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7 NYC TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION
8 PUBLIC HEARING
9 on
10 TLC RULES REVISION PROJECT
11 held on Friday, December 5, 2008
12 40 Rector Street
13 5th Floor
14 New York, New York
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2 Public Hearing convened at 2:30 p.m.
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4 P R E S E N T:
5 CHARLES FRASER, General Counsel
6 CHRISTOPHER WILSON, Assistant General Counsel
7 DAVID KLAHR, Chief of Staff to the First
8 Deputy Commissioner
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S
2 MR. FRASER: We will get started.
3 For the record, my name is Charles
4 Fraser, general counsel to the Taxi and
5 Limousine Commission. To my left is
6 Christopher Wilson who is an Assistant General
7 Counsel for the Commission who is coordinating
8 the Rules Revision Project for my office. And
9 to my right is David Klahr, who is the Chief

10 of Staff to the First Deputy Commissioner who
11 is coordinating the project agency-wide.

12 The Rules Revision Project has
13 several phases. We are in what we have been
14 calling Phase Two, which we have nicknamed the
15 zero sum phase, which means we are attempting
16 to reorganize and rewrite the rules, to simply
17 them, make them plainer English, make them
18 more understandable and user friendly without
19 changing the substance, at least changing it
20 as little as possible.

21 Later phases of the project will
22 involve substantive revision of the rules but
23 that's not what we are doing now. So those of
24 who may have comments directed to the
25 substance of the rules, those comments are

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2 welcome but we will not be acting on them at
3 this phase of the project.

4 The CAPA notice that we sent out, the
5 City Administrative Procedure Act notice that
6 we sent out said that written comments were
7 due on Wednesday, but this is a very long-term
8 project. These are the first two chapters of
9 a process that will take a number of weeks and
10 probably months, and so, although the formal
11 deadline was Wednesday, written comments
12 really can be submitted at any time and we
13 will obviously consider them. We want the
14 input of the industries and the public, so
15 obviously any comment that comes in, we will
16 read and consider and take seriously.

17 We won't be engaging in any dialogue
18 today but Mr. Klahr will be following up on
19 any of the comments that either need fuller
20 explanation or more discussion or whatever
21 other follow-up might be needed. And for
22 today's speaking, we will limit speakers to
23 three minutes. If you have written comments
24 that you are going to read, you might consider
25 just handing them up just because photocopying

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2 is cheaper than transcribing.

3 So our first speaker today will be
4 Peter Mazer. Congratulations on your new
5 position.

6 MR. MAZER: Thank you very much.

7 MR. FRASER: Are you here in that
8 capacity today?

9 MR. MAZER: Yes, I am.

10 I do have a written comment, so if
11 you want me to present it.

12 MR. FRASER: That would be fine.

13 MR. MAZER: I can read it but you
14 don't have to take it down I guess.

15 MR. FRASER: No, if you have written
16 down what you are going to say, I will be glad
17 to take it and can stick around or not. It's
18 entirely up to you.

19 MR. MAZER: Do you want extra
20 copies?

21 MR. FRASER: That would fine if you
22 have them, sure.
23 MR. MAZER: Okay, here you go.
24 MR. FRASER: Thank you, I appreciate
25 it.

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2 Next would be Tony Falese.
3 MR. FALESE: That's me. I signed up
4 but since we are not doing substance today, I
5 decline.
6 MR. FRASER: If I may ask, which
7 chapter or both were you here to talk about?
8 MR. FALESE: I want to hear what you
9 have to say.
10 MR. FRASER: I don't have anything
11 to say at this point.
12 All right, I saw some people came in
13 after we started. Anyone else have comments
14 they would like to make on the proposed Rules?
15 (No response.)
16 MR. FRASER: Thank you very much. I
17 guess we are finished.
18 (Time Noted: 2:34 p.m.)
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4 C E R T I F I C A T I O N
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6 I, MARGARET EUSTACE, a Shorthand
7 Reporter and a Notary Public, do hereby
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