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Thank you, Chairman Nober.

I would like to thank the Board staff for their assistance in preparing for today's voting conference, especially those who briefed me on the cases before us today.

In particular, I would like to note that I was exceedingly pleased with the amount of time and resources that my staff and I were given to review each of these ten decisions. It is not an easy task to thoroughly prepare for a vote on ten cases, especially when a rate case is among them, and I again thank the Board staff for the excellence of their work.