Conservation Law Foundation (CLF), offers the following response to the proposed schedule.

Based on the original schedule for this proceeding, CLF’s attorney and its witness made travel plans that make us unavailable for significant portions of March and April. Specifically, CLF’s attorney or its witness are not available on the following days:

March 14 – April 2

April 16 – May 2

CLF has participated in the ongoing settlement discussions and appreciates that the effort appears to be narrowing some of the issues and will likely result in the need for less hearing time. CLF’s scheduling limitations have been known from early in the settlement discussions.
CLF appreciates the attempt to accommodate those limitations in the DPS proposed schedule. It at least provides for hearings to be at times when CLF and its witness are available, and a few days to review discovery.

The proposed shortened schedule fails to allow CLF to effectively participate in the proceedings. CLF does not anticipate needing a lot of time for the remainder of the case, but does need to have time to review testimony, conduct limited discovery, prepare and present testimony and submit briefs.

CLF requests that the schedule at a minimum allows:

- two weeks to complete discovery (both questions and answers)
- two weeks for CLF to prepare prefiled testimony after discovery is complete,
- technical hearings and briefing scheduled when both CLF’s attorney and its witness can be available,
- two weeks after the hearings to submit briefs, and
- one week after the briefs to submit reply briefs.

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