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    Application of Columbus
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    Southern Power Company
    and Ohio Power Company
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    for Authority to Establish:
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    Pursuant to §4928.143, : Case No. 11-348-EL-SSO
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    Form of an Electric
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Wednesday Morning Session,

September 7, 2011.

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EXAMINER SEE: Scheduled for hearing today at this time before the Public Utilities

Commission are Case Nos. 11-346, 11-348, 11-349, and 11-350 being entitled in the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to 49 -- 4928.143, Ohio Revised Code, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan and associated cases.

My name is Greta See. On the Bench with me is Jeff Jones. We have been assigned to the case by the Commission.

We are reconvening this hearing. We took appearances on August 15. Is there any party present that needs to revise their appearance?

MR. HAYDEN: Your Honor, on behalf of FirstEnergy Solutions appearing Mark Hayden, enter the appearance of James Lang and Trevor Alexander from the law firm Calfee, Halter & Griswold and David Kutik and Allison Haedt from the law firm Jones Day.

MR. POULIS: Your Honor, Greg Poulos with EnerNOC. I do not believe I was present at that

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hearing.

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EXAMINER SEE: Okay. Is there anyone else that needs to revise their appearance?

Mr. Nourse.

MR. NOURSE: Thank you, your Honor. A few minutes ago the -- there was a Stipulation and Recommendation filed. It involves not only the two cases -- the four cases that you just called but six additional cases as well. This stipulation is supported by, I believe, about 20 parties. And there may be some opposition, I can't speak to that, but we did -- I would also note that we did file a motion yesterday prior to the prior deadline -- or the deadline for the stipulation to be filed and I guess that's pending and we did -- we did meet our goal of filing this stipulation this morning.

So I believe I would submit that the -the hearing as it was scheduled should be suspended,
and we would like to discuss the process for the
Commission's consideration of adopting the joint
stipulation.

EXAMINER SEE: Okay. It's my understanding all the parties have been provided a stamped copy of the stipulation; is that correct?

MR. MARGARD: Your Honor, all the parties

present have been provided with a time-stamped copy of the stipulation. We have additional copies being made in order to ensure everyone present in the room has a copy. Some of those copies are still on their way to the hearing room.

EXAMINER SEE: Okay.

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MR. RANDAZZO: We received them just a couple of minutes ago.

EXAMINER SEE: I think the next step is for us to discuss a process to proceed in light of the stipulation. I understand that a number of the parties just received it a few minutes ago. It does not appear at this point to be a settlement entered into by all the parties to the proceeding.

Mr. Etter, you can't hear me?

Okay. It's my understanding that not all the parties have entered into the stipulation. I assume that there are some parties that are opposing or have not yet decided whether they are going to be joining the stipulation.

MR. HAYDEN: Yes, your Honor. We have also just received the stipulation. We obviously need some time to evaluate that going forward. We have a proposed schedule on that -- on that idea. So I don't know if now is the appropriate time to talk

about that.

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2 EXAMINER SEE: Yes, it is.

MR. HAYDEN: Again, your Honor, having just received the stipulation, we need some additional time obviously to evaluate it, run the numbers, and so forth. We would propose to conduct discovery, both written and depositions. We would propose a three-day turnaround on discovery with a cut-off date on or about September 26.

We would also ask that a technical conference be conducted on an informal basis so that the parties can ask questions, obtain information, and make the process a little bit more efficient. We would ask that intervenor testimony be filed on or about September 29 and that the hearing for the stipulation begin on October 3.

MR. RANDAZZO: Your Honor, might I ask a question?

Mark, is the schedule you just proposed assuming that all the testimony is supported and settlement is filed on Friday?

MR. HAYDEN: I'm sorry, your Honor. That is the assumption on the schedule I just set out. It is also the assumption, your Honor, that the capacity case, 10-2929, docket will be stayed or continued

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                 MR. ETTER: Your Honor, OCC concurs with
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                 EXAMINER SEE: I'm sorry. You said OCC
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                 MR. ETTER: Will concur with the
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                 MR. SMALZ: Your Honor, Appalachian Peace
    and Justice Network agrees with the schedule.
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                 EXAMINER SEE: With the FEC proposed
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                 MR. RANDAZZO: Your Honors, IEU will
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    been filed with the Commission so we're trying to do
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     looked at the document and been able to run numbers
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     and that sort of thing. So subject to those
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     qualifications we would support the schedule as
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     outlined by Mr. Hayden.
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                 MS. MOONEY: OPAE, Ohio Partners for
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    Affordable Energy, would also support the schedule
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outlined by Mr. Hayden.

