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The Honorable Samuel J. Chalk, Secretary  
United States Regulatory Commission  
Att: Docketing and Service Branch  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Secretary Chalk:

RE: Nuclear Regulatory Commission Docket No. PRM-60-2A

This is written in relation to your Commission's Notice pertaining to the Nevada's and Minnesota's petition and amended petition for rule-making pertaining to "assurance requirements" and "environmental impact statement" processing by the Commission under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

By previous comment to the Commission related to Docket No. 60-2, the Washington State Nuclear Waste Board supported the petition of Nevada and Minnesota. The Board wishes as well to be associated generally with the amended petition of the two states.

In light of the representations of the Commission, relating to two proposed rule-making activities which "address the concerns expressed by the petitioner", contained in paragraph IV of the Commission's Notice to the Federal Register of December 19, 1985, Volume 50, No. 224 at page 51703, the Commission will not now present substantive comments supporting the petition. Rather, relying on the statement of the Commission of said paragraph IV, comments by this Board on the merits of the two state's petition will be submitted when the formal processing of the two aforementioned proposed rules of the Commission takes place.

The Nuclear Waste Board respectfully requests that the Commission provide notice to it of the initiation of the two rule-making activities described in paragraph IV.

Sincerely,

Warren A. Bishop, Chair  
Nuclear Waste Board  
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