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March 26, 2004

U.S. Court of Appeals Docket Number: 04-71432 Agency Number: RIN 3150-AG71 Short Title: NRC v. Nuclear Information

Dear Counsel:

Your Petition for Review has been received in the Clerk's Office of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

The U.S. Court of Appeals docket number shown above has been assigned to this case. You must indicate this Court of Appeal docket number when corresponding with this office relative to your case.

THE DUE DATES FOR FILING THE PARTIES' BRIEFS AND OTHERWISE PERFECTING THE PETITION HAVE BEEN SET BY THE ENCLOSED "TIME SCHEDULE ORDER", PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE FRAP RULES. THESE DATES CAN BE EXTENDED ONLY BY COURT ORDER. FAILURE OF THE PETITIONER TO COMPLY WITH THE TIME SCHEDULE ORDER WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISMISSAL OF THE PETITION.

The following information is being provided in an attempt to answer the most frequently asked questions regarding the appellate process. Please review this information very carefully. For convenience, the term "Circuit Rules" will be used for "Rules of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit" and "FRAP" for "Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure" will be used throughout this document.

Enclosed with this letter is an appellate processing schedule along with a case processing checklist which may be attached to your case file as an aid in monitoring case progress.

PETITIONERS WHO ARE FILING PRO SE SHOULD REFER TO THE ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION SHEET REGARDING THE FILING OF INFORMAL BRIEFS.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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NUCLEAR INFORMATION, NUCLEAR INFORMATION AND RESOURCE SERVICE; COMMITTEE TO BRIDGE THE GAP; PUBLIC CITIZEN, INC.; AND REDWOOD ALLIANCE

Petitioner

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

v.

Respondent

TIME SCHEDULE ORDER

The parties shall meet the following time schedule:

-> Appellant/petitioner's opening brief and excerpts of record shall be served and filed pursuant to FRAP 32 and Circuit Rule 32-1;

6/14/04

-> The brief of appellee/respondent shall be filed and served, pursuant to FRAP 32 and Circuit Rule 32-1;

7/14/04

-> The optional appellant/petitioner reply brief shall be filed and served within fourteen days of service of the appellee/respondent's brief, pursuant to FRAP 32 and Circuit Rule 32-1.

FAILURE OF THE APPELLANT TO COMPLY WITH THE TIME SCHEDULE ORDER WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISMISSAL OF THE APPEAL. CIRCUIT RULE 42-1.

APPELLANTS/PETITIONERS WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OF COUNSEL IN A PRISONER APPEAL MAY HAVE THEIR CASE SUBMITTED ON THE BRIEFS AND RECORD WITHOUT ORAL ARGUMENT, PURSUANT TO FRAP 34(a). WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE FILING OF THE APPELLANT'S OPENING BRIEF, PARTIES MAY FILE A STATEMENT SETTING FORTH THE REASONS WHY, IN THE OPINION OF THE PARTIES, ORAL ARGUMENT SHOULD BE HEARD.

FOR THE COURT:

Cathy A. Catterson Clerk of Court

By: Candace Permillion Deputy Clerk