## UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ACTIVATED CARBON FROM CHINA

) Investigation No.:

) 731-TA-1103 (SECOND REVIEW)

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| 7  |   | Friday, June 15, 2018        |  |  |  |  |
| 8  |   | Main Hearing Room (Room 101) |  |  |  |  |
| 9  |   | U.S. International           |  |  |  |  |
| 10 |   | Trade Commission             |  |  |  |  |
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| 12 |   | Washington, D.C.             |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | The meeting, commenced, pursuant to notice, at            |                              |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | 11:00 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States |                              |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | International Trade Commission, the Honorable Rhonda K.   |                              |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | Schmidtlein, presiding.                                   |                              |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | APPEARANCES:  |                              |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | On behalf of the International Trade Commission:          |                              |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | Commissioners:  |                              |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | RHONDA K. SCHMIDTLEIN, CHAIRMAN (presiding)               |                              |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | DAVID S. JOHANSON, VICE CHAIRMAN                          |                              |  |  |  |  |
| 22 | IRVING A. WILLIAMSON, COMMISSIONER                        |                              |  |  |  |  |
| 23 | MEREDITH M. BROADBENT, COMMISSIONER                       |                              |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | JASON E. KEARNS, COMMISSIONER                             |                              |  |  |  |  |
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| 1  | APPEARANCES (Continued)                        |
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| 2  | Staff:   |
| 3  | AMANDA LAWRENCE, INVESTIGATOR                  |
| 4  | ELIZABETH NESBITT, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ANALYST |
| 5  | KAREN DRISCOLL, ATTORNEY/ADVISOR               |
| 6  | MARY MESSER, SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR          |
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| 9  | SHARON BELLAMY, RECORDS MANAGEMENT             |
| 10 | SPECIALIST                                     |
| 11 | TYRELL BURCH, PROGRAM SUPPORT SPECIALIST       |
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1 PROCEEDINGS

- 2 (11:06 a.m.)
- 3 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Good morning. This
- 4 meeting of the U.S. International Trade Commission will now
- 5 come to order.
- 6 Welcome to Commissioner Williamson who is
- 7 participating by telephone.
- 8 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON (Via Phone): Good
- 9 morning.
- 10 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Good morning.
- 11 I understand that there are no agendas for future
- 12 meetings, minutes, or Outstanding Action oh, I'm sorry,
- 13 there are minutes future meetings, our Oustanding Action
- 14 Jackets to consider.
- 15 Is there any objection to approval of the minutes
- 16 of May 1st, 3rd, 10th, 11th, 14th, 17th, 24th, and 31st,
- 17 2018? Or Ratification List 18-006?
- 18 (No response.)
- 19 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Hearing none, they are
- 20 approved.
- 21 Before we turn to the vote, seeing that this is
- 22 my last meeting that I will be chairing, I would like to
- 23 take a moment to express my deep appreciation to my fellow
- 24 Commissioners and to the staff, both my personal staff and
- 25 to the staff throughout the agency, for your support and

- 1 assistance during my Chairmanship.
- 2 It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as
- 3 the Chairman of the ITC. In my view, the objective
- 4 high-quality work that this agency produces has never been
- 5 more important. Plus, it's just a really nice place to
- 6 work, with a really nice group of people. So thank you all
- 7 very much.
- 8 Of course I still have a few years left on my
- 9 term, so I will be around and I look forward to working
- 10 with everyone during the remainder of my term.
- Now we will turn to the vote
- 12 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON (Via Phone): Madam
- 13 Chairman?
- 14 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Yes?
- 15 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON (Via Phone): On behalf
- of my fellow Commissioners, I would like to congratulate
- 17 you on completing your term as Chairman. I know how much
- 18 hard work that entailed, and we very much appreciate your
- 19 leadership and the effort you and your staff have put in to
- 20 being Chairman. So congratulations and relax.
- 21 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Thank you.
- 22 (Laughter.)
- 23 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Do I get to go to
- 24 Disneyland now?
- 25 (Laughter.)

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| 1 | VICE    | CHAIRMAN    | JOHANSON:        | I | would | also    | like   | to     |
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- 2 thank you for your time as Chairman. I know it's a very
- 3 difficult job, and I look forward to working with you in
- 4 the future.
- 5 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Thank you.
- 6 Alright, next we will turn to the vote in the
- 7 Second Review of Investigation Number 731-TA-1103
- 8 Concerning Imports of Activated Carbon from China.
- 9 Welcome to Ms. Messer and the staff who
- 10 participated in this review. Are there any questions for
- 11 the staff?
- 12 (No response.)
- 13 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Are there any additions or
- 14 corrections to the staff report?
- MS. MESSER: Mary Messer, Office of
- 16 Investigations. There are no additions or corrections to
- 17 the staff report.
- 18 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Is there any objection to
- 19 approval of the staff report?
- 20 (No response.)
- 21 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Hearing none, it is
- 22 approved.
- 23 Mr. Secretary, will you please call the roll?
- MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Kearns?
- 25 COMMISSIONER KEARNS: I vote in the affirmative.

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- 1 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Williamson?
- 2 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON (Via Phone): I vote in
- 3 the affirmative.
- 4 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Schmidtlein?
- 5 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the
- 6 affirmative.
- 7 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Broadbent?
- 8 COMMISSIONER BROADBENT: I vote in the
- 9 affirmative.
- 10 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Johanson?
- 11 COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the
- 12 affirmative.
- 13 MR. BISHOP: Madam Chairman, the Commission has
- 14 reached an affirmative determination.
- 15 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.
- 16 Further information concerning this determination will be
- in the press release.
- 18 Views of the Commission are currently scheduled
- 19 to be completed and filed by June 27th, 2018.
- 20 Thank you again to all the staff who participated
- 21 in this review. And seeing that there is no other business
- 22 before the Commission, this meeting is adjourned.
- 23 (Whereupon, at 11:09 a.m., Friday, June 15, 2018,
- 24 the meeting of the Commissioners of the United States
- 25 International Trade Commission was adjourned.)

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