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To: ArB; David Vito; Eileen Neff; Ernest Wilson; Glenn Meyer
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Subject: Salem/HC issues

the following are short notes from a discussion I had with David Lochbaum today. / Dave called to tell me he had met with the high profile Salem/HC allegor....He, along with Riccio and Billie Guarder met and discussed the issues. Although the allegor believes the NRC is doing a lot of effort... a concern remains over "how long it will take"... {losing patience were the words used}.

Lochbaum stated that from their perspective...they informed the allegor that these reviews take time...and from what they could see...Region was doing the right things.

Lochbaum called me to inform me that although the allegor was willing to go public (mentioned the O'Reilly show)....he thought that would not be the next step.

However, NRC could expect to see letters from the NJ congressional delegation to the Chman on this subject.

The letters would state they know these issues are being investigated....and would ask for two things - an estimated completion date, and the NRC's report when we are finished. He stated that they would also let Jill Lipoti, State of NJ know.

He felt that these actions would help to ensure that NRC had the resources and schedule focus to finish...

I gave Dave a general indication that the NRC is progressing...and he understood that. He understands from the allegor that the NRC has numerous transcripts to review, etc.

The region has a routine status meeting on this issue scheduled for Thursday at 10 am. Branch 3, other than providing an update, is evaluating the merits of a chilling effect letter to the licensee.

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