#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Application ) Docket No: of Cedar Ridge Distribution ) 11-2423-02 Company for an Increase in Rates )

#### TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING PROCEEDINGS

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1 NOVEMBER 16, 2011 5:11 P.M. 2 PROCEEDINGS 3 THE COURT: Good evening everyone. I'm Melanie Reif, the Administrative Law Judge for the 4 Public Service Commission. And this evening we're 5 6 here to hear the hearing for the Application of Cedar 7 Ridge Distribution Company For an Increase in Rates. 8 This is the time and place for such hearing, 9 and I'd like to welcome all of you and thank you for 10 attending. At this time could we take appearances, 11 starting with the Company? 12 MR. KAPALOSKI: Thank you, your Honor. It's 13 Lee Kapaloski, Parsons, Behle & Latimer, appearing on 14 behalf of Cedar Ridge Distribution Company. 15 MR. THOMPSON: David Z. Thompson. 16 MR. KAPALOSKI: President. 17 MR. THOMPSON: President of the Cedar Ridge 18 Distribution Company. 19 THE COURT: Thank you. For the Division? 20 MS. SCHMID: Thank you. Patricia E. Schmid, 21 Assistant Attorney General, for the Division. And 22 with me we have Ms. Benvegnu-Springer and Mr. Duncan 23 who are with the Division. 24 THE COURT: Okay, very good. Thank you. 25 Mr. Kapaloski, I understand there may be an issue that

1 vou would like to --2 MR. KAPALOSKI: Yeah. Can I go up? 3 THE COURT: -- address. Yes, please. 4 MR. KAPALOSKI: Thank you very much. 5 Again, thank you everybody for being here. 6 Again, Lee Kapaloski. I represent the Cedar Ridge 7 Distribution Company. We've had a lot of 8 discussion -- pardon me. We have had a lot of 9 discussion with the Division of Public Utilities about 10 the issues involved in this rate hearing. 11 Again, we're not talking about whether or not 12 the Company is or should not be a regulated entity. 13 That was basically resolved in the Docket 0001. The 14 issue now before everyone is what the rates should be. 15 Integral to that discussion is the Tremonton 16 well and the Tremonton well transaction. And what you 17 may or may not have received today -- and I apologize 18 for the late hour -- is some communication from Cedar 19 Ridge Distribution Company about a proposed resolution 20 of that issue of the Tremonton well. 21 Our proposal tonight is not to proceed with 22 the formal hearing, but to give us a chance to talk 23 with the intervenors and the customers and have a 24 chance to review this proposed, I call it a 25 "settlement." Basically it's a resolution of the

issues that have been raised relative to the Tremonton
 well transaction.

3 So what I, on the record, would like to 4 propose is that the formal hearing be deferred until 5 Tuesday, or a date that's acceptable to the judge to 6 proceed. And in the interim that, as everybody is 7 assembled here, I think it's very convenient for 8 everyone who's here that absent -- the judge and the hearing be adjourned and we have an informal dialogue, 9 10 if you will, with the citizens and the intervenors to 11 explain the proposal -- that you probably have just 12 received and not actually read -- and discuss that.

That's not a record discussion. That's
purely our presentation to you, as customers of Cedar
Ridge Distribution Company, as to what we are
proposing to proceed forward.

So that's my recommendation, your Honor. That there would be a deferral of this formal hearing until next Tuesday. And in the interim, starting tonight, and if it takes more time we can continue doing this at our convenience between the parties -yes.

SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Has the
Commission contacted Deweyville Town to find out if
the building is available for Tuesday, if that's what

1 you're thinking? Before we set --2 MR. KAPALOSKI: I don't know the answer to 3 that. That's a good question. I know it's available tonight. And what we're proposing is that this 4 5 hearing be adjourned as of today. And I guess it 6 would be continued -- I'm not quite sure how we do 7 this -- continued. And we have a discussion with the citizens 8 9 who want to remain and go over the proposal informally 10 as to what the position of the Company is. And 11 propose the reconvening of the formal hearing. It was 12 suggested as Tuesday, so I don't know what is the 13 actual -- I think that's the available date. 14 MS. SCHMID: That would be an excellent date. 15 MR. KAPALOSKI: That's a tentative date, 16 which everybody would get notice of, I assume. 17 THE COURT: Is there anyone here who has the knowledge of the availability of this building? 18 19 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: We could call. I 20 arranged for it today. 21 THE COURT: You did? 22 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Because no one 23 else did. 24 THE COURT: Okay. What time were you -- are 25 you proposing, Mr. Kapaloski?

