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hearing, pursuant to notice, at 10:20 a.m.

BEFORE:

THE HONORABLE LAWRENCE G. McDADE, Chairman

THE HONORABLE NICHOLAS G. TRIKOUROS, Administrative

Law Judge

THE HONORABLE RICHARD E. WARDWELL, Administrative

Judge

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10:30 a.m.

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3 CHAIRMAN McDADE: My name is Lawrence
4 McDade, I'm the Chairman of this particular Board.
5 With me is Judge Wardwell and Judge Trikouros.

6 For the record would you please identify
7 yourselves? Representing the Staff.

8 MS. HODGDON: I'm Ann Hodgdon for the NRC
9 Staff. And with me at counsel table is Jonathan Rund
10 and Patrick Moulding, also representing the Staff.
11 And we also have the Project Manager of the Health and
12 Safety Project Manager George Wunder at counsel table.

13 And Jonathan Rund will introduce the
14 persons who are PNNL with staff.

15 MR. RUND: Calling in for the Staff we
16 have Bob Weisman for OGC. We also have the
17 Environmental Project Manager James Wilson and two
18 members of his team Tara O'Neil and Van Ramsdel.

19 CHAIRMAN McDADE: And what I would ask is
20 at the conclusion of the hearing if you could just
21 give the spellings of all those names to the court
22 reporter so we make sure we have people correctly
23 identified.

24 And I would ask with regard to the people
25 who are hearing this via the teleconference if they

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1 can just mute their telephones so that they can hear
2 us but we can't hear them so that if they want to be
3 talking among themselves or have questions, it will
4 just be among them and then they can speak with the
5 Staff representatives who are here if they have
6 something to add at the hearing.

7 For the Applicant?

8 MS. SUTTON: Kathryn Sutton and Paul
9 Bessette, attorneys with Morgan Lewis & Bockius here
10 representing System Energy Resources, Inc.

11 On the telephone, as I understand it, also
12 from Systems Energy Resources, Inc. Ken Hughey, Guy
13 Cesare and Al Schneider.

14 CHAIRMAN McDADE: Okay. Thank you.

15 What I want to do today is to cover
16 certain.

17 MR. CESARE: If I may interrupt before I
18 go on mute, the audio is very weak. If there's
19 anything you can do to improve that, that would be
20 appreciated.

21 This is Guy Cesare with System Energy.

22 CHAIRMAN McDADE: Okay. Before you get
23 off when you say the audio was weak, was it weak from
24 the panel, was it weak from everybody?

25 MR. CESARE: Actually, most everyone who

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1 spoke was barely audible. I can hear you more clearly
2 now.

3 CHAIRMAN McDADE: Okay. Well, we will
4 continue to make whatever adjustments are possible in
5 order to make it more audible. And I would ask all of
6 the participants to try to speak directly into the
7 microphones so that it would be picked up to the
8 maximum degree possible.

9 MR. CESARE: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN McDADE: Okay. Now with regard
11 to some of the questions that were raised in the
12 letter that was sent by the parties to the Board last
13 week, the first had to do with prefiled testimony and
14 whether or not we wanted the prefiled testimony
15 restricted only to those areas that we identify as
16 hearing issues. And the answer to that question is
17 yes. We are not looking to get prefiled testimony
18 because basically we're going to regurgitate
19 everything or summarize everything in the
20 Environmental Impact Statement and the Safety
21 Evaluation Report. Rather what we're looking for is
22 prefiled testimony that is going to specifically
23 address issues that we identify for you all as hearing
24 issues. And what we will attempt to do is to lay out
25 specific areas where we have questions.

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1 Now there's also a possibility as we go
 2 through and identify the hearing issues that there may
 3 be some related legal issues and that we would ask for
 4 additional briefing as well. What we want to do is to
 5 make sure that the hearing issues focus on factual
 6 issues which we need testimony rather than just simply
 7 analysis or having you all pulling out things that are
 8 already in the record for us or to give your
 9 interpretation or an analysis of how that relates to
 10 the regulatory requirements that we have to meet.

