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## Publication of Information in the Public Interest

### Related to Case Nos. 2024-33 and 2024-34

#### Ethic Rule 6.9 Confidentiality of Complaint or Investigation.

“Unless the Commission determines that a complaint or a formal investigation should be made public, all complaints and formal investigations, including documents and discussions in executive session, shall remain confidential and shall not be disclosed by a Commissioner, by the Commission or by its employees except to the extent necessary to facilitate or conduct a preliminary inquiry or a formal investigation. However, the Executive Director may confirm or deny the existence of a complaint or formal investigation alleging a violation of these Rules by any individual upon the written request of that individual. A settlement agreement executed under these Rules shall be public record. The Commission may make a complaint or formal investigation and any documents relating thereto public at any time it deems release of that information to be in the public interest.”

At the May 1, 2025 Ethics Commission Meeting, the Commission determined that a release of the following information related to Case Nos. 2024-33 and 2024-34 was in the public interest:

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Per a decision on December 9, 2024, the Oklahoma Supreme Court unanimously denied a petition from three lawmakers seeking to bar Corporation Commissioner Todd Hiatt from voting on certain cases before the Corporation Commissioner, arguing that allegations of misconduct against Hiatt would influence his vote. In a concurring opinion, Justice Dana Kuehn stated that “[t]he Ethics Commission has the power to investigate the complaint, gather evidence, hold hearings, and give Respondent an opportunity to be heard before resolving the ethics claim.” With that charge, the Ethics Commission proceeded to ensure an emphasis on transparency by advising the public via a Publication of Information on January 16, 2025, that the Ethics Commission was actively investigating allegations that Corporation Commissioner Todd Hiatt violated one or more provisions under Ethics Rule 4 Conflicts of Interest.

Following a thorough investigation with Respondent’s willingness to respond and cooperate, the Ethics Commission has dismissed Case Nos. 2024-33/2024-34 alleging that Corporation Commissioner Todd Hiatt violated one or more provisions under Ethics Rule 4 Conflicts of Interest. The Commission has investigated this matter thoroughly and researched Oklahoma law as it applies to the circumstances. The Commission’s decision takes into account the Constitutional requirements for the Corporation Commission, the legislative nature of rate hikes, and Oklahoma case law, including the well-recognized Rule of Necessity.