1 MR. KAPALOSKI: That's more for the 2 convenience of everyone else. I, I'll accommodate 3 whatever is the right time. THE COURT: Okay. Ma'am? 4 5 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Normally we have 6 Cubs here at 4:30. But not, not tonight. On a 7 Tuesday it's 4:30. MR. KAPALOSKI: Can we do it at six? I don't 8 9 know what the Cubs --10 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: No, I'm saying --11 MR. KAPALOSKI: I don't want to interfere 12 with any --13 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Next week we're 14 not gonna be meeting because it's Thanksgiving week. 15 And I don't know how many people are gonna be around 16 for Thanks -- gonna be around for this. 17 MR. KAPALOSKI: Well, that's why we proposed 18 Tuesday rather than Wednesday. Yes? 19 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Why can't it be 20 finished tonight? There's been plenty of time. 21 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Has the 22 Commission seen the proposal? 23 MR. KAPALOSKI: Yes, they saw it today. 24 MS. SCHMID: Well, they wouldn't see the 25 settlement proposal.

1	MR. KAPALOSKI: They wouldn't see the
2	settlement proposal. We just presented the settlement
3	proposal this afternoon, that's the reason.
4	THE COURT: Just for clarification,
5	procedurally how it would happen is the Company would
6	propose their settlement to the Division and to the
7	parties, and the customers, and intervenors for
8	discussion.
9	And once if at any time there is a mutual
10	agreement that you then want to bring forward to the
11	Commission for final consideration, that's when that
12	would occur.
13	So the proposed the proposal that
14	Mr. Kapaloski has presented tonight is not within the
15	possession of the Commission, nor is it properly
16	before the Commission at this time. It's simply
17	something that's being proposed for all of you to
18	discuss and make a determination if you agree to it
19	and have an opportunity to discuss it and such.
20	Yes, ma'am.
21	SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: So how would this
22	affect the Commission's decision? It's just if we
23	agree to what was proposed it would affect the
24	Commission's decisions?
25	THE COURT: The Commission's, the
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1	Commission's approach on settlement is that settlement
2	is always encouraged. And so to the extent that there
3	is a potential settlement, we the Commission gives
4	the parties an opportunity to come to an agreement.
5	And that has many benefits. It has the
6	benefits of everyone working together for a mutual
7	solution. So of course I'm not privy to what the
8	proposal says and I wouldn't be until it's presented
9	on behalf of everyone, if it gets to that point. But
10	that is the potential benefit.
11	And that's why Mr. Kapaloski wants to talk to
12	you all. I believe he probably wants to, if I
13	understand him correctly, he wants to end the formal
14	hearing and allow you all to meet with the Division
15	this evening and allow that to proceed.
16	SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: So would this
17	happen anyway? Even if we were to proceed with a
18	formal hearing would we still have this chance, or
19	it's like now or never?
20	THE COURT: Given the timeline that the
21	Commission is faced with with addressing the
22	application that's before it, this is the window
23	really yeah, this is really if it's going happen
24	as far as a settlement agreement, this is the
25	opportunity.

1 It's not to say that if settlement breaks 2 down that we are back to where we would have been 3 just, you know, a few minutes ago. Which is to have a formal hearing, get the input, present a 4 5 recommendation to the Commission, and come up with a 6 decision. 7 In this situation I think it gives you, the 8 customers and the intervenors, the Company, the 9 Division, everyone the opportunity to work together 10 for hopefully a satisfactory result. 11 MS. WISER: I would just like to make the 12 comment that the lateness in the hour that this always 13 seems to happen. I mean, none of us knew about it 14 till we showed up. It's a hardship on many of us, 15 whose spouses have to take time off of work so that 16 one of us at least can attend the meetings. 17 And so -- that has happened a number of times 18 already throughout this entire process. Not just when 19 the Commission's been involved, but even beforehand 20 when we were trying to work it out on our own at 21 first. 22 And so I just would like that to be noted. Ι 23 don't think that it's very nice or cordial to wait 24 till the last second, when we, when we have made all 25 of our arrangements to make sure that we're here, and