11 Now, the Applicant has indicated a desire
 12 to submit prefiled testimony at the same time as the
 13 Staff. That currently in our order it was anticipated
 14 that the NRC Staff would file their prefiled testimony
 15 on the 20th and then the Applicant would file 7 days
 16 later on the 27th. It indicated that the Staff had no
 17 objection to that procedure. Unfortunately, perhaps,
 18 the Board does. And let me explain what we
 19 contemplate here.

20 What we anticipate is that the Staff
 21 prefiled testimony will address the issues, the
 22 questions that we have. We urge the Staff and the
 23 Applicant to work together in compiling this testimony
 24 to coordinate the testimony. There's no need for the
 25 Applicant to see it only the first time when it's

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1 filed. That you are two separate parties, but we
2 don't view you as being adverse parties at this
3 particular point in time.

4 What we want to avoid are getting two
5 parallel presentations where we have to look at what
6 the Staff is submitting in their prefiled testimony
7 and then the Applicant and figure out, we anticipate,
8 90 percent or more are going to be exactly the same
9 and figuring out those areas where it either is taking
10 an exception to something that the Staff has presented
11 or is, in the alternative, supplementing something the
12 Staff has put forward.

13 So we want to stick to that schedule,
14 having the original prefiled testimony come in on the
15 20th. When the Applicant submit prefiled testimony if
16 you find it necessary, and again we're not telling you
17 to file prefiled testimony, what we're saying is once
18 you have reviewed what the Staff has done and again
19 hoping that you were able to coordinate beforehand, if
20 there was something that the Staff has presented that
21 you disagree with on a factual basis or if there are
22 additional facts that you think are important for us
23 to take into consideration in making our decision,
24 that your prefiled testimony should be limited to
25 those areas. We don't want it to regurgitate those

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1 areas in which you are in full agreement with the
2 Staff. So we anticipate that it should be very
3 limited. We realize that it is a limited amount of
4 time that you have and just ask that you do your best
5 with it. We're all under significant time constraints
6 here to get this done as quickly as possible within
7 the Commission's expectations.

8 With regard to the procedure at the
9 hearing what we anticipate is this: That you will
10 have a prehearing conference the day before the
11 hearing. Based on the prefiled testimony we think
12 things will fall into one of three categories. There
13 is a possibility that based on the prefiled testimony
14 all of the questions we have on that particular
15 hearing issue will be satisfied and we'll have no
16 further questions and we can just move on. In other
17 areas we anticipate that there will be a limited area
18 and we will be able to just jump right into questions.
19 And we will just have the panel and start asking the
20 questions, and in other areas that we would ask for a
21 brief presentation. And what we would do is prior to
22 that time once we have reviewed the prefiled
23 testimony, identified for you those areas where we
24 would present to identify very briefly what we
25 would like the presentation to entail and to give you

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1 some idea for the time that we would like so that, you
2 know, you know whether or not we're thinking about a
3 five minute presentation and necessarily you're not
4 preparing a five day presentation or the other way
5 around.

6 And, obviously, the presentation time
7 might be expended as we have questions and jump in.
8 We would give you an idea just sort of generally of
9 what we were looking for in those presentations that
10 when you present a panel of witnesses we anticipate
11 that the witnesses in many instances, if not all
12 instances, will have been identified in the prefiled
13 testimony so we will know who they are, we will know
14 what their expertise is, what their educational
15 background is, what their work experience is and what
16 their relationship has been to the review of the
17 application. If there are other witnesses who have
18 not been identified in the prefiled testimony, we
19 would ask for that to be in writing when they are
20 called that day so that we don't have to go through
21 all of that again.

22 We anticipate at the beginning of each
23 panel if we identify an issue, and it won't be this
24 generic but ground water, hearing issue 1, ground
25 water issues. That we would call the panel. That

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1 counsel for the Staff would have any opportunity to
2 make a brief presentation. And by that we mean up to
3 five minutes by way of an opening statement explaining
4 basically what it is that the prefiled testimony said
5 who these people are and why it's relevant. Basically
6 for you to just outline your position with regard to
7 that particular issue and how that issue has been
8 satisfied either by matters already in the record or
9 matters that you're going to fit in the record during
10 the course of the hearing that day.

11 And then we will jump into, as I said,
12 either asking question directly or to have a factual
13 presentation from the panel of witnesses.

