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20	DR. SEKAZI K. MTINGWA, Administrative Judge
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3	JUDGE SPRITZER: Good afternoon. We are
4	here in the case in the matter of NextEra Energy
5	Seabrook, Seabrook Station, Unit 1. This is our
6	docket No. 50-443-LA-2. We're here holding a
7	prehearing teleconference related to the evidentiary
8	hearing that will start on September 24th at 9:30 a.m.
9	My name is Ron Spritzer. I'm the Chairman
10	of this Board. With me, although not physically
11	present here, also on the line are Judges Trikouros
12	and Mtingwa. Let me make sure you're both
13	Judge Trikouros, are you there?
14	JUDGE TRIKOUROS: I am here.
15	JUDGE SPRITZER: And, Judge Mtingwa?
16	JUDGE MTINGWA: Yes, I'm yes, sorry.
17	I am here.
18	JUDGE SPRITZER: All right. And our end
19	we also have our law clerk Taylor Mayhall. And we
20	have a technical person if there are any issues that
21	come out about how we're handling the technology at
22	the hearing, at the evidentiary hearing. That's Joe
23	Deucher.
24	All right. We'll go ahead and identify
25	who's present for the representing the parties to

1	the hearing. Why don't we start with the Intervener?
2	MS. CURRAN: Hello, this is Diane Curran
3	representing C-10, and I think on the phone is Natalie
4	Hildt-Treat also.
5	MS. HILDT-TREAT: Good afternoon. Yes,
6	this is Natalie.
7	JUDGE SPRITZER: All right. And, NextEra?
8	MR. BESSETTE: Hi, this is Paul Bessette
9	representing NextEra. Also on the line are Steve
10	Hamrick from the NextEra and Ryan Lighty, my
11	colleague.
12	JUDGE SPRITZER: And the NRC staff?
13	MR. WACHUTKA: This is Jeremy Wachutka for
14	the NRC staff along with Anita Ghosh-Neighbor, who is
15	on the line.
16	JUDGE SPRITZER: Very good. All right.
17	Let's start with our list and then I will open things
18	up for any questions any of you may have.
19	I think for item 1 we have thank you
20	for enlightening us that we do actually do have a
21	the docket version of Intervener's 1R. That's
22	Intervener's 27. So that's been taken care of.
23	As I understand it you all are working on
24	a redacted version of Intervener's 7?
25	MS. CURRAN: Yes, that's correct. We're

193 1 working on a redacted version of that and also of the rebuttal testimony that we just filed and some time 2 3 soon we'll sending a copy of the rebuttal testimony to 4 NextEra's counsel, to both of them to make sure that 5 we're on the same page on that. 6 JUDGE SPRITZER: Okay. So that would be 7 Intervener's 28, the rebuttal? 8 MS. CURRAN: Yes, that's right. 9 JUDGE SPRITZER: Okay. We've been through 10 the exhibits. As far as we can tell we don't need redacted copies of anything besides 11 those two: Intervener's 7 and Intervener's 28. 12

So unless there are any questions about that, we'll move on to the next issue which is closing the hearing. Our thought would be -- well, certainly some time -- and we may wait and see how things go on Tuesday, whether -- probably the morning of Wednesday would be the most likely, but depending on how things go we might want to push it off to the afternoon. And we would -- hopefully two hours or so would be sufficient, two, two-and-a-half hours. So we'll probably close the hearing on the morning of the 27th and do all the questions related to proprietary information at that time, hopefully.

Does anybody have any thoughts about that?

