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| 2 | FLORIDA | PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION |
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| 5 | in the matter of. | DOCKET NO. 20200001-EI |
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| 11 | PROCEEDINGS: | COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEM NO. 4A |
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| 13 | PARTICIPATING: | CHAIRMAN GARY F. CLARK COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM |
| 14 | | COMMISSIONER JULIE I. BROWN COMMISSIONER DONALD J. POLMANN COMMISSIONER ANDREW GILES FAY |
| 16 | DATE: | Tuesday, September 1, 2020 |
| 17 | PLACE: | Betty Easley Conference Center Room 148 |
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| 1 | PROCEEDINGS |
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| 2 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Next item is Item |
| 3 | No. 4A. |
| 4 | Before we ask Mr. Stiller to introduce the |
| 5 | item, just a couple of reminders before we begin |
| 6 | discussion. |
| 7 | No. 1, this is limited to Commissioners and |
| 8 | staff only for discussion. |
| 9 | I would like to also remind everyone of the |
| 10 | confidential nature of this particular item in the |
| 11 | docket. I am going to ask Ms. Helton if she would |
| 12 | carefully monitor the conversation if we move into |
| 13 | an area, there is an extensive or exhaustive list |
| 14 | of items that cannot be discussed, so I am going to |
| 15 | ask Ms. Helton, if she would, to monitor those |
| 16 | items and if we hear any discussion going in those |
| 17 | areas, please let me know so that we can redirect |
| 18 | and and start over on that particular item. |
| 19 | Okay. With that in mind, Mr. Stiller, would |
| 20 | you introduce the item, please? |
| 21 | MR. STILLER: Good morning, Chair and |
| 22 | Commissioners. This is Shaw Stiller of the Office |
| 23 | of General Counsel. |
| 24 | Agenda Item 4A is Commission consideration of |
| 25 | a recommended order issued by an Administrative Law |

| 1 | Judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings |
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| 2 | following a formal evidentiary hearing in Docket |
| 3 | No. 20200001-EI. This docket is commonly referred |
| 4 | to as the Fuel Clause, and the specific matter |
| 5 | before this Commission involves a petition for cost |
| 6 | recovery filed by Duke Energy Florida. |
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In the petition, Duke requested recovery for replacement power costs following a February 2017 forced outage at its Bartow Plant and the subsequent derating of that plant.

The Office of Public Counsel, Florida

Industrial Power Users Group and White Springs

Agricultural Chemicals intervened in the docket.

Virtually all of the testimony and exhibits filed by Duke and OPC regarding cost recovery for the Bartow Plant outage and derating are confidential. Recognizing that it cannot keep these materials confidential and conduct a hearing in the Sunshine, as required by law, this Commission referred these two issues to the Division of Administrative Hearings for assignment of an Administrative Law Judge to conduct a closed evidentiary hearing. The closed hearing was conducted February 4th and 5th before Administrative Law Judge Stevenson.

1 On April 27, 2020, the Administrative Law Judge entered a recommended order recommending that 2. 3 this Commission determine that the Bartow Plant 4 replacement power costs are not recoverable. 5 judge made extensive findings of fact in support of the ultimate conclusion that Duke did not prove by 6 7 a preponderance of the evidence that it acted as a 8 reasonable utility manner -- manager would have in light of the conditions and circumstances that were 9 10 known or should have been known at the time in the 11 operation of its Bartow Unit 4, which resulted in 12 the unit's failure and the need for replacement 13 power.

Duke timely filed exceptions to certain conclusions of law in the recommended order. Duke did not file any exceptions to the findings of fact.

This Commission may grant Duke's exceptions and reject the subject conclusions of law if those conclusions are within the substantive jurisdiction of the Commission, and a different conclusion would be as or more reasonable.

