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Dear Counsels:

Re: **CASE NO. BLNR-CC-16-002; Minute Order No. 5 (Setting Pre-Hearing Conference)**

Thank you to Mr. Wurdeman for advising us of his schedule for Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and for offering, without waiving any positions, of his future availability. I further understand that his clients intend to file a motion regarding Minute Order No. 4.

May I please ask for your indulgence in keeping the date and time I have set for our pre-hearing conference? I intentionally set the conference for the Noon hour hoping that any possible conflicts in calendaring might accommodate a short meeting to help me get on track with the contested case hearing process.

Mr. Wurdeman, if you find out at calendar call on Monday that your trial is going, please let us know right away and we will push back the start time of our conference to 12:15 p.m. or so, giving you added time to make it to the BLNR building during the lunch recess. We will be sure to make the conference short enough for you to get back to court in time to resume trial. If you find out that your trial is not going, then there should be no conflict.

Regarding the matter of your possible motion, you can let us know on Monday where that stands and we will factor it into our future plans. If Minute Order No. 4 is changed, we will absolutely follow the subsequent BLNR decision, including a complete suspension of the contested case hearing process we are commencing now, if appropriate.

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I sincerely appreciate everyone's cooperation. Going forward, it will be much easier to set our schedules in a more collaborative fashion. Thank you again for your consideration.

Warm Regards,

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Riki May Amano  
Hearing Officer