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This is a heads-up:

i am almost done transcribing the portion of the audio recording of the Aug 6 PERC meeting and annotating my comments into the text. I will be done after 5PM and will send you a copy when I am done. I hope they will be delivered to the committee in the morning. If there is an evening deadline after 5PM for getting my document to the committee and you let me know, I will try to meet that deadline.

I appreciate the time that the committee took to consider my comments for the previous meeting and since I have not seen any publication of any new versions of documents on the SOS site, I am still only responding to the comments made in the committee to my last week writings. There were some significant and simple technical misunderstandings of a few of my suggestions, and I have new comments based on things that were said in the meeting as well.

These are the three opening paragraphs of my not yet finished public comment email:

What follows is a transcript by Harvie Branscomb of the Aug. 6 CO PERC meeting for portions related to Harvie Branscomb's public input for that meeting. I have annotated the transcript with answers and comments and corrections within [square brackets].

Importantly the EAC is as I write this holding a conference on uses of data in elections and two election directors from Colorado counties are there speaking. They both seem strongly supportive of using data collection for performance metrics and the like. One would hope that similar advice will reach the ears of PERC members as they attempt to evaluate the 4 pilot voting systems in use for the first time in Colorado and perhaps in these configurations used the first time anywhere in an election.

The decision to reject a voting system from use in Colorado will have lasting public policy impacts. If only one vendor is eventually chosen that particular decision is of immense importance and will affect the quality of elections that determine where power and money will be situated. Any incremental cost incurred to render this decision verifiably responsive to established criteria for quality would be justified. Please do not lean toward treating this as just another election operated with marginal or insufficient resources.

Annotated transcription follows. I apologize for any mistakes in the transcription and acknowledge that I have omitted meaningless words where the result is only clarification.

Harvie Branscomb