

multi-week trial commenced October 16, 2018, and pursuant to Rule 3.44(c), the hearing record was closed on February 21, 2019.

Judge Chappell has now requested that the Commission extend the time for filing the Initial Decision until October 18, 2019. In his request, Judge Chappell notes that the record from the multi-week trial was extensive. Sixty-five witnesses testified, including four experts, the trial transcript was 5,670 pages long, and over 5,070 exhibits were admitted into evidence. Judge Chappell further notes that the briefing record was similarly voluminous, that it includes briefs and proposed findings from each of the three respondents, and that the parties' combined findings of fact, conclusions of law, post-trial briefs, and replies thereto, total 7,139 pages. As Judge Chappell indicates, this substantial record must be thoroughly reviewed in order to give full consideration to the issues presented in the proceeding.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the time for filing the Initial Decision in this matter be, and hereby is, extended until October 18, 2019.

By the Commission.

April J. Tabor
Acting Secretary

ISSUED: September 12, 2019