14 After the Staff has an opportunity to do
15 that presentation, we would give the Applicant an
16 opportunity again to make a brief statement to
17 summarize their position. And again, what we're
18 looking for is not repetition of the staff. Just if
19 you agree with the Staff entirely, just simply say
20 that. If not, to explain what your differences are and
21 what additional matters you think are relevant for us
22 to take into consideration.

23 Again, we urge you to coordinate with the
24 Staff ahead of time and for the Staff to coordinate
25 with the Applicant ahead of time so that you will know

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1 what it is they intend to present.

2 If you have a witness available who you
3 think would be able to add significant valuable
4 testimony, have that person available and we can just
5 go right into that person or persons on the same
6 issue. Likewise, if what comes up is based on the
7 questions and it's matters that you do not anticipate
8 and you don't have a witness available. We won't want
9 you to just have everybody come from the firm sitting
10 out there in the event there is something relevant for
11 them to say. We would give you a reasonable
12 opportunity to augment with written testimony or if it
13 were very significant, we could reconvene the hearing.
14 Again, we anticipate there will be sufficient
15 coordination ahead of time so that that won't be
16 necessary.

17 And what we would anticipate is going from
18 issue-to-issue-to-issue. You know, resolving one
19 issue and then moving to the next one.

20 With regard to the logistics of this
21 prefiled testimony, we would ask that if there are
22 exhibits that are going to be referred to in the
23 prefiled testimony, that you bind those exhibits in.
24 And, again, whether it's a 3-ring binder or a spiral
25 bind, that you bind the testimony together with the

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1 exhibits that they be numbered sequentially, again
2 based on the hearing issue. So it might be ground
3 water Staff Exhibit 1, ground water Staff Exhibit 2
4 and to have those bound in with the prefiled
5 testimony.

6 Now, if the exhibits that you're going to
7 be discussing are part of the Environmental Impact
8 Statement or part of the Safety Evaluation Report, you
9 don't need to recopy it and rebind it into the file.
10 We already have that. You just need to make reference
11 to it so it won't be necessarily to redo it.
12 However, if there are other exhibits and we're not
13 going to have the entire application sitting here on
14 the bench with us so if there are matters from the
15 application that you want to take into consideration,
16 please just bind that in. If as you're preparing the
17 prefiled testimony it appears that this is going to
18 get too voluminous, just simply let us know and we can
19 have a telephonic conference to discuss how it would
20 be appropriate to modify that particular requirement.

21 Likewise, if there are any additional
22 exhibits; if after the prefiled testimony is submitted
23 and you're preparing your panel of witnesses if you
24 believe that there are other exhibits that are
25 appropriate and necessary, to prefile those at least

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1 a day before the hearing both in paper and
2 electronically so that we can have ready access to
3 those and that they can be made a part of the record.

4 And, again, I recognize that there may be
5 a possibility that there are additional exhibits that
6 are only going to become relevant based on a question
7 of one that one of the Board member makes, in which
8 case you know we will just have to adjust to that and
9 receive the exhibit and then get the additional copies
10 and the electronic copy later. But we would ask that
11 if you do have those kinds of exhibits, if possible
12 you could just have multiple copies of them available
13 so that everybody can be reading from the same sheet
14 of music. It's not all that helpful if a witness is
15 discussing a document and we, the Board, can't see and
16 likewise to have counsel for the other parties having
17 access to it as well.

18 There was a question asked about whether
19 or not the public would be able to ask questions
20 directly during the hearing. And the answer to that
21 is no, not directly, not indirectly, not psychically.
22 You know, the individuals who are going to make
23 presentations during the hearing are going to be two
24 parties. The Staff, who we are looking at primarily
25 because we are reviewing the adequacy of the Staff's

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1 review and we will allow the Applicant who certainly
2 has a very direct stake in this, again, to supplement
3 what the Staff has to say in the event that there are
4 any quibbles, any disagreements or that you believe
5 that there is supplementation that is necessary.