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1	Does that sound like a reasonable approach or would
2	you prefer something different?
3	MR. BESSETTE: Your Honor, this is Paul
4	Bessette. You said the morning of the 27th. I
5	believe you mean the 25th.
6	JUDGE SPRITZER: Yes, I'm sorry. That's
7	right. Morning of the 25th. Wednesday the 25th.
8	MR. BESSETTE: No comments from us.
9	JUDGE SPRITZER: Okay. Anybody else, the
10	staff or Interveners have any thoughts about that?
11	(No audible response.)
12	JUDGE SPRITZER: hearing no takers
13	MS. CURRAN: This is Diane Curran. I
14	think for us, I think Tuesday the a public
15	hearing is probably the most important thing because
16	I would guess that the most people will be coming on
17	Tuesday, so that makes sense to me.
18	And, Natalie, did you have any thoughts
19	about
20	MS. HILDT-TREAT; No, that's fine. It's
21	just helpful to know when the hearing will be open.
22	Thank you.
23	JUDGE SPRITZER: Right. I mean, you
24	should prepare for your membership to the extent
25	they're interested in coming. I mean, we're going to

aim for the morning of the 25th. It could be the afternoon. But we'll certainly let you know. We'll know for sure by Tuesday afternoon if that's going to change.

So there will be some flexibility, but we're going to -- our preference would be the morning of the 25th.

Okay. As far as the question about the hearing, does anybody have any -- why don't we start with the Interveners? Do you have any comments or other -- simultaneously versus -- sorry. Go ahead.

MS. CURRAN: Yes, the only question that I have about it is that we're going to need some time to -- usually you're -- I'm sitting with the expert listening to the witnesses and we get a chance to discuss the answers and what we think might be missing or what might need to be asked or kind of follow-up stuff, and you're listening together while you're sitting there at the table. And this situation is that our witness will be up there with the panels, all the witnesses. So I guess I would just ask to build in some breaks for us to talk in between segments of the hearing because the expert is the person I'm going to have to consult with as to, well, does the last batch testimony require us to propose some questions

1	to the Board kind of thing?
2	JUDGE SPRITZER: Hold on a moment. We may
3	have just lost Judge Trikouros. We're trying to get
4	him back. He's actually in New Jersey.
5	Nick, can you hear us?
6	JUDGE TRIKOUROS: Yes, I can hear you.
7	JUDGE SPRITZER: Great. All right. We're
8	back.
9	Yes, Ms. Curran was just saying she'd like
10	us to be I take you don't have any objection to
11	simultaneous questioning, but you'd like there to be
12	breaks, which there certainly will be. I would
13	imagine we'd typically go an hour to an hour-and-a-
14	half at a time and take a break of 15 minutes or so
15	and give you whatever time you need to talk to your
16	witness.
17	MS. CURRAN: Yes, okay.
18	JUDGE SPRITZER: NextEra, do you have any
19	comments on this procedure?
20	MR. BESSETTE: We do, Your Honor. We have
21	no objections to the general idea of simultaneous
22	questioning, but as you saw from our testimony, we
23	really had two pieces of testimony: one on the Large
24	Scale Test Program and one on the Structural
25	Deformation Monitoring Program. Despite the arguments

1 we believe they're fairly separate issues and have separate witnesses, but we wanted to discuss the 2 3 logistics of that. 4 We could have all of them up there, but it 5 might get a little crowded, but we also wanted to propose perhaps if you're going to change the topic we 6 7 would have -- be able to change out the witnesses. 8 JUDGE SPRITZER: Yes, that's sounds like 9 a reasonable approach. I don't know if either of my 10 colleagues have any comments on that, but I think we can -- I guess the only problem is if we get -- if 11 somehow we wound up getting -- crossing over between 12 one issue and the other and we'd have to shuffle 13 14 witnesses around or put off the question. 15 Will all the witnesses be physically 16 present whether or not they're sitting at our witness table? 17 They will, Your Honor and MR. BESSETTE: 18 19 they could be -- for instance if they're on the -- if they're -- if you're talking about the Test Program, 20 we'll have those witnesses up there, but the other 21 folks will be sitting behind them. So they could come 22 as necessary. But I just wanted to relate that. 23

really would probably be not practical and a bit

crowded if we had everybody up there at once.

