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Re: Case No. 12587, Application of Sapient Energy Corp., *de novo*  
Case No. 12605, Application of Sapient Energy Corp., *de novo*

Dear Counsel,

As you are aware, the hearing in this case was continued so that counsel could deal with the notice issue that arose at the last minute. The case was continued to the December meeting.

Please note: because of scheduling problems, the Commission has changed its December meeting date to **December 4**. The Commission members are prepared to continue hearing evidence on December 5, should that become necessary.

As an additional party will participate in the hearing, and the hearing was already scheduled to be a long one, I would suggest the same grounds rules vis a vis opening and closing statements that were in place for the November hearing: (1) written closing statements (and/or summaries of the evidence presented) in lieu of oral ones, submitted in writing no later than 10 days following the hearing, and (2) brief opening statements, if needed at all given the pre-hearing statements, no more than 5 minutes each.

Mr. Bruce, the other parties have already submitted exhibits and a pre-hearing statement. I suggest that you submit exhibits and a pre-hearing statement on behalf of the party you represent no later than one week prior to the hearing.

Counsel of record  
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As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 476-3451.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SR', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

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Cc: Florene Davidson, Commission Secretary