



February 1, 2006

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NOTICE TO PARTIES

RE: Opening Statements

Dear Counsel:

On November 17, 2005, the Commissioner indicated that Parties with full standing for Phase I would have the opportunity to make written Opening Statements one week prior to the commencement of the hearings. We wish to clarify that those Statements should be filed with the Commission one week before the commencement of the substantive evidentiary hearings scheduled to start on March 27, 2006. Parties with standing in Phase I will also have the opportunity to make oral opening Statements not exceeding half an hour at the commencement of the substantive evidentiary hearings.

The focus of the Opening Statements should be to outline the major principles the Parties submitted and should guide the Inquiry process and the specific factual issues raised by the mandate that should be examined.

Do not hesitate to communicate with the undersigned if you require any further information.

Yours very truly,

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Lead Commission Counsel