(November 16, 2011 - Cedar Ridge - 11-2423-02) 1 then all of a sudden have everything be later changed. 2 So. 3 MR. KAPALOSKI: Well, can I --MS. WISER: 4 That's not very appreciated, at 5 least by my family. 6 THE COURT: Could you identify yourself for 7 the record, please? MS. WISER: 8 Lori Wiser. 9 THE COURT: Thank you. 10 MS. WISER: I am one of the intervenors. Bryce and Lori Wiser. 11 12 THE COURT: Okay, thank you. 13 MR. KAPALOSKI: I appreciate that comment, 14 sincerely. I do. And I think in my thoughts, as I 15 stand up here, it's best to discuss substantively what 16 is on the table and what are the proposals. And we're 17 here tonight. 18 And this takes a lot of credence, from my 19 perspective and the water company's perspective, as to 20 what is going to be presented as to what is the 21 resolution of these issues. 22 And I guess can I apologize partly because of 23 scheduling, and I do if that's the reality of it. It takes time, quite frankly, to get all parties to be on 24 25 sync as to what they want to propose as a settlement.

1 This is just, Mr. Thompson's busy -- and I'm not 2 making excuses. I'm just talking about this is a very 3 serious issue and we want to discuss it. 4 And rather than just lay this out on the 5 table tonight and go into a hearing our position is --6 what we presented to the judge and to the Division is, 7 we will be here, we are here. There will not be a 8 judge here. And we can discuss informally -- and 9 informally allows a lot of dialogue -- the proposal 10 which we have just put on the table. 11 So again, I apologize. But this is a 12 substantive discussion which can either result in a 13 proposed settlement or not a proposed settlement. And 14 you have the rights as to what your positions are, and 15 we want to have that discussion with the customers. 16 MS. SCHMID: I have a statement I'd like to 17 make on behalf of the Division, if I may. 18 THE COURT: Yes, please. Would you like to 19 come up to the podium? 20 MS. SCHMID: The Division has taken no 21 position on whether or not the settlement is 22 appropriate or not. It is extremely important for the 23 Division to hear from the intervenors and customers 24 before that decision is made. 25 So we look forward to your reaction to the

1 Company's offer. 2 MS. HOGAN: Will you be -- will the 3 Commission be able to sit in on this meeting, or are you -- no? 4 5 MS. SCHMID: Settlement meetings are held 6 between the parties. And the parties who make the 7 judicial decisions are not involved in the negotiating 8 part. So it would be presented at a -- if there is an 9 agreement it would be presented at a later hearing. 10 It there is no agreement or no settlement, 11 the parties' positions would also be laid out at that 12 later hearing and the decision makers would have a 13 choice of options to pursue. 14 THE COURT: Excuse me, ma'am. The -- could 15 you identify yourself and? 16 MS. HOGAN: My apologies, yes. I'm Dorothy 17 I'm also one of the intervenors. Hogan. 18 THE COURT: Okay. And then, ma'am, you had a 19 question. 20 MS. ANDERSON: Me? 21 THE COURT: Yes. 22 MS. ANDERSON: Barbara Anderson, I'm an 23 intervenor. David received an application for the CPCN in April of 2010. That's a year and-a-half ago. 24 25 We have been waiting for a long time to get this

1	settled. I guess, with all due respect, I came here
2	tonight to have this settled. And came prepared with
3	a bunch of questions, prepared ahead of time.
4	And I find it semi-irritating that the
5	coun the Commission sent us emails that we could
6	study so that we're not blind sided, but then we're
7	expected without any preparation to say, Okay, let's
8	just turn everything around and do it a different way.
9	MS. SCHMID: I need to clarify that we are
10	the Division. We are separate from the Commission.
11	The
12	MS. ANDERSON: Sorry, I wondered about that.
13	MS. SCHMID: It's okay, it's okay. So we
14	would be involved in the discussions, but the decision
15	makers would not. The Commission would not, the
16	Division would.
17	MS. ANDERSON: And may I continue? I thought
18	that this whole thing had to be settled by law in
19	December, by the 14th-ish. Am I correct?
20	THE COURT: You are.
21	MS. ANDERSON: And we have not made any
22	progress in a long time. We'd love to get meters in,
23	we'd love to get on with stuff. And if we postpone it
24	and postpone it how will we meet that deadline in
25	December?

