Purpose of CEP

- Pre-IRP filing
- Narrow dispute
- Resolve dispute

Two questions

- What do we want the CEP to be:
 - Negotiation
 - Mediation
- Relationship with IRP: Conciliation

New Bylaws

Either party may terminate the CEP efforts if that party: (A) concludes in good faith that further efforts are unlikely to produce agreement; or (B) requests the inclusion of an independent dispute resolution facilitator ("IRP Mediator") after at least one CEP meeting. (New Bylaws, §4.3(e)(iii)

New Bylaws: Conciliation (IRP)

• After a Claim is referred to an IRP Panel, the parties are urged to participate in conciliation discussions for the purpose of attempting to narrow the issues that are to be addressed by the IRP Panel. (New Bylaws, §4.3 (h)