Staff has reviewed the exceptions filed by

Duke and does not believe that the company has met
the high burden for this Commission to grant them

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| 1 | and reverse the Administrative Law Judge. |
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| 2 | Staff notes that Commission consideration of |
| 3 | the recommended order is affected by Duke's |
| 4 | decision to not contest any findings of fact. |
| 5 | By not filing exceptions to any of the 102 |
| 6 | findings of fact in the recommended order, Duke has |
| 7 | accepted that these facts are supported by |
| 8 | competent, substantial evidence in the record. |
| 9 | Staff further notes that the conclusions of |
| 10 | law to which Duke takes exceptions are based on |
| 11 | those unchallenged findings. |
| 12 | In these circumstances, and on this record, |
| 13 | staff recommends that all exceptions be denied and |
| 14 | the recommended order be adopted. |
| 15 | Staff is available for questions. |
| 16 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you very much, Mr. |
| 17 | Stiller. |
| 18 | Commissioners, any questions for staff? |
| 19 | Commissioner Polmann. |
| 20 | COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you, Mr. |
| 21 | Chairman. |
| 22 | I would like to make some comments, and we |
| 23 | will see if that leads into a question for staff. |
| 24 | I I am a little bit uncertain on a on a |
| 25 | particular point, but I would like to make some |

| 1 | introductory remarks, if I may, and I am prepared |
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| 2 | to to move forward with the motion, but I would |
| 3 | like to get some guidance after I make some |
| 4 | introductory remarks, if I may proceed, Mr. |
| 5 | Chairman. |
| 6 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Yes, sir. |
| 7 | COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you. Thank you, |
| 8 | Mr. Chairman. |
| 9 | First, I want to thank the Commission for |
| 10 | allowing the extra time that I had requested to |
| 11 | review the information in this docket. It it |
| 12 | certainly is substantial, and it is complex. And I |
| 13 | believe of paramount importance here is our |
| 14 | deliberate care of this case. |
| 15 | Commissioners, I will preface my comments with |
| 16 | acknowledgment that certain aspects of the agenda |
| 17 | item before us engender strong positions and |
| 18 | perhaps emotions. So to be to be very clear, my |
| 19 | evaluation on this matter, my remarks on the record |
| 20 | derive from my focus on the record evidence, the |
| 21 | substance of the recommended order, and what I will |
| 22 | describe as an opportunity for this Commission to |
| 23 | fully discharge its duty. Simply saying, I see |
| 24 | our our duty here to accept, reject or modify |
| 25 | the ALJ recommended order. And as staff has noted, |

| 1 | the standard against reverting is finding of |
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| 2 | conclusions that are more reasonable than, or as |
| 3 | reasonable as those provided in the recommended |
| 4 | order. |
| 5 | So, Mr. Chairman, at this time, I am I am |
| 6 | prepared to proceed on Issue 1, including a motion |
| 7 | supported on the basis, or we can run through the |
| 8 | basis or my rationale first, follow that up with a |
| 9 | motion. So whatever your pleasure is, we we can |
| 10 | kind of have a discussion or go right into a |
| 11 | motion. I will leave that to your pleasure, sir. |
| 12 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you thank you, |
| 13 | Commissioner Polmann. |
| 14 | Let's have let's have some discussion on |
| 15 | the item. And and I would just I had a |
| 16 | discussion with our General Counsel this morning |
| 17 | in in terms of if there are alternate |
| 18 | recommendations away from staff recommendation, |
| 19 | there are some considerations, I think, that the |
| 20 | staff and Commission would probably want in a final |
| 21 | order, and those things would certainly need to be |
| 22 | taken into consideration. |
| 23 | So I would like to if there is a motion |
| 24 | that is different from staff recommendation from |
| 25 | any of the Commissioners, I would like to take a |

| 1 | couple of minutes recess prior to that motion, give |
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| 2 | our General Counsel some time to to work with us |
| 3 | on making sure that we get the things in the record |
| 4 | that are necessary, what the what the Commission |
| 5 | feels is necessary, what staff feels is necessary |
| 6 | to support our decision. |
| 7 | Mr. Hetrick, is that a fair statement? |
| 8 | MR. HETRICK: That's correct, Mr. Chair. |
| 9 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Okay. Thank you. |
| 10 | Okay. Commissioners, other comments, and then |
| 11 | we will come back to Mr. Poulmann Commissioner |
| 12 | Polmann for a motion. |
| 13 | Commissioner Fay. |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER FAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. |
| 15 | My my comments will be brief. |
| 16 | I I agreed with Judge Stevenson and the |
| 17 | staff recommendation. I think Commissioner Polmann |
| 18 | was mentioning that, from his perspective, he might |
| 19 | be splitting out Issue 1 and Issue 2, which |
| 20 | which may be appropriate. I just the one thing |
| 21 | I would like to add as it relates to Issue 2 is I |
| 22 | think the I mean, this is, as stated, an |
| 23 | extremely fact intensive case that was litigated |
| 24 | before Judge Stevenson, and a recommended order was |
| 25 | provided. It doesn't that order doesn't absolve |

