

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Chief Administrative Law Judge's
Notices to the Public

Docket No. AD20-12-000

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

REMOTE HEARING GUIDANCE FOR PARTICIPANTS

(Issued September 23, 2020)

1. Due to the existing public health emergency and to protect the health of the public and the individuals who work for the Commission, it is necessary to modify venue by conducting Commission hearings remotely, as required by the Chief Judge's Notice to the Public on Remote Hearings.¹
2. The use of remote hearings is designed to protect the health of the public, staff at the Commission, and the participants in Commission proceedings during the Covid-19 pandemic. The use of remote hearings ensures no participant or member of the public is required to congregate or travel, whether to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or anywhere else, for hearing procedures. The use of remote hearings is designed to protect not only attorneys, witnesses, and clients; it is also intended to protect court reporters and Commission staff. In this context, the participants will use computer and internet connections to access WebEx and SharePoint, the two platforms that will be used for all remote hearings.
3. This guidance will assist you in learning how to navigate WebEx and contains some reminders about the Hearing Site which uses the SharePoint platform. It does not replace the need to take initiative to become familiar with WebEx, to read the Electronic Hearing Rules, or to attend the IT Days or other events scheduled by the Presiding Judge for the participants to become familiar with the technology used in remote hearings.

¹ Chief Administrative Law Judge's Notices to the Public, [Notice of Remote Hearings](#), Docket No. AD20-12-000 (issued April 23, 2020).

4. The most current revisions make three changes: (1) guidance related to witness communications, (2) guidance that no longer requires that the law clerk share their screen when moving exhibits, and (3) the procedures to follow for access to Live Litigation.²

5. The current version of the Remote Hearing Guidance is available on the Commission's Administrative Litigation webpage and in the above-captioned docket.³

SO ORDERED.



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² See Chief Administrative Law Judge's Notices to the Public, Remote Hearing Guidance, Docket No. AD20-12-000 §§ 6(i) (removing law clerk requirement to share screen), 6(vii) (revising procedures for requesting Live Litigation), 8 (revising witness communication guidance to require that "[c]ommunications with a witness through concealed channels of communications are prohibited while the witness is providing testimony on the witness stand. Communications with a witness are allowed during breaks and when they are not on the witness stand.").

³ FERC, Administrative Litigation, available at <https://www.ferc.gov/enforcement-legal/legal/administrative-litigation>.

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