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1 they'll be available and on site. And if you have a cross-question, I'm sure we could accommodate that. 2 3 JUDGE SPRITZER: All right. Staff, do you 4 have any further thoughts on this issue? 5 MR. WACHUTKA: The NRC staff is good with simultaneous questioning with breaks. That will work 6 7 for us and our witnesses. 8 JUDGE SPRITZER: Okay. Do you have 9 separate witnesses on the two issues that Mr. Bessette 10 mentioned? MR. WACHUTKA: No, all four our witnesses 11 can sit at the table at one time. That would work for 12 13 us. 14 JUDGE SPRITZER: Okay. All right. And 15 kind of last but not least, we're working on -- now 16 that we have rebuttal testimony, we're working on 17 getting our final exhibit list to you. If you do see an error on there, please let us know. 18 You can 19 contact either one of our law clerks, Molly Mattison I think you have both -- emails for both 20 or Taylor. Let us know if there's anything either 21 incorrect or omitted on the final list. 22 And then as I've indicated in there we'd 23 24 like to move all of the exhibits into evidence,

subject to any objections, of course, at the start of

1	the hearing. We don't intend to go through each of
2	them separately. We'd like to have them moved into
3	evidence as a group. And then if there are specific
4	objections to particular documents to me the only
5	objections that would really come to mind would be a
6	claim a document is not an authentic copy, which I
7	suspect is not going to be an issue.
8	Relevance. If something's totally
9	irrelevant and could have no conceivable value to
10	issues we have to resolve, that would be appropriate,
11	but otherwise any issue as to the weight of the
12	evidence can be argued and you can have a chance to
13	file we'll give the parties a chance to file
14	proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law after
15	the hearing.
16	So hopefully we can you can resolve
17	those issues before we get to the hearing and we can
18	limit this part of it to 20 minutes or so, but if
19	there are objections, we'll certainly consider them.
20	Anybody have any thoughts on that?
21	Interveners?
22	MS. HILDT-TREAT: No, nothing to add.
23	JUDGE SPRITZER: Okay. Mr. Bessette, do
24	you have any thoughts on that procedure?
25	MR. BESSETTE: No, Your Honor, we have

1	nothing to add.
2	JUDGE SPRITZER: And the staff?
3	MR. WACHUTKA: Nothing to add for the
4	staff.
5	JUDGE SPRITZER: All righty.
6	All right. We said we would give you a
7	chance to ask any questions you may have. I don't
8	know if I hopefully I mentioned that Joe Deucher,
9	our technical person, is here, so if you have any
10	questions about where how the technology is going
11	to operate. We do plan to have I think two screens up
12	on the stage.
13	MR. DEUCHER: One there and one large in
14	the back.
15	JUDGE SPRITZER: Oh, one large one in the
16	back so people in the audience can see when we're
17	questioning about a specific exhibit. So people will
18	be able to see those. And their individual computers
19	will be
20	MR. DEUCHER: We'll have individual
21	monitors for the witness tables as well as the
22	attorney tables and the and for each Judge.
23	JUDGE SPRITZER: Okay. So that will be
24	the set up generally. We gave you a diagram, which is
25	not engraved in stone, but that will give you at least

some idea how we propose to set things up. This gives
the impression that there would be no seats on the
first floor. I think we can hopefully we can
arrange it so there will be some seats both for extra
witnesses who may be testifying, for NextEra, if they
have extra witnesses who won't be able to sit
comfortably at the witness table, and also for members
of the public. But it's possible some people will
have to sit up in the mezzanine.
Any questions about the technology or
anything else?
MS. HILDT-TREAT: This is go ahead,
Diane.
MS. CURRAN: Go ahead, Natalie. Oh, I was
going to ask, it's very important to C-10 that if
possible we have the hearing video cast, web cast. Is
that possible?
JUDGE SPRITZER: We're not doing that. It
may be possible if you want to you have someone
with a camera or whatever it takes to do your own, but
we're not planning to do that. We just don't we
got to limit our resources and that's not this is
not on the list for cases for web casting for the NRC.
MS. HILDT-TREAT: Right, yes. This is
Natalie. So it is permissible for us to have somebody

