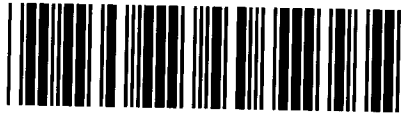




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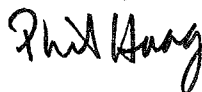
Dear Judge Wilkov:

In response to Order No. 12, Requiring Prehearing Conference Dates, please be advised that Equality Community Housing Corporation ("Equality") has conferred with all the parties concerning three proposed times for a prehearing conference. Equality, Karl E. Wolff and the Staff of the Public Utility Commission ("Staff") are available for and agree to a prehearing conference time of 10:00 a.m. on July 23, July 31 or August 6, 2015. However, Douglas Utility Company ("Douglas") is not able to agree with these three times because Mr. Zeppa is still recovering from his neurological disorder. We also have not been able to discuss with Douglas any alternative dates.

Equality, Mr. Wolff and Staff have the utmost sympathy for Mr. Zeppa and his health and certainly are hoping for a speedy recovery. However, as outlined in Equality's June 25, 2015 Motion for Reconsideration, this matter has been pending for a very long time, to the financial detriment of the ratepayers. Accordingly, Equality, Mr. Wolff and Staff believe this prehearing conference should be set on one of the above dates and the hearing on the merits set as soon as possible thereafter.

I want to be clear that, based upon the undersigned's conversation with Mr. Zeppa's office, Douglas does not agree to the above dates. We anticipate Douglas will object to the proposed dates.

Sincerely,



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