6 We would ask as you go through the
7 exhibits to just keep in mind if there are any, and I
8 don't anticipate there will be, but if there's any
9 information;, any documents that you believe are
10 proprietary information or are safeguards information
11 in some way that if you all just make sure that that
12 is not bound with the exhibits, that that is kept
13 separate you know, so that that information won't
14 inadvertently be released. Because once the document
15 is filed and it will be submitted to ADAMS, so just be
16 aware of that. As you're putting exhibits together
17 make sure that if there is information that's viewed
18 as proprietary, that that is segregated out. And we
19 don't want that. We draw an exception kind of with
20 bound with the prefiled testimony for that kind of
21 information.

22 That's sort have been a quick overview of
23 what I wanted to cover. This was designed not to be
24 a dictation, but rather a discussion to give you sort
25 of what our thinking is as to how this should proceed

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1 and then to get your input as to whether or not any of
2 these proposals cause significant problems that
3 perhaps we have overlooked or that in some way would
4 make things easier for you to do it a different way.

5 Before I ask you for comments on the
6 proposals that I've put forward, let me just ask can
7 you think of anything else?

8 From the standpoint of the Staff, do you
9 have any comments on what the proposals are?

10 And by the way, let me just also note that
11 if you walk out of here and go, darn, you know, that's
12 going to be a real problem but you didn't think of it
13 right now, please call Ms. Wolf as quickly as possible
14 so we can set up a further conference on this to be
15 able to work this out. You know, if there's
16 particular problem that perhaps isn't envisioned right
17 now.

18 From the standpoint of the NRC Staff, is
19 there any clarification that you request?

20 MR. RUND: Staff had anticipated that the
21 primary review documents, the SER and the EIS would
22 need to be formally offered for the record by the
23 relevant project manager. Is that not the Board's
24 understanding?

25 CHAIRMAN McDADE: Correct. What I intend

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1 to do at the beginning of the hearing is to say that
2 we have received those documents and that they are
3 going to be received into evidence, and that we will
4 consider them. I don't believe that we need any
5 additional testimony with regard to them or additional
6 copies of them.

7 MR. RUND: And with regard to the
8 testimony I think the rules give two options. It
9 could be either sworn, I think, in person or by
10 affidavit. Is there a preference?

11 CHAIRMAN McDADE: No. You're talking
12 about the prefiled testimony?

13 MR. RUND: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN McDADE: I mean, the prefiled
15 testimony they just at the conclusion of it declare
16 under penalty of perjury that this is the truth and
17 that's it.

18 MR. RUND: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN McDADE: Anything further?

20 MR. RUND: No,

21 CHAIRMAN McDADE: From the standpoint of
22 the Applicant?

23 MS. SUTTON: We clearly will work with the
24 Staff to coordinate in terms of the testimony that
25 needs to be prefiled.

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1 CHAIRMAN McDADE: And make sure you speak
2 into the microphone.

3 MS. SUTTON: Yes. And there may be
4 additional questions that arise once we begin to look
5 at the coordination schedule. So that is one area
6 where we may have to come back to Ms. Wolf. We'll do
7 our best to accomplish that.

8 You mentioned, Judge McDade, that after
9 you review the prefiled testimony you'll identify
10 additional areas for presentation. Do you have any
11 idea of the time frame in which you will do that?

12 CHAIRMAN McDADE: The answer is as quickly
13 as possible: As I said, with regard to that until
14 we've read the prefiled testimony it's going to be
15 very difficult. We're going to identify the issues.
16 If the prefiled testimony answers our questions, we
17 don't need to do anything further. In other areas we
18 anticipate that the prefiled testimony will answer
19 most of our questions but that there will be certain
20 areas that we want to explore further to make sure
21 that we understand it or if we feel the record needs
22 to be augmented. And then there are others, and again
23 at this point it's difficult to anticipate, but that
24 we would ask for a brief presentation and would
25 explain to you all just so that the witnesses are

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1 prepared. And we will do that as quickly as possible
2 after we get the prefiled testimony. We will be
3 working on that on the week of the 20th and get that
4 to you all as quickly as possible.

5 MS. SUTTON: But you will not wait until
6 the 27th? As quickly as possible after the 20th?

7 CHAIRMAN McDADE: I mean I can't tell you
8 unequivocally that there won't be something on the
9 27th. I think we all understand that the sooner we
10 get the information to you, the better chance you all
11 will have to prepare. If someone is going to make a
12 presentation, it really isn't fair to them to just say
13 at the last moment we want a 30 minute presentation on
14 X and they're left sitting there at midnight or 2:00
15 in the morning the day before the hearing to pull this
16 thing together. We would be more happy with the
17 result and they would probably feel more comfortable
18 with what they present the more time that they have.
19 But, again, recognizing there's going to be a limited
20 amount of time there.