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EXAMINER SEE: Mr. Margard.

MR. MARGARD: Your Honor, on behalf of the Commission staff, and I believe I probably talk on behalf of the signatory parties as well, we believe that a filing deadline for supporting testimony by Friday is probably a little too early for us. We actually would propose the testimony be filed by next Wednesday.

We have a number of issues in this case that need to be addressed. We have very disperse interests, and we have been making significant changes in the course of our negotiations as late as late last night. So we believe that Friday would be too soon for us to be able to adequately support the stipulation and would request until next Wednesday to file that testimony.

EXAMINER SEE: Supporting -- other parties supporting the stipulation?

MR. PETRICOFF: Yes, your Honor.

Constellation, Exelon, and the RESA, the Retail

Energy Supply group concur.

MR. NOURSE: Your Honor, the companies would concur with Mr. Margard's proposal for next -- next Wednesday, and it's probably safe to say all the

settling parties would support that schedule. They can speak up if they disagree.

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I would just clarify -- I'm sorry, just clarify that the -- I guess since the FirstEnergy proposal was keyed off, I believe -- or as Sam said was keyed off of the Friday filing, that would probably involve bumping back those other dates a few days under their proposal.

But having said that, I'm not sure if the -- if the full two weeks would be needed by the intervenors, actually it would be more than two weeks, I believe, if they revise the proposal to respond to the testimony but.

MR. HAYDEN: Your Honor, I would just say again we just received the document 15 minutes ago. I don't know what the testimony is going to say so I would -- I would suggest that we absolutely do need at least two weeks to evaluate that plus some additional time for discovery. The dates that I gave you earlier were premised on the testimony being filed this Friday, so I would have to revise those dates at this point.

MR. MARGARD: Your Honor, if I may.

EXAMINER SEE: Yes.

MR. MARGARD: Inasmuch as the signatory

parties have requested an additional five days, I don't believe we have any difficulty with extending the proposed schedule by that same five days. That's probably acceptable to us.

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MR. NOURSE: Your Honor, could I add one more thing? I'm not sure I heard Mr. Hayden's comment about the 2929 docket, but it is scheduled for October 4 presently, I believe, the hearing.

The -- since the 2929 case would be resolved by the stipulation I believe the hearing for the 2929 case would be -- would become a stipulation hearing at this point so it would be part of the same hearing we're talking about this morning, I believe.

EXAMINER SEE: If I understood you correctly, you believe the 10-2929 hearing, the capacity case, would be subsumed in this one?

MR. NOURSE: It's proposed to be resolved through the stipulation that was filed this morning, your Honor, so just pointing out that I believe the process in that case as the other cases involved here would be subsumed in a stipulation hearing and the associated process as outlined.

I don't think companies have a problem with the structure of the proposal as far as having a technical conference and the discovery. I think, you

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know, three-day turnaround is pretty aggressive. I

would request five days -- five calendar days to make

that more manageable. That would still allow

multiple rounds of discovery which typically on a

stipulation is not entertained as being extensive

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EXAMINER SEE: You're otherwise okay with the technical conference, did I hear you say,

Mr. Nourse?

MR. NOURSE: Yes, yes.

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MR. RANDAZZO: Do we have a sense for how much testimony is going to be filed in support of the stipulation? Who is going to be the sponsoring parties? That may be of use to the discussion of procedural schedules.

EXAMINER SEE: Okav.

MR. MARGARD: Your Honor, if I may, that is part of what is still yet to be determined.

Certainly the company and staff anticipate filing testimony. We would anticipate that additional signatories will as well. We are endeavoring to do some coordination of that to cover all the bases with a minimal number of witnesses, but we do expect other signatory parties to file testimony as well.

