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Subject: Information Disclosure Issues Arising from the Cawba/McGuire Proceeding

All:

During a license renewal prehearing conference that was held today, Judge Ann Young ordered the staff to justify its withholding of certain information that was previously available through the NRC website. Specifically, the Judge ordered that:

1. The staff consider producing the documents to the petitioners (if necessary, using a protective order).
2. If the staff refuses to give the documents, what is the legal basis for withholding.
3. To consider whether the documents would ever be publicly available.

The judge further instructed the staff to file their answer by close of business tomorrow.

The documents subject to the order are "daily event reports" related to the the Catawba and McGuire plants. These reports are apparently generated by the staff in response to calls from the plant operators.

In order to promptly formulate the staff's position on the issues tasked by the judge's order, a meeting has been set up for 3:00 pm this afternoon in the 17th floor conference room.

Thank you,

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CC: Lawrence Chandler; Rani Franovich

Meeting: Nov. 7, 2001: 3:00 pm

- (Daily Event Reports (immediate
 come in under 50.72 - Notification
 Reports))
- INFO Requested and provided info.
 to Licenses Members -
 - Telephone Reports to NRC Headquarters

James Moore - Sam Collins
 Decided to allow the
 Release of the Information

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