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Subject: Hearings -- Unsubstantiated by the Commission's Website!
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The below, sent minutes ago – and bouncing back due to capacity limits -- is being resent with only the October 4th letter to the Commission attached. The October 17th letter is posted on our website, as indicated below.

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Thank you.

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