21 JUDGE WARDWELL: Yes. I think the only
22 thing I would add to that is that there are
23 potentially and realistically there are issues now
24 that we'll want a presentation that we know of
25 regardless of the testimony that's provided just

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1 because of the importance to us in aiding us in trying
2 to make a decision that we need to make. So don't be
3 surprised if just because we asked for a presentation,
4 it doesn't necessarily that the prefiled testimony was
5 inadequate to any degree, so just kind of an extra one
6 beyond what Judge McDade has just described as the
7 three types of scenarios that we have. There are some
8 now that I'm fairly certainly we'll ask for a
9 presentation regardless of what's submitted.

10 MS. SUTTON: And we would just ask on that
11 front to the extent there are such additional areas if
12 they can be identified as early as the 6th, we would
13 very much appreciate the time.

14 CHAIRMAN McDADE: And that is something
15 that we will try to do is on the 6th if there are
16 certain areas that we're certain at that point we want
17 a presentation on, we will tell you along with the
18 hearing issues to scan hopefully at that point if
19 there are any additional areas for a legal briefing,
20 that we wanted to give you that as well. It's just
21 that we also want to ensure that you understand that
22 there may be circumstances where until we have read
23 the prefiled testimony, we're not going to be in a
24 position to articulate that and it may be that we'll
25 say "Look, we know we're going to want a presentation

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1 in this particular area." We will be able to give you
2 more information about what we're looking for once
3 we've read the prefiled testimony so that the person
4 can focus the presentation, better understand what
5 questions remain in our minds.

6 MS. SUTTON: I understand. Thank you.

7 I further question. I take it that you
8 would like any additional exhibits and testimony filed
9 both in paper and electronically?

10 CHAIRMAN McDADE: Correct.

11 MS. SUTTON: Paul, do you have anything?

12 MR. BESSETTE: Yes. One issue of
13 clarification with regards to we understand if any
14 presentation was required, the Staff would make the
15 presentations. And then you had mentioned an
16 opportunity for the Applicant to make a follow up
17 statement. I believe it's my understanding though
18 that if we agree with the Staff's presentation, we
19 would simply have an Applicant witness available for
20 answering questions. We would not prepare any
21 presentation.

22 CHAIRMAN McDADE: Yes.

23 MR. BESSETTE: If we have supplemental
24 testimony, then we would present the testimony of that
25 witness. But otherwise if we agree, you do not except

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1 any further testimony from the Applicant?

2 CHAIRMAN McDADE: Correct.

3 MR. BESSETTE: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN McDADE: And one thing I should
5 also mention just again with regard to exhibits of
6 having the exhibits ready to go, you know, with ones
7 that are actually submitted with the prefiled
8 testimony, to have them stamped with an identifiable
9 exhibit number. As I said, perhaps ground water Staff
10 1 through but they're already stamped, that we could
11 then receive those exhibits into evidence at the time
12 at the beginning of the hearing. With regard to other
13 documents to the degree possible, to have them
14 identified as much as possible. For example at ground
15 water Applicant exhibit and leave blank so that then
16 it could be numbered if you find it necessary then to
17 present it through a particular witness and we can
18 receive that.

19 The other thing with regard to the
20 testimony and particularly with regard to the
21 Applicant submitting any supplemental prefiled
22 testimony if you could, make sure that it is either
23 hand carried or Fed Ex'd here so that we have it at a
24 minimum before the hearing.

25 One of the problems is when it's submitted

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1 via the mail, Lord knows how long it's going to take
2 us to actually get it. You know, so for those copies
3 if it could be either ensured to have it couriered
4 here or Fed Ex'd here so that we have it, you know
5 basically have it on the 27th.

6 MS. SUTTON: We will have them hand carry
7 it.

8 JUDGE WARDWELL: I'd like to make one
9 comment in regard to this also and regards to the
10 Applicant's witnesses and types of things.

