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Re: Inquiry Into Commission Policies Docket No. AU-00000A-16-0141

Dear Colleagues and Interested Parties:

In the April 2016 Open Meeting, the Commission policy of requiring a public utility company in its rate case to return to the Commission within five years for a subsequent rate case was discussed. There was some confusion as to the necessity of this standardized provision. I would like to address the merits of such a Commission policy going forward.

Rate cases are expensive to tax payers and can be a significant burden on small businesses. The Commission may decide that there are specific circumstances in which such a provision is necessary, however I would like to discuss with fellow Commissioners whether this should be the exception instead of the rule.

I look forward to discussion and a potential vote on this issue at an upcoming Staff meeting.

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Tom Forese
Commissioner

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