningfully reviewed for use in a hearing next week, and that is the ultimate point that drives me to support this Motion for Delay.

I would echo Commissioner Hanson's comments about the fact that I can see no reason why there would be any additional granting of additional requests to delay. This gives us -- if we're towards the end of July, it's going to be another two and a half months, and the parties need to -- even if you're a sole practitioner or whatever your situation is, this needs to be the priority because we are going to have this hearing.

And I'll tell you just from a personal perspective I was so mentally ready to do this next week, I am anxious to get at this. I am anxious to hear the arguments of both sides and to wrestle with that and make the proper decision.

1 And so from a personal perspective, I wish this 2 wasn't happening. But I think in the interest of justice 3 and due process I'm going to need to support the Motion. Additional discussion. 4 5 Hearing none, all those in favor of the Motion 6 to Grant the Continuance will say aye. Those opposed, 7 nay. 8 Commissioner Hanson. COMMISSIONER HANSON: Aye. 10 CHAIRMAN NELSON: Commissioner Fiegen. 11 COMMISSIONER FIEGEN: Fiegen votes aye. 12 CHAIRMAN NELSON: Nelson votes aye. 13 The Motion carries with the understanding 14 that -- well, there's several outstanding motions that I 15 suspect we'll deal with on Thursday in addition to other 16 scheduling issues that will be resolved on Thursday. 17 Are there any other questions or issues that are 18 appropriate for our discussion today? 19 MR. TAYLOR: Commissioner Nelson, William 20 Taylor. I have a question. 21 CHAIRMAN NELSON: Yes. 22 MR. TAYLOR: Are we relieved of the obligation 2.3 to produce rebuttal testimony, witness lists, exhibit 24 lists, and so forth that are due today or tomorrow? 25 CHAIRMAN NELSON: Yes. And I'm just going to

1 make sure that my other fellow Commissioners have no problem with that, but I think that would be understood. 2 3 Commissioner Hanson, any problem with that? 4 COMMISSIONER HANSON: No problem. 5 CHAIRMAN NELSON: Commissioner Fiegen. 6 COMMISSIONER FIEGEN: Yes. They are released. 7 CHAIRMAN NELSON: And, Mr. Taylor, thank you for 8 asking that question. MR. TAYLOR: One other point. None of the 10 other -- there were three or four other motions filed on Friday, none of which have been noticed for hearing, and 11 12 it would strike me that having a hearing on Thursday is a 13 little premature on some of those points. 14 We're ready. We've got our responsive materials 15 If you've got the time, we'll argue them. 16 CHAIRMAN NELSON: I'll just make two points on 17 The reason they were not noticed for today is that 18 the notice dealing with the issue that we just resolved 19 was completed prior to some of those others coming in. 20 And those others were so late on Friday that I thought we 21 were really pushing things to attempt to get them on 22 today. That's the reason we didn't do that. 2.3 So far as whether we'll deal with those on 24 Thursday, which will mean we will do a special Notice of

Hearing, I will leave that up to Staff to determine, but

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I guess in my mind probably the sooner rather than the
later on those to get those issues behind us I think
would be prudent.

MR. TAYLOR: We're ready. We've got our brief

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MR. TAYLOR: We're ready. We've got our brief ready to file so we'll be ready Thursday if you want.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Excellent. Well, I'm hoping that's the direction we can go. Other issues?

MS. HILDING: This is Nancy Hilding. You have done a public notice of a public hearing on May 4 and a public comment period. Are you going to stand by that, or are you going to still have the public meeting on May 4? Are you going to extend the written comment deadline?

I'm just pointing out that there's another event and deadline that was tiered to the May 5 start of the hearing that you might want to think about it and if you're going to retract that, the sooner you get the news out the better.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: We certainly understand that, and that will be part of the things we deal with as we reshuffle the deck on this.

MS. HILDING: All right. I have a question. I want to discuss with you guys having you guys make the Final Environmental Impact Statement and the Final Supplemental Impact Statement somehow part of the

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              CHAIRMAN NELSON: Nancy, this is not the time
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     for that. We only have one issue on the agenda today.
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              MS. HILDING: I was just asking for guidance,
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    but that's okay. All right. Thank you.
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              CHAIRMAN NELSON: Yes. You can file a Motion on
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     any issue that you wish.
              MS. HILDING: All right.
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              CHAIRMAN NELSON:
                                Is there a Motion to Adjourn?
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              COMMISSIONER FIEGEN: Move to adjourn,
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    Mr. Chairman.
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              CHAIRMAN NELSON: Moved to adjourn.
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              All those in favor will vote aye. Opposed,
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     nay.
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              Commissioner Hanson.
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              COMMISSIONER HANSON: Aye.
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              CHAIRMAN NELSON: Commissioner Fiegen.
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              COMMISSIONER FIEGEN: Fiegen votes aye.
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              CHAIRMAN NELSON: Nelson votes aye.
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              We are adjourned.
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             (The hearing is adjourned at 10:32 a.m.)
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5	I, CHERI MCCOMSEY WITTLER, a Registered
6	Professional Reporter, Certified Realtime Reporter and
7	Notary Public in and for the State of South Dakota:
8	DO HEREBY CERTIFY that as the duly-appointed
9	shorthand reporter, I took in shorthand the proceedings
10	had in the above-entitled matter on the 27th day of
11	April, 2015, and that the attached is a true and correct
12	transcription of the proceedings so taken.
13	Dated at Onida, South Dakota this 18th day of
14	May, 2015.
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