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1	THE COURT: The deadline pertains to the
2	order from the Commission. We have a 240-day deadline
3	from the date of the application, which is looming.
4	And that's, in part, why I mentioned that we don't
5	have a lot of time if we're going to have
6	discussions further discussions.
7	So I think that probably what would be best
8	at this point is if, if I take a recess for say ten
9	minutes. We go off the record. I'll leave the room.
10	David Clark also, from my office, will leave the room.
11	We'll give you an opportunity to talk amongst
12	yourselves. And I will come back in and make a
13	determination about the remaining how the remaining
14	part of this hearing/stipulation will proceed.
15	MS. ANDERSON: Can I ask are you looking
16	at me?
17	THE COURT: Yes, yes.
18	MS. ANDERSON: Barbara Anderson again. Now I
19	forgot my question.
20	THE COURT: Okay.
21	MS. ANDERSON: No, I do I remember my
22	question. And it is, can only intervenors make this
23	decision about how this goes tonight, or everyone?
24	THE COURT: Everyone has an opportunity to
25	participate as customers.

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1	MR. KAPALOSKI: Yes. Everyone has.
2	THE COURT: And I, I also wanted to mention,
3	I'm I have no part of what happens in the
4	discussions amongst the parties, etcetera. That would
5	only be something that would come before the
6	Commission, and very likely come before me to present
7	to the Commission once it got to that point.
8	But to the extent that you came prepared this
9	evening with a list of questions? Those list of
10	questions could be addressed in the kind of
11	conversation with the Division, with the Company, and
12	with your neighbors.
13	So I definitely hear you. I, I know
14	Mr. Kapaloski is sensitive to the fact that we are
15	literally at the 11th hour here. At the same time,
16	there is a potential that I think is worth
17	considering, and I'd like to give you all an
18	opportunity to discuss that real quickly.
19	And I would also like to leave you with a
20	caveat that the Commission encourages settlement. So
21	to the extent that Mr. Kapaloski has presented
22	something, I think that the Commission would be of the
23	opinion that that would be worth giving an opportunity
24	for you all to consider. And to consider in a timely,
25	quick fashion such that, you know, we have days

1 involved, not months or weeks. So with that said, I'm going to recess for --2 3 will ten minutes -- would you need more than ten 4 minutes, do you think? 5 MR. KAPALOSKI: Fifteen. 6 THE COURT: Fifteen? And come back and make 7 a decision about how this will proceed from this 8 point. Thank you ladies and gentlemen. 9 (A recess was taken from 5:31 to 6:16 p.m.) 10 THE COURT: Thank you, everyone. At this 11 point I think it would be helpful to get an update. 12 MS. SCHMID: Certainly. The intervenors, 13 customers, Company, and Division have been discussing 14 ideas for how to proceed. The Division has a 15 suggestion. I believe the Company most likely will. 16 I do not know if there is agreement amongst all the 17 intervenors or customers. 18 So perhaps the Company, the Division, and 19 then each individual who would like to speak perhaps 20 could give some thoughts on how the procedure should 21 be handled. 22 THE COURT: Okay. And --SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: We're in 23 24 agreement. 25 MS. SCHMID: You're in agreement?

1 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: No. 2 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Yes. 3 THE COURT: Let me just ask, in the interest 4 of --5 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: They're in 6 agreement. 7 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: I'm good. SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: All of us minus 8 9 one. 10 THE COURT: -- of the confidentiality that 11 you all share, that you not disclose any details of 12 any particulars. Just so you know that we should not 13 be privy to that information. 14 MS. SCHMID: Yes. 15 THE COURT: Okay. 16 MS. SCHMID: What I believe we will be 17 expressing on is just the schedule. 18 THE COURT: Okay. All right. 19 MS. SCHMID: Not on the merits. 20 THE COURT: Okay. 21 MS. SCHMID: Should we start? The Division 22 understands that the Company's settlement proposal was 23 last minute and that it was unanticipated by the 74 intervenors and the customers. 25 But the Division believes that there is merit

1	in allowing the intervenors and every customer the
2	opportunity to review the settlement proposal,
3	participate in additional meetings to discuss the
4	proposal with the Company, with the Division, and
5	amongst themselves, however they choose to do it.
6	And then reconvene and make a decision as to
7	whether or not they support the settlement proposal.
8	Inform the Division and the Company. And then have a
9	hearing next Tuesday to present either agreement on
10	the settlement or the parties' individual positions.
11	And the Division will be available on Friday,
12	for a meeting on Friday, or Monday. You'll have to
13	have a different attorney but we'll find one for you
14	for the Division. And then I'll be back Tuesday. Or
15	both. Or both.
16	MR. KAPALOSKI: Friday a.m., Monday anytime.
17	THE COURT: Ms. Schmid, for the hearing
18	that's being proposed is that here in Deweyville?
19	MS. SCHMID: I would propose that would be
20	where it would be held, and at five, if this building
21	is available. If not, perhaps there is we've held
22	hearings in fire halls and other city or local
23	buildings. Perhaps one of those could be arranged.
24	THE COURT: Okay.
25	MS. SCHMID: Or a library.

