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To the Secretary
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Re: Proposed Rule Change for Public Hearings
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Chapter 10 of the Code of Federal Regulation Part 2 of Subpart G etc.

Dear Secretary,

The proposal to reduce public participation in nuclear licensing hearings is misguided and must not be implemented. "The public" is an important component in a democracy and our voice must be heard and we (the U.S.A.) need a formal hearing. Expediting the process is not in the public interest.

Intervenors need at least a month to formulate "Contentions"; and procedures of discovery and cross-examination must not be streamlined or eliminated.

Nuclear Power holds grave risks for the public, NEVER MORE SO since the destruction of the World Trade Towers and the threat of terrorism. Since all of us share these risks we need of adequate, comprehensive opportunities to be involved and participate.

Sincerely
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