MR. KURTZ: Your Honor, Mike Kurtz, Ohio

Energy Group. This may be redundant but I would just weigh in by saying Mr. Margard's proposal to give the opposing parties the exact procedural schedule they have asked for but just extend it for five days to allow the parties to file testimony is a reasonable proposal assuming it gives your Honors enough time to get a decision out but that's a reasonable proposal that would essentially only leave the question of the discovery turnaround three or five days.

EXAMINER SEE: Thank you, Mr. Kurtz.

The Bench is going to take 10 minutes and look at the proposals. We will reconvene at 11:35.

(Recess taken.)

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EXAMINER SEE: Let's go back on the record. The Bench has considered the request -- the request of the parties for a schedule to proceed in this matter. We would also like to note that we are occupying one of the only -- the only hearing room within the Commission that accommodates the number -- we have a number of parties that we have involved in this case and there are several other cases for AEP and other electric and gas companies that need this room so that those hearings can proceed.

In light of that we have adjusted slightly the process to proceed in this case. We are

1 going to continue to have five calendar days to 2 respond to discovery requests. Testimony in support of the stipulation shall be due September 13. 3 4 Discovery deadline is September 28. The parties can 5 schedule a technical conference -- or informal 6 technical conference as counsel for FES has requested 7 among themselves. You should, however, advise the 8 Bench of that date.

MR. NOURSE: Okay.

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EXAMINER SEE: Testimony in opposition to the stipulation is due September 27, and the hearing will begin on October 4 at 10 a.m. in this hearing room.

Is there any other matter that needs to be addressed at this point?

MR. HAYDEN: Your Honor, a point of clarification on motions, those would be carried out in an expedited manner, I would assume? Motions, expedited response?

EXAMINER SEE: As we have currently, there is a five-day response period, I believe, in this case, three-day reply pursuant to the entry that was issued the end of July in this case, I think.

MR. HAYDEN: Okay.

MR. POULOS: Your Honor, may we file

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                 EXAMINER SEE: If you have been cleared
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    by the Docketing Department to engage in that
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                 MR. NOURSE: Can I ask another question?
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                 EXAMINER SEE: Just a second.
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                 EXAMINER JONES: The Bench would
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                 EXAMINER SEE: And also include the
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    Attorney Examiners.
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                 MR. NOURSE: I'm sorry. I didn't hear.
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                 MR. NOURSE: Thank you.
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                 MR. ETTER: Yes, your Honors, we were
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the stipulation filed in this case, we'll have to consider it jointly and should further hearings be necessary in that case, we'll have to reschedule it.
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MR. ETTER: Also, your Honor, OCC sent an e-mail around yesterday to all parties and to the Attorney Examiners notifying the unavailability or limited availability of Mack Thompson to testify after September 9.

EXAMINER SEE: Have you had -- have you had an opportunity to discuss that with the parties?

MR. ETTER: No, we haven't, your Honor.

EXAMINER SEE: In light of the stipulation are you still planning on?

MR. ETTER: Well, since we just got the stipulation about an hour ago, maybe a little less, then, no, we haven't had a chance to -- to review the effect of the stipulation to his testimony.

EXAMINER SEE: Okay. When can you advise the Bench whether or not you would need to have Mr. Thompson's testimony?

MR. ETTER: When we have a chance to analyze the stipulation, hopefully -- hopefully by the end of the day today.

MR. NOURSE: Your Honor, I am not sure.

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     the stipulation by Mr. Thompson? I don't understand.
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                 MR. ETTER: Well, you know, we are not
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                 MR. NOURSE: But the -- okay.
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                 EXAMINER JONES:
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                 MR. ETTER: Yeah, I think we would need
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    here and on the stand this week, so either you'll
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    have to make other arrangements for once the hearing
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                 EXAMINER SEE: And you'll notify us by
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     the end of the day today?
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                 MR. ETTER: Yes, we will.
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                 EXAMINER SEE: Mr. Randazzo.
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                 MR. RANDAZZO: Yes, your Honors. Maybe I
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the answer to the question about the schedule in the 2929 case, otherwise known as the capacity case. companies have filed testimony at this point in that proceeding. Parties -- intervening parties that wish to file testimony have to file I believe on the 23rd of September as the current schedule proceeds.