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1	THE COURT: Is that unanimous?
2	SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: No, I'm gonna say
3	I disagree. I would like to get it settled tonight.
4	THE COURT: Okay.
5	SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: I, I think
6	everyone else was in agreement that they do that.
7	THE COURT: Okay. And you're wishing to
8	resolve things tonight.
9	SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: I just my
10	worry is that it'll just go on forever.
11	THE COURT: Okay.
12	SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Create a whole
13	new set of contentions. We've almost put that to rest
14	in the neighborhood, but
15	THE COURT: Okay.
16	SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: we're starting
17	it again.
18	THE COURT: I want to come back to your
19	concern.
20	And I believe you also had a comment as well.
21	SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Well, my only
22	concern is Tuesday is two days before a holiday, and
23	so I'm just concerned that people will be in town and
24	be able to participate.
25	THE COURT: Okay. Those of you who are here
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1 this evening, do you foresee any difficulty in being 2 here on Tuesday evening? A couple, couple people do. 3 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: And see, we don't know about all the others that aren't here. You know, 4 5 a lot of people leave for the holidays. Try to leave 6 for the holidays. 7 MS. SCHMID: I'm coming back early. 8 THE COURT: Okay. Ms. Schmid, do you have 9 any -- for those people who are here tonight or who 10 would like to participate is there some method, 11 perhaps, that they could email you or express their 12 concerns, communicate with you in some manner? 13 MS. SCHMID: Or they could present at public 14 witness through a representative, or through a letter 15 with the Commission within a very short time after the 16 hearing, their thoughts on the proposals. 17 MR. KAPALOSKI: If I may, and I'm not the 18 procedural wizard on PSC. But if you keep a record 19 open for submittals between now and Tuesday any 20 submittal could be introduced at the hearing, right? 21 MS. SCHMID: Yes. 22 THE COURT: Yes. 23 MS. SCHMID: That you would --24 THE COURT: Yes. 25 MR. KAPALOSKI: Okay. So it's open -- the

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1	record is open for submittals.
2	THE COURT: Yes.
3	MS. SCHMID: And again, as to whether or not
4	the Commission can use it as evidence depends on sworn
5	or unsworn.
6	MR. KAPALOSKI: That's right.
7	MS. SCHMID: So perhaps if you want to file
8	written comments with the Commission because you're
9	not available on Tuesday. You can often do an
10	affidavit in front of a notary public that swears it's
11	the truth. And that perhaps might be something also
12	for the Commission to consider. I know that pleadings
13	have been filed with those before.
14	THE COURT: Okay. Sir, you have a question?
15	SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Why push try
16	to push this before Thanksgiving? Why not have it
17	like the Monday after Thanksgiving?
18	THE COURT: It simply isn't possible, sir.
19	If we had more time. We don't. We are, we are
20	literally at the 11th hour as far as needing to do
21	this. And Mr. Kapaloski recognizes that. And that's
22	where we are.
23	SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: But we're,
24	we're we, as a group, is supposed to do something
25	that's impossible too. I mean, it's impossible to go
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1 after Thanksgiving, but it's impossible to get all this group together before Thanksgiving. 2 3 We think it could be --THE COURT: Well, it may be impossible for 4 5 the entire group to gather because people have a 6 variety of scheduling needs and conflicts and things, 7 but that does not preclude you from giving your input 8 from participating in the manner in which we've 9 discussed. 10 So in the event that you do have a conflict, 11 I would invite you to submit your comments by way of 12 an affidavit to the Commission between now and 13 Tuesday. 14 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Well, an 15 affidavit like before a notary public? 16 THE COURT: Yes. 17 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Is the -- who is 18 paying for the notary public? 19 MS. SCHMID: Many credit unions and banks 20 have them for free. 21 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: That's true. 22 That may be true. 23 MS. SCHMID: I, I don't know where you could 24 get one. I could -- America First Credit Union has 25 always done mine for free, but.

