

April 22, 2004

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SUBJECT: PETITION FOR RULEMAKING 50-80

Dear Mr. Lochbaum:

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A staff working group was convened and analysis of the petition is complete. A petition review board (PRB) was convened on November 25, 2003. The PRB re-convened on February 26, 2004, to further consider your petition. A recommendation to the Commission regarding disposition of your petition is in preparation.

As you are aware, until the Commission has approved the recommended disposition of the petition, decisions of the PRB are considered pre-decisional and cannot be released. A letter will be sent to you regarding disposition of your petition, as soon as the Commission has voted on the staff recommendations.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 301-415-3711.

Sincerely,

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