1 film during the public parts of the hearing? Whether it's filming, recording or live casting through social 2 media? Are any of those open for the public portions? 3 4 JUDGE SPRITZER: As far as I know there's 5 no problem with that. MR. DEUCHER: No prohibition? It would be 6 7 up to the Board. The only thing that we would ask is 8 that the individual who's doing the live streaming or 9 web casting with the camera would need to stay outside the well of the courtroom in the --10 (Simultaneous speaking.) 11 MS. HILDT-TREAT: 12 Okay. -- certainly in view that 13 MR. DEUCHER: 14 they can get a good video shot. And if they do need 15 any sort of audio assistance and audio feed from us, 16 we would want to know that in advance, unless they're 17 planning on capturing their own audio with their camera device. 18 19 MS. HILDT-TREAT: Okay. That's helpful to I'm not sure what -- we've had a few people 20 know. inquire about that, but it's just good to know. 21 So this is Natalie again. 22 I heard you mention monitors. Dr. Sama, our expert, was talking 23 24 about wanting to have access to a monitor for him to

look at materials during the hearing.

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Is that what

you meant so that there would be monitors for people to be viewing the same documents that would be brought up? How does that work?

MR. DEUCHER: That's correct. And to clarify, what we do is we'll have -- I'll have a computer or my counterpart Andy Welky will have a We will have all the exhibits on the computer. computer. And then the image from that computer -bringing up the documents on that computer can then be displayed across all the monitors and projection We are not going to be giving anybody an screens. individual computer they that can look up documents on.

Instead what we're doing is we're providing a monitor so that if a particular document or page or image needs to be referenced or identified or discussed or length, we can go ahead and bring that up on the screen for somebody to look at. would be up to the parties if they wanted to bring in a laptop computer say or a tablet with the materials on them for someone to be able to reference at the That would be separate from this. table. Hope that clarifies that.

MS. HILDT-TREAT: Yes, so separate but permissible. I know again I our expert; and, Diane

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1	Curran, maybe you know more, but he wanted to be able
2	to see documents. So I didn't know if he meant that
3	he wanted to look at other documents than the one that
4	everyone was referencing, and if so, would he be able
5	to have a laptop and an external monitor, which is
6	what he was asking about.
7	JUDGE SPRITZER: Yes, he can do both of
8	those.
9	MS. HILDT-TREAT: Okay. Thank you.
LO	JUDGE SPRITZER: If he wants I mean, if
L1	he can be if he says let's say we're asking him
L2	a question about Intervener Exhibit 7 and he wants to
L3	reference another exhibit, he can ask. If he can give
L4	us a specific reference, we can probably they'll be
L5	able
L6	MS. HILDT-TREAT: Okay.
L7	JUDGE SPRITZER: to bring up the
L8	document.
L9	MR. DEUCHER: But it wasn't just to
20	clarify, too, it was not our intention that we would
21	be giving each witness at the table or attorneys at
22	the table actual computers with the documents on
23	them
24	MS. HILDT-TREAT: Sure.
25	MR. DEUCHER: for them to be able to

1	reference.
2	MS. HILDT-TREAT: Just a monitor?
3	Everybody's got the same? Got it. Thank you.
4	MR. DEUCHER: Certainly.
5	JUDGE SPRITZER: All right. Anyone else
6	have any issues they want to raise or an questions
7	about the technology?
8	MS. HILDT-TREAT: Go ahead, Paul.
9	MR. BESSETTE: Yes, this is Paul Bessette.
10	We don't have any objections to the video casting, but
11	we'd completely concur with the gentleman who was
12	speaking that they need to stay back and do this from
13	afar. We've been in other hearings where it's quite
14	intrusive and quite a surprise for the parties. So if
15	those are the ground rules where they stay back and
16	not eavesdropping on private conversations, we're fine
17	with that.
18	And just to clarify, I mean, there's most
19	likely going to be examples where the Board asks a
20	question on Exhibit X and our witnesses say, well,
21	that's answered in Exhibit A, B and C. And so the
22	technology from the NRC will be able to pull those up
23	at the request of the witnesses?
24	JUDGE SPRITZER: Yes, I think so. It may
25	take a little while, but we should be able to do it.

