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MEMORANDUM TO: Cornelius F. Holden, Jr., Director  
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 6, 2004,  
BETWEEN STAFF OF THE NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP OF THE  
JOINT TASK FORCE AND THE PUBLIC RELATED TO THE  
NORTHEAST BLACKOUT OF AUGUST 14, 2003

Staff from the Nuclear Working Group and the Electric System Working Group of the U.S.-Canada Power System Outage Task Force, which includes Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, hosted a public meeting on January 6, 2004, at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting was to allow public citizens to make comments on the Joint Task Force Interim Report and to provide recommendations for changes to nuclear power plants or to NRC regulations which will help prevent future power outages. Mr. Cornelius Holden of the NRC, Mr. Patrick Hawley of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, and Mr. David Meyer of the U.S. Department of Energy represented the Nuclear Working Group and the Joint Task Force. Mr. Francis Cameron acted as the moderator. A list of attendees is provided as Attachment 1. A handout from the meeting is provided as Attachment 2. A transcript of the meeting is provided as Attachment 3.

Mr. Holden opened the meeting by discussing the events which led to the creation of the Joint Task Force and the purpose of this meeting. Mr. Cameron solicited statements or feedback from the audience. None of the attendees desired to make a statement. Mr. Cameron asked the panel to discuss proposed recommendations that may have been presented at previous meetings or in Nuclear Working Group discussions. The panel discussed various proposed recommendations. The audience was again solicited for statements, comments or questions but none were forthcoming. Mr. Holden made closing remarks and the meeting was adjourned.

Attachments: As stated

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