1 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: I just believe that this is putting undue difficulty on the whole 2 3 situation. 4 THE COURT: Miss? Miss? 5 MS. ARBON: I'm a notary. I'll do it. For 6 free. 7 MR. KAPALOSKI: Okay. 8 THE COURT: Okay. Would you identify yourself, please? 9 10 MS. ARBON: Jennifer Arbon. 11 (The court reporter asked for a spelling.) 12 MS. ARBON: A-r-b-o-n. 13 THE COURT: Okay. And so if anyone has any 14 concern, please see Ms. Arbon. 15 Thank you, Ms. Arbon. 16 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: So how do you --17 you could decide what you wanted to say now, but you 18 couldn't make any comments if you have to do it before 19 a notary before -- because you couldn't make the 20 meeting. You can't make any comments about what's 21 been said, and what's going on, and how you feel about 22 it, you know, in. SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: That's the 23 24 unfortunate thing --25 MR. KAPALOSKI: I think that's the idea, if I 25

(November 16, 2011 - Cedar Ridge - 11-2423-02) 1 may, your Honor --2 (The speakers were talking over one another 3 and had to be interrupted.) 4 MS. SCHMID: Be really good to our court 5 reporter. Because it's on the record she has to 6 transcribe what every person says --7 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: And she can't do 8 it --9 MS. SCHMID: -- and she can't do it if 10 everyone is talking. 11 THE COURT: Mr. Kapaloski, please go ahead. 12 MR. KAPALOSKI: If I may answer your 13 question. That is, as I understand the idea of an 14 informal settlement discussion absent the court 15 reporter and absent the record, that's what this is 16 about. 17 The idea of talking, I assume, when this 18 proceedings ends for the night, if it does, that we 19 will continue to dialogue about the proposal and get your input informally. What they're saying is if you 20 21 cannot be --22 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: On Tuesday. 23 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Today too. 24 MR. KAPALOSKI: Well, no, today. If that's 25 what you want to do is stay and talk, that's fine.

1 That's without this proceeding.

Then what Ms. Schmid is saying is if you cannot attend what is tentatively proposed as the hearing on Tuesday, you can submit your comments for the record with a notary. And we've had someone volunteer to notarize *gratis*. Free. So I -- best -from my understanding, that's what's being proposed now.

9 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: So with regard to 10 acceptance or nonacceptance of this proposal, so you 11 submit -- so if you decide it's a yea or nay on this 12 proposal, that is, that is included in that affidavit? 13 You make your comments and then you, you know.

Because obviously we have to, what, do we vote yes we want this proposal or not? And so how is that vote delivered?

MS. SCHMID: Settlement discussions are confidential, but the results of those. So what you perhaps could do is you could say, With regard to the \$190 (sic), I want it to go here, here, and here. Or I want it to go as specified in the Division's recommendation filed this Tuesday. Something like that.

24SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Okay.25MS. SCHMID: If you can't participate in the

1 whole process.

SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: What constitutesacceptance of the proposal then, ultimately?

THE COURT: Ultimately the settlement goes before the Commission. And the Commission reviews it and determines whether or not what is being proposed is just and reasonable and in the public's interest.

8 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: So you -- so in 9 making that decision you take all of our comments into 10 account and it's based on a consensus that you see or 11 do not see in there?

I mean, I guess -- because it's not really a formal -- we're not voting on this proposal? How do you determine that the majority wants it or the majority does not?

16 THE COURT: It is not necessarily an issue of 17 there being a majority or a non-majority. The issue 18 is the standard that the Commission has to review this 19 by is does the -- whether it's the rate increase or 20 the stipulation that results in a settlement, does it 21 result in just and reasonable rates that are in the 22 public's interest?

23 So it's not an issue of does everybody agree. 24 It's -- that, that would be helpful, I think, in the 25 Commission's mind if the Commission had testimony from

1 Mr. Kapaloski, from the Division, from the customers, 2 from intervenors that they all felt that this was just 3 and reasonable. And for those who didn't feel they could give their testimony as well. 4 5 And in the end the Commission makes a 6 decision based on that standard. 7 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: So even if we all 8 agreed that this is a grand idea, but if you, if you, 9 based on your professional opinion, thought that it 10 wasn't, you could still decide, No, really it 11 doesn't -- everyone was in agreement on this, but it 12 is our professional opinion that it's really not in 13 the best interest of the customers? 14 THE COURT: Hypothetically speaking, that is 15 possible. It is ultimately my role to hear the matter 16 and to take the case to the Commissioners with a 17 recommendation. 18 So typically when we hear a case we hear 19 testimony on why it's just and reasonable and in the 20 public's interest. To the extent there would be 21 opposition to that, that would be presented to the 22 Commission as well. 23 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Okay. 24 THE COURT: So one final thing that I wanted 25 to mention, and I hope that this will help with

everyone's understanding of where we are procedurally
 and what tonight's meeting was initially intended to
 address.