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The request I thought earlier was to stay the procedural schedule in that case pending the disposition of the issues in this case. Maybe I misunderstood the request earlier, but we've got -even though there is an attempt to resolve the issues in the 2929 case it is a separate case with different parties, not all the parties, and so we have got a procedural schedule.

Would it be your preference that we file testimony in that case according to the current procedural schedule and then how will that get folded into this case?

> Your Honor, may I respond? MR. NOURSE: Sure, Mr. Nourse.

MR. NOURSE: I believe, as Mr. Randazzo indicated, the company has already filed their testimony in 2929. I think it would be appropriate for the other parties to go ahead and file their testimony on the schedule to avoid any additional

EXAMINER SEE:

delay should that hearing go forward on a litigated basis, but the hearing itself what I tried to say earlier was because the stipulation proposes resolution of that docket, the 2929 docket, that the hearing itself would become part of this stipulation hearing, the process you just set up for the October 4 hearing in my view would be a hearing in all of these cases that are captioned in the stipulation to -- including 2929 and including the ESP cases. It would be a stipulation hearing considering adoption of the stipulation for all of these cases.

MR. RANDAZZO: So if I understand you correctly then, we would be permitted to do cross-examination on the companies' testimony in the 2929 case and vice versa?

MR. NOURSE: I don't think -- I don't think that would apply, Sam, any more than it would apply to testimony that's been filed in the ESP cases by, you know, dozens of parties in this case. The stipulation hearing, my view, would be limited to the testimony relating to the stipulation so that would be the case for all the hearings. None of the other witnesses that -- would be -- unless you file a -- refile testimony as stipulation testimony would be

appearing or subject to cross-examination in the hearing.

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MR. RANDAZZO: I'm sorry. I don't know how that works. I don't know how you have a proposal that's designed to resolve contested issues in a case where parties can't cross-examine on the testimony that's been filed in that case. It seems to me to be a bit of an odd process. But I live and learn.

MR. NOURSE: It wouldn't be -- it wouldn't be moved for admission. People wouldn't be appearing, your Honor, to try to adopt that prior testimony. The stipulation testimony, I think, would be what's at issue in the stipulation hearing.

EXAMINER SEE: Mr. Petricoff.

MR. PETRICOFF: Your Honor, maybe the better way to do this procedurally would be to entertain a motion to consolidate all of these cases. At this point I would have to go back and check to make sure that everyone in all of these -- that everyone who is in the 11-346 case is in all of the other -- all of the other cases, in other words, we cover everyone whose intervened.

If that's the case, then consolidation makes sense because at that point if, in fact, as the proponents believe this answers the question of what

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to do with capacity, that's fine. But then it becomes an issue if something is left out that can be argued by any of the intervenors, and at this point the only thing that is left to do and I -- I would make the motion to consolidate now but I think it's important to go back and check the list and make sure that basically there would be no isolated or stranded parties.
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EXAMINER SEE: Does -- counsel for either of the parties involved in 10-2929, as I recall, intervenor testimony is due September 23 and prehearing conference is scheduled for the 28th; is that correct?

MR. NOURSE: That sounds right.

EXAMINER SEE: I think that's correct.

Okay.

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Mr. Petricoff, did I take it you were planning to file a motion to consolidate the cases?

MR. PETRICOFF: Yes, your Honor, as soon as I check the -- check the intervenors' list to make sure I can make the argument that, in fact, everyone would be covered and that there is judicial economy to be accomplished by consolidating them all. If nothing else, we will make good use of this room.

MR. NOURSE: Can I offer a conciliatory

suggestion in response to Mr. Randazzo's comment about the testimony?

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I don't think we would be opposed to, you know, avoiding the intervenor testimony on September I think it was 23rd in the 2929 case and just going forward with the stipulation testimony, your Honor, if that's helpful, if that's -- if that was the concern that was articulated.

EXAMINER SEE: So you want -- I'm sorry. Say that again for me, Mr. Nourse.

MR. NOURSE: Well, I am just saying what I was saying before I assumed that that process, that schedule that is existing, would go forward but the hearing would -- would become a stipulation hearing based on the stipulation testimony we would then file in all these cases.