1 MR. BESSETTE: Great. That's certainly the 2 JUDGE SPRITZER: 3 plan. 4 Let me say, too, about individuals who may 5 want to, I don't know, broadcast somehow the hearing, 6 I hope we can -- that the Intervener, the C-10 can 7 limit this to one individual or at least a couple 8 people working together. In other words, one camera 9 or device, whatever it is that you're using. We don't 10 want to have multiple people running around the room. Certainly we do not want people coming into the well, 11 as Mr. Deucher mentioned, and sticking their camera in 12 the face of a witness or one of the Judges or lawyers 13 14 or whatever. And I don't know -- we 15 JUDGE SPRITZER: don't even have immediate plans, but people have asked 16 17 us and I know there are people that might not be able to attend or are -- live out of the region and were 18 19 curious about it. So we certainly understand that if anybody -- but we have arranged that they will follow 20 these quidelines that you specified. 21 Does the staff 22 JUDGE SPRITZER: Okay. have anything to add, any questions or suggestions? 23

MR. WACHUTKA: No questions on technology,

We have other questions when that comes

Your Honor.

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1	up though.
2	JUDGE SPRITZER: Okay. Go ahead.
3	Whatever you have we'll let's get to it.
4	MR. WACHUTKA: Okay. Well, our first
5	question was on proposed questions for the Board to
6	ask. Are you accepting those in this proceeding,
7	written and submitted before the hearing? And when
8	would you want those submitted?
9	JUDGE SPRITZER: I guess we didn't have
LO	that in our among the things we admitted and the
L1	orders we've issues. Yes, that's fine. I would
L2	we'd be happy to with the understanding that we may
L3	or may not give them, but we'll certainly look at the
L4	questions you all would like to submit.
L5	What would be a good time? I mean, we're
L6	getting close to the hearing. How about 10 business
L7	days before the hearing? Is that realistic?
L8	MR. BESSETTE: Your Honor, this is Paul
L9	Bessette. I thought the Board did establish a
20	deadline.
21	JUDGE SPRITZER: And I'm I don't have
22	my all the collection of orders here. We didn't
23	have one in the most recent order. If there is a
24	deadline in there, let's go with that.
25	MR. BESSETTE: I believe it was September

19th. That's what I have in my records.

JUDGE SPRITZER: Okay. September 19th? Okay. Well, that's what we said, so we'll live with that. If you can get them in any earlier, that would probably make it where we could look at it. We'll be getting a lot of stuff between the 19th and the 24th, but we'll go with our own deadline. And, yes, certainly we'll entertain questions.

We'll also give you a chance -- usually what we've done in the past is have -- at least the hearings I've been involved with is to allow people to write up questions on index cards and submit them to us that way during the hearing so you're not necessarily precluded from any questions that may arise as a result of testimony you hear just because they weren't filed by the 19th.

MS. CURRAN: Thank you, Judge. This is -that will be -- that's something in my experience
that's been very helpful. And that was one of the
reasons why we wanted to ask for breaks during the
process so that we could propose follow-up questions
on some of the oral testimony.

JUDGE SPRITZER: Right. Yes. No, that's -- I think that's pretty customary at Board hearings to allow that. Again, that doesn't mean we're going

1	to ask the question, but we'll certainly give it
2	careful consideration. And maybe rephrase somewhat
3	also.
4	One thing I've had problems with sometimes
5	is reading handwriting, but that may be the only
6	option. I don't know if you don't have a printer with
7	you. Okay.
8	MS. CURRAN: This is Diane Curran. I
9	guess I have a question. Is there any possibility
LO	that the Board or some group could bring a printer,
11	because I think we're all going to have laptops. And
L2	I agree that it's a lot easier if you can type them
L3	out and print them.
L4	JUDGE SPRITZER: Yes, our technical expert
L5	is shaking his head no, so
L6	MS. CURRAN: Oh, okay.
L7	JUDGE SPRITZER: we'll just have to do
L8	it we'll have to make do with your handwriting.
L9	MS. CURRAN: Okay.
20	MR. WACHUTKA: Your Honor, this Jeremy
21	Wachutka from the NRC staff. Could it be possible to
22	maybe if we all have WiFi or a wireless card we
23	could email the clerks our questions instead of doing
24	just paper cards, handing them up.
25	JUDGE SPRITZER: Yes, that's another

