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We would like to raise these additional issues in regards to the AE rate case.

- 1) The process is going forward with no one to formally represent the Houses of Worship or general residential class at this point since no Consumer Advocate has been hired. Settling on issues and engaging in requests for information and so on before the Consumer Advocate is on board seems to put the classes represented by the Consumer Advocate at a clear disadvantage.
- 2) A separate issue is that classes represented by the Consumer Advocate have competing interests. For instance, retaining a House of Worship discount in the commercial class might raise the rates of other customers in the same class. Both parties, however, are represented by the Consumer Advocate. It appears that some commercial class customers will have an intervener provided by BOMA. Houses of worship may have no intervener except the Consumer Advocate. Would it be fair for the Consumer Advocate to hire a consultant to provide support for the unique issue for the Houses of Worship?

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