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FYI - public hearing process clarification

Regards,

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All,

During the WPM call today, we asked questions on the final guidance for handling requests for public hearings. One question pertained to how to handle those situations where the requests don't meet the 3 criteria, its not a denial but a decision to not hold a hearing. Currently, the guidance is not clear on how to handle that. In response, Scott Morris provided the following (see email thread below).

Thanks,

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All,

I discussed with James Golden and the intent was for all requests for a public hearing to go through the formal process. In the event there are not 25 comments, it would still need to go through the formal process with the Central Office making the final decision. I hope that clears up some of the confusion.

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