| 1 | or extend liability beyond the facts that we have |
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| 2 | in front of us here. So if something else were to |
| 3 | come up, it would likely go through the same |
| 4 | process. And due to the confidentiality of this |
| 5 | case, I will be mindful to speaking to any of the |
| 6 | specifics. |
| 7 | But I do think the language that has been |
| 8 | provided in the recommendation for Issue 2, |
| 9 | specifically the second paragraph in the staff |
| 10 | analysis, is important to to be recognized from |
| 11 | the order, and if approved if if that |
| 12 | position is approved, I would just want to make |
| 13 | sure that our legal folks recognize that in the |
| 14 | final order. |
| 15 | So those are my comments, Mr. Chair. Thank |
| 16 | you. |
| 17 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you, Commissioner Fay. |
| 18 | Any other Commissioners? |
| 19 | All right. Commissioner Polmann. |
| 20 | COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you, Mr. |
| 21 | Chairman. |
| 22 | I would like to ask first for a clarification. |
| 23 | I believe Mr. Stiller introduced a particular |
| 24 | point, and I I note numerous references in the |
| 25 | material that's in this package to competence |

the phrase is something to the effect of competent,

substantial evidence in the record. And the

comments -- or the introductory remarks that I

heard speak to the findings of fact and -- and the

conclusions of law.

And I need to be absolutely clear here. I recognize that the utility took no exceptions to the findings of fact, and I need clarification on whether this Commission has opportunity to take into account the full evidentiary record, because I see that phrase used numerous times in the materials that is in this agenda package.

And are we to -- to avail ourselves of the full evidentiary record, or are we to read this agenda item on these pages only? And are we to -- to take action only on the hundred odd findings of fact or -- or the conclusions of law, whatever the number is, are we constrained by simply those enumerated items, or are we examining all of the material?

And I -- and I recognize the restrictions that that we -- we have no opportunity to reweigh evidence, or anything like that. I recognize that. But what is it exactly that we are to avail ourselves of? Can I get clarification on that,

| 1 | please? |
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| 2 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Yes, Commissioner Polmann. |
| 3 | Mr. Stiller, would you would you address |
| 4 | that, please? |
| 5 | MR. STILLER: Yes, Mr. Chair. |
| 6 | Thank you, Commissioner. |
| 7 | The I want to give a general answer, and |
| 8 | then I will try to to get a little bit more |
| 9 | specific, Commissioner. |
| 10 | The general answer is the Commission does look |
| 11 | at the entire record. If looking at the entire |
| 12 | record, the specific finding of fact is unsupported |
| 13 | by any competent, substantial evidence anywhere in |
| 14 | that record, the action the Commission would then |
| 15 | take would be to reject that finding of fact. |
| 16 | Keeping in mind the Commission cannot replace it, |
| 17 | modify it or add another finding of fact. It would |
| 18 | just reject that finding of fact. |
| 19 | So that would be an examination of the entire |
| 20 | record on that for the competent, substantial |
| 21 | evidence. And on the conclusion of law which |
| 22 | stated the standard, that is the as or more |
| 23 | reasonable than the conclusion of law. But if the |
| 24 | findings of fact are not disturbed, and the |
| 25 | Commission is not rejecting them, then the factual |