1 possibility. That would work. 2 MS. CURRAN: Yes, that's a good idea. 3 JUDGE SPRITZER: Does the staff have 4 anything else? 5 MR. WACHUTKA: I just wanted to confirm opening and/or closing 6 what the plan was for 7 statements. Are we doing one, both or just -- that's 8 what we wanted to ask. JUDGE SPRITZER: Well, you're not required 9 to do an opening statement, but I think we will allow 10 -- I would hope you could keep it to 15 minutes or so. 11 Closing we won't -- we'll definitely allow closing 12 We might -- depending on -- let's say we 13 14 finish late on Wednesday. We would probably let you 15 -- give you time to go home and think over what you want to say Wednesday evening. Or if we finish --16 17 let's say we finish at noon on Thursday, give you an hour or two to think over what you want to say in 18 19 closing, because I think that would probably be more helpful to the Board than opening statements. 20 But either way, yes, we'll definitely 21 allow closing argument and opening statements. You're 22 not required do so either one, but I suspect you will 23 24 want to. MR. BESSETTE: Your Honor, this is Paul 25

1 Bessette. When I was talking about the questions to the Board, I would refer everyone to the November 2 3 29th, 2017 initial scheduling order. There is some 4 additional guidance in there. 5 JUDGE SPRITZER: Okay. 6 MS. HILDT-TREAT: Your Honor, this is 7 Natalie at C-10. I just wanted to go over again the process for the limited public comment sessions on the 8 9 evening before, on Monday evening. 10 So I see that people can either file to make comments ahead of time by the 13th or sign up on 11 And we see the requirements for ID and what site. 12 people can bring. Is there anything more about -- is 13 14 it a strict public comment period or is there going to 15 be any introduction from anybody at the Board about what the proceeding is? Any opening remarks about the 16 17 proceeding? JUDGE SPRITZER: Only just to limit --18 19 make clear what the time limits are as far as how many people we have. If we have 10 people, we can allow 20 them more time. If we have 50 people, we're going to 21 have to be very tight on time limits. 22 But we're not

going to make any general introduction other than to

tell what the case -- we'll give a brief summary what

the case is about, but I don't think I -- (audio

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1	interference) to the limited appearance session
2	they have some idea at least what it's about.
3	MS. HILDT-TREAT: Okay. Thank you.
4	JUDGE SPRITZER: Yes, we want to keep our
5	part to a minimum so we give maximum time for people
6	to comment. I suspect they're not coming there to
7	listen to us.
8	So, okay. Anything else? I guess if
9	anybody had any other comments about the limited
10	appearance session, we could also address those if
11	necessary.
12	(No audible response.)
13	JUDGE SPRITZER: All right. Staff, did
14	you cover all the areas you wanted to mention?
15	MR. WACHUTKA: Yes, Your Honor, that's all
16	we had questions on.
17	JUDGE SPRITZER: Okay. All right. Very
18	good. Thank you for attending. We will be so we
19	should be and I guess what, in the next week or two
20	Intervener's redacted versions of 7 and 28?
21	MS. CURRAN: Yes.
22	JUDGE SPRITZER: Is that a fair estimate?
23	Okay.
24	MS. CURRAN: It's probably going to be
25	sometime next week because I'm going to be out of town

1	for a couple days this weekend. We're still working
2	on a proposal, but sometime next week I think you
3	should be getting both of those.
4	JUDGE SPRITZER: All right. Yes, in terms
5	of how the order on the 24th, I think we would
6	start by moving the exhibits into evidence. That
7	would be the first thing on the agenda followed by
8	opening arguments. And then we'll move into the
9	witnesses.
10	All right. Unless there's anything
11	further, we will conclude the prehearing conference
12	and look forward to seeing all of you in
13	Massachusetts.
14	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went
15	off the record at 2:31 p.m.)
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