But to the extent that there is a concern about intervenor testimony in the 2929 docket kind of being a waste of time or something to that end, if we are just going to litigate based on stipulation testimony, then we wouldn't be opposed to staying that testimony deadline until if and when such time it would be needed to be taken up again.

Is that any clearer?

EXAMINER SEE: Uh-huh.

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                 MR. RANDAZZO:
                               No.
                 EXAMINER SEE: No? It's not any clearer
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    to you, or you are saying no?
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                 MR. RANDAZZO: It's not any clearer. You
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    have got a situation where the testimony that's filed
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     in the ESP case refers to the 2929 case as a basis
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     for resolving the capacity charge. I take it from
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    Mr. Nourse's earlier comment that he would be opposed
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     to anybody doing cross-examination on the testimony
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    that was filed by the companies of the 2929 case. I
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    don't know how that works. I don't know how you
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     satisfy due process requirements based on that
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     structure.
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                 MR. POULOS: Your Honor, this is Greg
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    Poulos, EnerNOC. There is a motion to consolidate
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    that is pending.
                 MR. PETRICOFF: There will be.
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                 MR. POULOS: No, there has been one.
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MR. POULIS: I don't know if it has all the cases. I don't know if 10-2929 is on there. I know there are a number of other cases. The emergency curtailment was one that was included in that.

filed quite some time ago.

EXAMINER SEE: There was one that was

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EXAMINER SEE: I think as I recall it
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     includes more cases than --
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                 MR. NOURSE: Right.
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                 EXAMINER SEE: -- are addressed in the
     stipulation. I think we are talking about the same
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    one that was filed.
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                 MR. POULOS: Yes, we are.
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                 EXAMINER SEE: Maybe in May?
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                 MR. POULOS: Yes. And to your other
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    question I think there is at least one party that's a
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    part of that case, the emergency curtailment service
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     rider case, that's not a party to this case, Core
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    Energy.
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                 EXAMINER SEE: Who?
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                 MR. POULOS: Core Energy.
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                 EXAMINER SEE: Okay.
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                 MR. NOURSE: Okay. Your Honor, can I try
     one more time?
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                 EXAMINER SEE: Sure.
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                 MR. NOURSE: As to the consolidation, I
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     think we'll table that for the moment, and perhaps
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    that request or making that request, but on the issue
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    understanding in the past when there is a partial
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stipulation, that there's no precedent for saying that anybody that's filed testimony like the dozens of parties in this case that have filed testimony would somehow be forced to carry through with that testimony, appear on the stand, adopt it, or be subject to cross. It wouldn't be admitted into the record if obviously the witness didn't appear and so sponsor.

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And so the stipulation hearing becomes about the stipulation testimony and those witnesses that file in support. The stipulation testimony would be obviously appearing and subject to cross-examination. And that's -- that would be the scope of the stipulation hearing.

So all I was saying about 2929 was that I don't think we would be opposed to not having the intervenors file their testimony that would otherwise be sort of put on the shelf or put to the side during a stipulation hearing.

And so that was my conciliatory suggestion. That's what I was trying to say.

MR. HAYDEN: Your Honor, I would agree that to the extent the issues in the case -- in the capacity case are subsumed within this document that I haven't reviewed yet, it would make no sense for

the intervening parties to file testimony in the 10-2929 case on the 23rd.

My assumption, and I think Mr. Nourse would agree, those issues -- all those issues would be dealt with within the context of the hearing on the stipulation.

EXAMINER SEE: Okay. In light of the concerns raised by the parties in this case about 10-2929, we'll consider that issue along with the motion to consolidate. I'm aware of the fact Mr. Poulos represents there is one more party involved. I would like to have a chance to review the record in that case to make sure.

Mr. Petricoff, when do you expect to be able to file?

MR. PETRICOFF: Well, I don't think it would take long to put that together. That's something we could do by close of business tomorrow.

EXAMINER SEE: Okay. If there is nothing further, this hearing is adjourned until October 4.

(Thereupon, the hearing was adjourned at

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11:57 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATE I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes. Karen Sue Gibson, Registered Merit Reporter. (KSG-5408)

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