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Dear Judges Young, Kelber, and Rubenstein,

I am writing to request that if possible, the ASLB hold the upcoming July 10 conference regarding BREDL/NIRS Amended Contention 2 at the offices of the NRC, instead of over the telephone as planned. I am making this request because Duke's and the Staff's combined responses to the amended contention are quite lengthy, and likely to require extended and complex discussion. I think the conference would be much more efficient and much less stressful for all if the ASLB and the principal attorneys could be in the same room, and we could see each other as we converse. Other representatives of Duke, BREDL and NIRS could be conferenced in over a speakerphone. Either the hearing room or a conference room with a table and a telephone could be used.

I have contacted counsel for Duke and the NRC Staff regarding this request. Mr. Repka informed me that Duke would prefer to go ahead with the telephone conference, and Ms. Uttal stated that the Staff has no position on the matter. I also consulted with Mary Olson of NIRS, who agrees with this request on the assumption that she can participate by telephone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
 Diane Curran

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