

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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ROBERT L. FARMER,

Petitioner,

v.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION,

Respondent.

No. 05-70718

NRC No. NRC-030-07710-CO

ROBERT L. FARMER,

Petitioner,

v.

ELAINE CHAO, Secretary of Labor, U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,

Respondent.

No. 05-70725

LABR No. ARB 04-002

ORDER

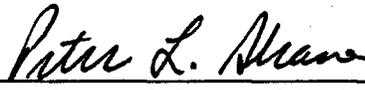
Before: Peter L. Shaw, Appellate Commissioner

These petitions for review are hereby ordered consolidated. To the extent that petitioner seeks reconsideration of the court's September 30, 2005 order permitting petitioner's counsel to withdraw, the motion is denied. To the extent

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that petitioner seeks to dismiss these petitions voluntarily, the motion is denied without prejudice to filing a renewed motion for voluntary dismissal *with prejudice*. To the extent that petitioner seeks an extension of time to file the opening brief, the request is granted.

The opening brief is now due February 6, 2005. The answering briefs are due March 8, 2005. Respondents are reminded of the court's preference for joint briefing if possible. The optional reply brief is due 14 days after service of the answering brief(s). Further requests for extensions of time will be disfavored.


General Order 6.3(e)