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in SECY-01-0137, "Enhancing Public Participation  
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**ACTION:** Signature of Chairman

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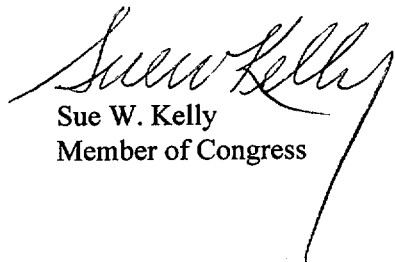
Dear Chairman Meserve:

Many of my constituents living near the Indian Point nuclear plant participate in public meetings conducted by the NRC. These meetings provide excellent opportunities for the NRC to communicate with the public about safety. I am concerned that the proposed policy for public meetings as described in SECY-01-0137 may not realize the full benefits of these opportunities for the following reasons:

1. Communication should be a two-way street allowing the public to receive information from and supply information to the NRC. The proposed policy does not clearly describe how the NRC will formally respond to questions asked and concerns expressed by the public during Category 1, 2, and 3 meetings. When the NRC cannot respond completely during the meeting itself, the policy should clearly describe how the questions and concerns will be collected and how responses will be provided.
2. The proposed policy for Category 1 meetings should clearly indicate that public attendees have the opportunity to communicate with the NRC before the meeting adjourns. As presently written, the proposed policy might be interpreted that NRC will remain after the meeting adjourns to engage in one-on-one, informal discussions with public attendees. Public attendees deserve the chance to interact with the NRC "on the record."
3. The proposed policy should clearly state that telephone access is available to all public meetings, subject to logistical limits. The proposed policy merely encourages telephone access, opening the door for inconsistent application of the policy.
4. The proposed policy should provide a way for members of the public to add agenda items for all Category 1, 2, and 3 meetings. As presently written, the proposed policy covers this important element as a future consideration for Category 3 meetings. But my constituents would be primarily interested in Category 1 meetings between the NRC and Entergy about Indian Point. In addition, it is easier for my constituents to attend meetings at or near Indian Point and at the NRC offices in King of Prussia rather than in Rockville, Maryland, where the majority of Category 2 and 3 meetings are held.

Please provide me with a copy of the final policy on public meetings when it is decided by the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sue W. Kelly". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sue W. Kelly  
Member of Congress

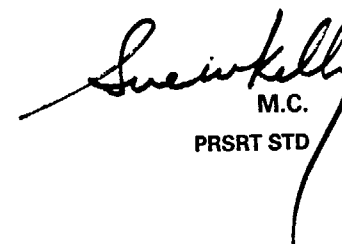
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