Tonight's meeting was intended to address the final report from the Division, and to seek your input based on that report, and to allow the Company to respond. The outcome of tonight's meeting would be, in no way, a final determination.

9 At most what would have happened is I -- we 10 would have recorded the entire evening. We would have 11 taken input. You all would have the opportunity to 12 speak. Give your position on all the matters. And 13 the issue would then be presented to the Commission.

So -- there's been some suggestion that tonight was going to be the final event in this history of application and proceedings. That's not entirely correct. So I hope to the extent that I can help clarify that, that perhaps you understand that a little bit better.

And also because my role is not to adjudicate the matter, ultimately the Commissioners are the body that makes the decision. So what you present to me, whether it's during this hearing or a subsequent proceeding when we talk about the same thing or about a stipulation or settlement, that's my role.

1 I'm taking in information and then I'm 2 sharing it with the Commission. And the Commission is 3 the ultimate arbiter, ultimate decision maker of the 4 matter. 5 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: So having said 6 that, then really does that not mean that we, even if 7 we all agree to this -- as you said, it -- you prefer 8 to see a settlement. In reality, that isn't the case. 9 Because even if we did all -- were all in agreement on 10 this, it's not officially a settlement, because the 11 Commission is going to then take that input and figure 12 that into your decision; is that correct? THE COURT: It's the Commission's decision. 13 14 And as I mentioned earlier, the -- settlement is 15 highly recommended, highly valued in proceedings where 16 there are differences of opinion. 17 We have an Applicant who has a position, we 18 have the Division that has a position, and we have 19 customers and customer base that has a position. So 20 to the extent that parties can come together and work 21 to a solution that they believe in part, or in whole, or in different ways is just and reasonable and in the 22 23 public's interest, the Commission takes that into 24 consideration. 25 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Okay.

1	THE COURT: I, I don't want to lead you to
2	believe that if a stipulation is agreed upon that
3	that's what's gonna happen. Because that would be me
4	putting myself in the place of the Commission and
5	determining something inappropriately on their behalf.
6	So I really appreciate everybody taking the
7	time to talk about what's occurred here tonight. I
8	know it was completely unexpected. I have to say, on
9	behalf of the Commission, that I had no idea until I
10	walked into this room, as you all did, that all of
11	this was here.
12	And, you know, to the extent that I would
13	have or could have known differently, I would have
14	liked to have made things different this evening for
15	all of you. But we are where we are. And it is my
16	impression that the parties and intervenors, the
17	Division, and the Company would like an opportunity to
18	pursue this.
19	And under the circumstances I believe that
20	the time frame in which they are suggesting is one in
21	which the Commission will be in support of. Are there
22	any final issues before we adjourn?
23	MS. SCHMID: Would you
24	SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: I have a
25	question.

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1	MS. SCHMID: like to put the names of the
2	intervenors present on the record just as we entered
3	our appearances, the Company and the Division?
4	THE COURT: I think that would be very
5	helpful. Would each of you, if you don't mind
6	(A discussion was held with the court reporter
7	regarding setup.)
8	THE COURT: Why don't we start on this side,
9	and we'll start with this gentleman here. And if you
10	could just identify yourself and your involvement,
11	whether you're a party, an intervenor, a customer.
12	And we'll just go around the whole room.
13	MR. THOMPSON: My name is John Thompson. I'm
14	a customer. And what would I be? I would be a, um.
15	MR. KAPALOSKI: You're an officer of the
16	Company.
17	MR. THOMPSON: An officer of the Company, I
18	guess. That would, that would be it.
19	MS. THOMPSON: I'm Trudy Thompson. I'm a
20	customer in two different ways. And I am wife to the
21	person that is being on trial.
22	MS. BUTTARS: Leanne Buttars. I'm a
23	customer.
24	MR. BUTTARS: Bob Buttars. I'm a customer.
25	MR. ANDERSON: Keith Anderson, customer and
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(November 16, 2011 - Cedar Ridge - 11-2423-02) 1 intervenor. THE COURT: Thank you. 2 3 MS. DONEY: Francis Doney, customer, intervenor. 4 5 (The court reporter asked for a spelling.) 6 MS. DONEY: Doney, D-o-n-e-y. 7 MR. WALKER: Frank Walker, customer and 8 intervenor. 9 MS. SCOTT: Leone Scott, customer, 10 intervenor. MS. KING: Camille King, customer and an 11 12 intervenor. 13 MS. HOGAN: Dorothy Hogan, customer and 14 intervenor. 15 MR. HOGAN: Eugene Hogan, customer and 16 intervenor. 17 MR. FULGHAM: Paul Fulgham, F-u-l-g-h-a-m, Tremonton City. Just here. 18 THE COURT: Okay. And the lady in the 19 20 kitchen. MS. HAMMONS: I'm Becky Hammons. I'm just 21 22 here. (The court reporter asked for a spelling.) 23 24 MS. HAMMONS: M-m-o-n-s. 25 THE COURT: You're not here in any capacity

