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I protest the Commission's failure to respond to my below e-mail – and to all my preceding e-mail, also below.

Herewith furnished, pursuant to the Commission's "Procedures" for tomorrow's public hearing in Manhattan, is a draft of my testimony.

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This follows up my phone conversation with Bryce Jones, a short time ago. Mr. Jones called to alert me to the Commission's new registration requirement for its September 17th public hearing in Manhattan, which the Commission did not have when I called on July 19th to request to testify.

Mr. Jones told me that the Commission's website had been modified after 5 pm yesterday – and that it now included a button opening to a form that I would be required to complete and send to the Commission, via its website, in order to be able to testify at the September 17th hearing.

In fact, I had already seen the website change and the form – and was able to ask Mr. Jones questions. Among these, whether the Commission actually has a further requirement for testifying at the September 17th hearing, namely, that "a copy of prepared testimony must be submitted via email...by noon on Monday, September 16, 2013", to which he did not have the answer. Mr. Jones also did not know whether these one or two requirements for testifying would also apply to the September 24th Albany hearing. Mr. Jones was able to confirm for me that the September 18th Buffalo hearing had been cancelled, with the rescheduling not yet announced.

Mr. Jones had an excellent suggestion for me. He suggested that I send in my questions to the Commission *via* its comments e-mail, which he told me is read by others who would have the answers.

I stated to Mr. Jones that these questions were already embodied in a press alert I had sent to the media earlier this morning – and that I would forward it to the Commission at its comments e-mail address, notwithstanding I had received no response to my previous e-mails sent to the Commission at that address.

The press alert, containing a chain of my prior e-mails to the Commission *via* its comments address, is below.