| 1 | decision made today is based on those 102 findings. |
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| 2 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Okay. Thank you, Mr. |
| 3 | Stiller. |
| 4 | Commissioner Polmann. |
| 5 | COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Okay. I appreciate |
| 6 | that clarification. |
| 7 | I I do have, in fact, a series of comments |
| 8 | that that build to my position, and, in fact, I |
| 9 | do have an alternative recommendation a |
| 10 | recommendation that is an alternative to the staff |
| 11 | recommendation that that leads to a motion on |
| 12 | on the issues, and I will take your direction, and |
| 13 | I and I I did hear that you would like to |
| 14 | take a brief recess. I am standing aside, Mr. |
| 15 | Chairman, waiting for your direction. |
| 16 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Okay. Mr. Hetrick. |
| 17 | MR. HETRICK: Mr. Chairman, I think right now |
| 18 | we I need to understand, we need to understand |
| 19 | what Commissioner Polmann wants to do before we can |
| 20 | break, and and I think you need to entertain the |
| 21 | motion, perhaps let him explain what his rationale |
| 22 | is for the motion, as long as we stay within the |
| 23 | guidelines, and we can't discuss confidential |
| 24 | information. And at that point, if a motion is |
| 25 | made, I think you have to wait to see whether or |

| 1 | not if there is a second to it. If there is no |
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| 2 | second to it, then it would not move forward. So |
| 3 | at that point, if there is a second I think that's |
| 4 | the appropriate time to break. |
| 5 | That's my advice. |
| 6 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Okay. Commissioner Polmann. |
| 7 | That's a good starting point. If you want to throw |
| 8 | a couple of the items out, or a couple for |
| 9 | consideration what you would be interested in |
| 10 | doing, see if there is any Commissioners have |
| 11 | questions regarding it. If it looks like it has |
| 12 | merit, proceed with the motion; if not, your call. |
| 13 | COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you, sir. |
| 14 | Fundamentally, my my intention is is to |
| 15 | deal with the entirety of Duke's exceptions, so |
| 16 | so I will approach it in that fashion. |
| 17 | It is not my intention in in any sense |
| 18 | to to discuss the individual aspects, to go into |
| 19 | any detail, to speak to any of the confidential |
| 20 | matters at at a particular high level to try to |
| 21 | navigate a way through the confidential material. |
| 22 | So my question on the record evidence, and so |
| 23 | forth, has been addressed, and I will simply lay |
| 24 | out, to the best of my ability, a rationale as to |
| 25 | how I come to my position. |

And, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, I

appreciate your indulgence here, and I will -- I

will do the best I can hear to be brief.

Given the amount of confidential information,

Given the amount of confidential information, and the fact that we are limited to what we can talk about, I will express that there is a great deal here behind my expressions. And as I said, I will try to stay at the highest level, but please recognize that silence in any particular regard is not -- is not meant to imply that -- that I concur any particular matter.

So what we have here is the recommended order.

And as I indicated, all the material that's in -in the package before us, the inter-- the response
from the intervenors, material from the utility,
the recommendation from staff, I have familiarized
myself with all of that. And as indicated earlier,
I am -- I am looking at this -- our standard is
different conclusions of law, if -- if that is
something that we are pursuing, the standard being
as or more reasonable. My focus is on something
that is as reasonable. So that is the predicate I
am coming from.

The issue for me is a focus on the confidential Attachment B to the recommendation,

and my -- my approach to this is an examination of whether or not confidential Attachment B provides the Commission with the necessary information to reach a finding of whether the utility presents adequate evidence or -- or adequate argument for this Commission to -- to come to the point of conclusions that are as reasonable.

So following review of the exceptions that
Duke has provided and the relevant materials
available to me, I will assert that Duke has, in
fact, provided sufficient information to come to
positions that are as reasonable as the recommended
order. Given the evidentiary record in full
consideration of foundational principles and
practices of sound utility industry standards, the
conclusion that finds in favor of Duke's exceptions
is as reasonable as accepting the recommended order
without modification.

So therefore, it is my position that the exceptions to the conclusions of law that were put forth and supported by the utility, providing adequate basis for modifying the specific conclusions of law 110 through 114 and 119 through 125, and that those are as reasonable as the ALJ's conclusions of law, and therefore, I am prepared to