(November 16, 2011 - Cedar Ridge - 11-2423-02) 1 as a customer or? 2 MS. HAMMONS: No. 3 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: No, she's a daughter of the person on trial. 4 5 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: He's not on 6 trial. 7 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: He's not on 8 trial. SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Oh, yes. Yes, he 9 10 is. SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Oh, Judy, honey. 11 12 THE COURT: Okay. And Ms. -- yes. 13 MS. WISER: Lori Wiser. I'm a customer and 14 an intervenor. 15 MS. ANDERSON: Barbara Anderson, customer, 16 intervenor. 17 MR. ARBON: Troy Arbon, customer. 18 MS. ARBON: Jennifer Arbon, customer. 19 MS. SUMMERS: Nanny Summers, customer. MS. ADAMS: Judy Adams, customer. 20 21 MR. ANDERSON: Daryl Anderson, customer. 22 MS. ANDERSON: Julie Anderson, customer. 23 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. I think that 24 we got everyone. Is there anyone we didn't get? 25 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Doug was here,

(November 16, 2011 - Cedar Ridge - 11-2423-02) 1 Doug Adams. He is an intervenor, I believe. And he 2 left. And then Paul Rogers. Paul, what's his wife's 3 name? 4 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Paul and Nicky 5 Rogers, R-o-d-g-e-r-s. 6 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: And I do believe 7 they're intervenors also. 8 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: They were an 9 intervenor on --10 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Docket 1. 11 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: -- I don't know 12 if they got -- I don't know what docket. 13 MR. THOMPSON: Okay. 14 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: But they were at 15 one point. 16 THE COURT: They're at least customers, 17 perhaps intervenors? 18 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Yes. 19 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Yes. 20 THE COURT: Okay, very good. Okay, thank 21 you. 22 At this point I would like to adjourn this meeting. And with the expectation that the next time 23 that I will see you all will be next Tuesday, at 24 25 5:00 p.m., in a place that the Division will notify me

1 of. MS. SCHMID: The Company? 2 3 THE COURT: The Company will notify me of. MR. KAPALOSKI: We will. 4 5 THE COURT: I'm sorry. It may be here, but 6 we'll get that straightened out. And in the meantime 7 the Company, and the Division, and the intervenors and 8 customers, I have no involvement in what occurs with 9 your communication. And perhaps when I leave tonight you can have 10 11 further dialogue about how you're planning to meet or 12 whatever. 13 MS. SCHMID: Is there a time at which you 14 would like us to present a status report, perhaps 15 Monday at five, as to where the discussions are? 0r 16 just at the hearing? 17 THE COURT: I would prefer it be before the 18 hearing. Is Monday -- is it possible to do it -- I 19 guess it's not really possible to do it before Monday, 20 is it? Let's say could you do it by Monday noon? 21 MS. SCHMID: And so each --22 SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: So that means 23 Friday we would have to meet with the other customers. 24 We wouldn't be able to meet Monday night if we have to 25 say something by Monday by noon.

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1	MS. SCHMID: Or perhaps Tuesday morning at
2	nine? I don't know. And perhaps if there's no
3	unanimity perhaps even customers and intervenors could
4	submit comments as to where they are, if they would
5	like. And if not, present their positions at the
6	hearing.
7	But it is helpful to have an idea of what's
8	going to happen.
9	THE COURT: Yes?
10	SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Is anyone on
11	trial here?
12	SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Uh-huh.
13	SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: No.
14	THE COURT: No, sir.
15	SPEAKER FROM THE AUDIENCE: Thank you.
16	THE COURT: Okay. So thank you for coming
17	tonight. We'll be adjourned. Feel free to discuss
18	whatever you need to do after I leave the room.
19	(The hearing was concluded at 6:41 p.m.)
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