

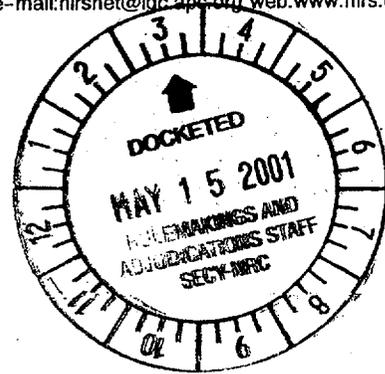
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IN THE MATTER OF THE EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD ON THE PROPOSED RULE FOR CHANGES TO THE ADJUDICATORY PROCESS

Dear Ms. Cook:

Today, I received your letter of May 10, 2001 acknowledging that due to the omission of public stakeholder transcript materials from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Public Document Room, the NRC web site and ADAMS regarding the proposed rule change on adjudicatory procedures [Federal Register, April 10, 2001 (66 FR 19610)], the agency is extending the public comment period for 60 days or until September 14, 2001.

I am writing to request that the NRC first provide proper notification in the Federal Register of the 60-day extension and that the actual public comment termination date for the 60-day extension be determined only from the date of appearance of the formal notice in the Federal Register.

I spoke of this matter with Jonathon Block, Esquire who also requested an extension on the public comment period for the proposed rule change. He concurred that it is anomalous for the NRC to make reference to an extension period without first tying the date for such an extension to the formal notice in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

Paul Gunter

CC: Jonathon Block, Esq.

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