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| 1 | make a motion on that basis, Mr. Chairman, and I |
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| 2 | can do so at this point |
| 3 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Okay. Based on that, Mr. |
| 4 | Hetrick, would there be any. |
| 5 | COMMISSIONER POLMANN: I can proceed. |
| 6 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Based on on Commissioner |
| 7 | Polmann's analysis, what would you need? Would you |
| 8 | need anything specific? |
| 9 | MR. HETRICK: I think I understand clearly |
| 10 | what he would like to move, and I think we could |
| 11 | fashion that and send it around to the |
| 12 | Commissioners in a complete and thorough manner, |
| 13 | but again, first, I think the motion should be |
| 14 | made. |
| 15 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Right. Understand. But I am |
| 16 | just making sure that we are we are clear you |
| 17 | can craft the argument. |
| 18 | MR. HETRICK: Yes, sir. |
| 19 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Okay. All right. Other |
| 20 | Commissioner comments prior to Commissioner |
| 21 | Polmann's motion? |
| 22 | Commissioner Fay. |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER FAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I |
| 24 | will I will be brief again. |
| 25 | Just in response to Commissioner Polmann's |

| 1 | comments and his motion, I I do think that a lot |
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| 2 | of language in there from different parties about |
| 3 | not relitigating this, and essentially not making a |
| 4 | decision that has already been made. However, I do |
| 5 | agree with Commissioner Polmann. I think the legal |
| 6 | standard is clear for a conclusion of law, and I |
| 7 | think it states that it can be as or more |
| 8 | reasonable to base that decision on. |
| 9 | And so I just want to make sure, from my |
| 10 | perspective, that I am clear that acceptance of a |
| 11 | proposed order of the DOAH judge does not in itself |
| 12 | essentially mean that the Commission does not have |
| 13 | authority to make a determination that they deem as |
| 14 | reasonable for a conclusion of law. I actually |
| 15 | think it's the opposite. It's very clear that we |
| 16 | do have that authority to make that decision. |
| 17 | So with that, Mr. Chairman, those are my |
| 18 | comments on Commissioner Polmann's motion. |
| 19 | Thank you. |
| 20 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you, Commissioner Fay. |
| 21 | Okay. Commissioner Polmann, if you are ready |
| 22 | to make a motion, we will entertain it. |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you, Mr. |
| 24 | Chairman. |
| 25 | I believe I have laid out the basis for my |
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| 1 | position. Hopefully my comments were clear on the |
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| 2 | record, and with that, my motion, Mr. Chairman and |
| 3 | Commissioners, I move that this Commission find |
| 4 | that the information Duke Energy has provided in |
| 5 | Attachment B is sufficient to accept the position |
| 6 | that is as reasonable as the ALJ and, therefore, |
| 7 | approve DEF's exceptions to conclusions of law 110 |
| 8 | through 114 and 119 through 125. |
| 9 | That's my motion. |
| 10 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: One second. |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I will second that |
| 12 | motion. |
| 13 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Okay. I have a motion to |
| 14 | approve the |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER POLMANN: I can repeat that. |
| 16 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: I have a motion and a |
| 17 | second to approve the exceptions that DEF laid out |
| 18 | in items 110 through 114 and 119 through 125. |
| 19 | Discussion on the motion? |
| 20 | Commissioner Brown. |
| 21 | COMMISSIONER BROWN: And I apologize. I am |
| 22 | having some spot spotty internet right now, so |
| 23 | my apologies. But, Commissioner Polmann, can you |
| 24 | kind of explain what the effect would therefore be |
| 25 | based on your motion? |
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| 1 | COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Commissioner Brown |
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| 2 | COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes. |
| 3 | COMMISSIONER POLMANN: I simply I simply |
| 4 | accept that DEF has provided sufficient information |
| 5 | in their material, and that I take in toto that all |
| 6 | of that material and all of their exceptions. I |
| 7 | believe we have that authority. I will leave it to |
| 8 | our legal staff to explain the effect. |
| 9 | I I am not taking a position on the effect. |
| 10 | I simply accept the entirety of of their |
| 11 | argument as presented in Attachment B as as |
| 12 | being sufficient that this Commission can can |
| 13 | take a position that the alternative conclusions |
| 14 | are as reasonable as the ALJ's recommended order. |
| 15 | I I am not going to opine on the consequence, |
| 16 | other than to say that I believe, as I stated. |
| 17 | COMMISSIONER BROWN: Shaw? |
| 18 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Mr. Stiller. |
| 19 | MR. STILLER: Yes yes, Mr. Chair, this is |
| 20 | Shaw Stiller again. |
| 21 | If the Commission is to chooses to reject |
| 22 | conclusions of law, Chapter 120 requires that there |
| 23 | be substituted conclusions of law that are as or |
| 24 | more reasonable. The effect of this motion I |
| 25 | suggest would be defined by what those substituted |

| 1 | conclusions are. |
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| 2 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: So, Mr. Stiller, you are |
| 3 | COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you. I just wanted |
| 4 | that clarification for the record. |
| 5 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: So you are saying that if we |
| 6 | accept Commissioner Polmann's motion, we are going |
| 7 | to have to go back and apply new conclusions of |
| 8 | law? |
| 9 | MR. STILLER: That is Mr. Chair, that is |
| 10 | correct. The conclusions of law in the recommended |
| 11 | order would be stricken. There would be |
| 12 | substituted conclusions of law, and there would be |
| 13 | specific findings as to why those substituted |
| 14 | conclusions are as or more reasonable. |
| 15 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: And by default, are we then |
| 16 | denying the recommended order by the ALJ? |
| 17 | MR. HETRICK: Yes. |
| 18 | MR. STILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If I |
| 19 | understand correctly, the cost that would be the |
| 20 | costs would be recoverable, and the petition would |
| 21 | be granted. |
| 22 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Okay. So by accepting the |
| 23 | motion by, it, by default, rejects the ALJ order |
| 24 | and allows for the recovery. Okay, I just wanted |
| 25 | to make sure is that was clarified. |
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| 1 | Commissioner Polmann. |
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| 2 | COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Mr. Chairman, I I |
| 3 | believe Issue 2 deals with additional subject |
| 4 | matter. I think Issue 1 speaks, in the staff |
| 5 | layout of this agenda item, deals with the |
| 6 | exceptions to the conclusions of law. There is |
| 7 | another issue before us. So I appreciate Mr. |
| 8 | Stiller's comments, but I think there are separate |
| 9 | issues here. I don't that's just my comment, |
| 10 | sir. |
| 11 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Right. So my question to Mr. |
| 12 | Hetrick is could you adopt Commissioner Polmann's |
| 13 | motion and, at the same time, approve the |
| 14 | recommended order? They are two separate things, |
| 15 | and in fact, it is automatically denying the |
| 16 | recommended order; is that correct? |
| 17 | MR. HETRICK: That's correct. I don't know |
| 18 | how you split the two apart. I mean |
| 19 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: So we would have to, at that |
| 20 | point in time, craft a new order to adopt, and that |
| 21 | would basically push the decision out. If we |
| 22 | accept Issue 1, Commissioner Polmann's |
| 23 | recommendation, we can't make a decision today on |
| 24 | the final recommended order; is that correct? |
| 25 | MR. HETRICK: No. I think you can make the |

| 1 | decision on the recommended order, just as you can |
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| 2 | reverse staff's recommendation on Issue 1, you can |
| 3 | reverse staff's recommendation on Issue 2, but |
| 4 | Issue 2 is intricately tied to Issue 1. So it's |
| 5 | one of those situations where once you decide to |
| 6 | overrule all the exceptions, you have effectively |
| 7 | overruled the recommended order. So there is no |
| 8 | other option with respect to Issue 2, and I want to |
| 9 | be clear about that. |
| 10 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: So at that point, staff would |
| 11 | draft a final order for the Commission to approve, |
| 12 | but I guess I am concerned or confused about |
| 13 | what that final order would look like and |
| 14 | MR. HETRICK: So that I think that's part |
| 15 | of what, Mr. Chair, we said we would craft. Now |
| 16 | that we have a second, we we have something that |
| 17 | we are prepared to offer up to the Commission to |
| 18 | sort of to completely reflect, I think, what |
| 19 | Commissioner Polmann's intent is. And I can read |
| 20 | it to you and then we can take a break and email it |
| 21 | to all the Commissioners if you would like, have |
| 22 | them look at it so that they have it before them, |
| 23 | so they can decide whether or not they want to |
| 24 | what their vote will be on this. |
| 25 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Okay. Great point. |

| 1 | Commissioner Polmann. |
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| 2 | COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you, Mr. |
| 3 | Chairman. |
| 4 | As I understood it, our duty was to accept, or |
| 5 | reject, or modify. And what what is being |
| 6 | discussed here, based on my motion on Issue 1, is a |
| 7 | rejection of the order. And I have a motion on |
| 8 | Issue 2, which is to modify the order. And and |
| 9 | I thought that was the question before us, is is |
| 10 | accept, reject or modify. |
| 11 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: That is correct. |
| 12 | COMMISSIONER POLMANN: I will leave it |
| 13 | leave it to the General Counsel's Office as to what |
| 14 | they do with the order. I am not writing our |
| 15 | order. And and I understood that to be the case |
| 16 | during the entire term of my sitting in this chair, |
| 17 | but I am I am happy to take all of the issues in |
| 18 | this agenda item all together and and I am |
| 19 | prepared to make a motion on Issue 2 to clarify the |
| 20 | discussion that is that is now (inaudible) |
| 21 | here. |
| 22 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: I think I think we are on |
| 23 | the same page in terms of the discussion |
| 24 | somebody needs to mute their phone, please. |
| 25 | COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Maybe maybe that has |

| 1 | something to do, but pardon pardon me, sir. |
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| 2 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: So so I think we are on |
| 3 | the same page there, and it is my you are you |
| 4 | would be modifying the final order. We would have |
| 5 | to come back, if this is accepted, and have an |
| 6 | additional motion. |
| 7 | But I think the point, Commissioner Polmann, |
| 8 | is that we don't write the final order, but the |
| 9 | motion that we make has a lot of impact on what |
| 10 | that final order looks like. And I think legal |
| 11 | staff has requested that if we are going to do a |
| 12 | modification, that they would want some very |
| 13 | specific language from the Commission in the motion |
| 14 | in order to craft a final order that they feel |
| 15 | comfortable with. So I just I just want to make |
| 16 | certain that we are |
| 17 | COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Of course. |
| 18 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: getting all the things in |
| 19 | a row. It's no no reflection on what you are |
| 20 | trying to do, just procedural more than anything. |
| 21 | Commissioner Brown, you are recognized. |
| 22 | COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you. |
| 23 | And again, this is a question for Keith or |
| 24 | Shaw. The conclusions of law are based on the |
| 25 | conclusions the findings of fact, Commissioner |

| 1 | Polmann, right? |
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| 2 | MR. HETRICK: Correct. |
| 3 | COMMISSIONER BROWN: Which which Duke did |
| 4 | not take exception to the findings of fact. So I |
| 5 | just have some consternation with the concept, |
| 6 | Commissioner Polmann, that you are proposing, quite |
| 7 | frankly. |
| 8 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Okay. Other discussion or |
| 9 | questions? |
| 10 | Okay. Are we ready to vote on Commissioner |
| 11 | Polmann's motion? |
| 12 | All those in favor, please say aye. |
| 13 | COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Aye. |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Aye. |
| 15 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: All those opposed, nay? |
| 16 | COMMISSIONER BROWN: Nay. |
| 17 | COMMISSIONER FAY: Nay. |
| 18 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Nay. |
| 19 | The motion fails 3 to 2. |
| 20 | The floor is open for a new motion. |
| 21 | Commissioner Fay. |
| 22 | COMMISSIONER FAY: Mr. Chairman, yeah, I would |
| 23 | move staff recommendation on all issues, and direct |
| 24 | legal to incorporate the language that is placed in |
| 25 | staff analysis paragraph two under Issue 2 into |

| 1 | the the final order. |
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| 2 | COMMISSIONER BROWN: Second. |
| 3 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: I have a motion and a second. |
| 4 | Now discussion. Any discussion? |
| 5 | On the motion, all in favor say aye. |
| 6 | COMMISSIONER BROWN: Aye. |
| 7 | COMMISSIONER FAY: Aye. |
| 8 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Opposed? |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER POLMANN: No. |
| 10 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Commissioner Graham? |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I was affirmative. |
| 12 | CHAIRMAN CLARK: Affirmative, okay. |
| 13 | Motion passes on a 4 to 1 vote. |
| 14 | All right. Thank you very much. |
| 15 | (Agenda item concluded.) |
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