11 If this was an ideal hearing --

12 CHAIRMAN McDADE: Isn't it?

13 JUDGE WARDWELL: Considering this is going
14 to be an ideal hearing, we would anticipate that the
15 Staff will coordinate to get all the input needed from
16 you in their presentation, including having some of
17 the witnesses being from your direct staff as part of
18 the panel if that is the way Staff would wish to do
19 it. Just so that there is that complete coordination
20 through the Staff's initial direct testimony is really
21 the best and most efficient way. And it's only if in
22 fact, in a rare case you disagree, but more than
23 likely if there's a case where you just feel there's
24 some additional clarification you need, that's when
25 you'll be supplementing it. But other than that, we

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1 would like to see everything coordinated through the
2 Staff including admitting or allowing your input into
3 that including direct witnesses.

4 MS. SUTTON: So that would include the
5 identification of Applicant witnesses along with the
6 Staff witnesses coordination along the testimony and
7 the exhibits and then the actual testimony itself?

8 JUDGE WARDWELL: Of all of that, yes. And
9 just here's the panel that's going to address this one
10 issue that we've identified on November 6th. This is
11 what Staff is proposing to present, these three
12 witnesses. Two of them are from such-and-such and the
13 other third is from your organization.

14 MS. SUTTON: We will work with the Staff
15 to accomplish that. And any further questions we'll
16 pose to Ms. Wolf.

17 JUDGE WARDWELL: Does that make sense to
18 the Staff also?

19 MR. RUND: Yes, it does. Thank you.

20 JUDGE TRIKOUROS: I just want to make one
21 comment about November 6th. We're going to make every
22 effort to identify the factual presentation topics by
23 November 6th because we would get a certainly literate
24 product as the result of earlier identification of the
25 issues. But on the other hand prior to receiving the

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1 prefilled testimony to the narrowness of our intent
2 would not be readily available. So I think it's to
3 all of our advantage to identify a more general
4 request for presentation earlier rather than wait
5 until later and focus it more. So that would be our
6 intent to try and give a more general statement
7 earlier.

8 CHAIRMAN McDADE: Okay. And then one last
9 thing that I wanted to know. Now, I recognized that
10 there were, you know, scores and scores of people who
11 are involved in doing the review. I am going to go to
12 the application and not all those people are going to
13 be witnesses, not all of those people are going to be
14 present here in Rockville. Hopefully the people that
15 you all identified as witnesses for the hearing will
16 be capable of answering our questions. What we would
17 ask, however, is that other individuals who supported
18 them would be available by telephone so that if
19 questions arose that the witnesses who are here who
20 are unable to answer, that they would perhaps be able
21 to turn to people who worked with them and get the
22 answers to those particular questions.

23 We certainly would not want to require all
24 of those people to be physically here in Rockville. We
25 understand a lot of them are spread out in other parts

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1 of the country. But what we would hope to be able to
2 do is at our next recess that the witness would be
3 able to get on the phone and talk with those people,
4 clarify the understanding and then be able to offer to
5 testimony on that so that we would be able to move on
6 and not have to then either have a written
7 supplementation or to come back in at a later point in
8 time with further oral testimony.

9 So to the degree that that is practicable.
10 Again, you know until you hear the questions, you know
11 it's not going to be able to be infallible in having
12 the right people available. But if you could, you
13 know have a large universe of people available by
14 telephone during the hearing if additional questions
15 warrants.

16 Do you have anything further? Anything
17 further?

18 MS. SUTTON: Do you still anticipate the
19 hearing will be roughly two days in duration?

20 CHAIRMAN McDADE: I really don't know.
21 Again, we indicated sort of day-to-day thereafter
22 until completed and would ask you to keep your
23 schedules open. I think that once you see the hearing
24 issues you're going to be in a better position to
25 anticipate. I think that's a realistic time, but it

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1 could go a bit longer and therefore we'd ask you all
2 to just make sure that if it goes to three days, if it
3 goes to four days, that you have that time available
4 and so that we don't have to reconvene at the next
5 open date on people's dance card is after the New
6 Year. But hopefully we would like to have this fairly
7 streamlined and fairly efficient.

8 MS. SUTTON: We agree, and we'll make
9 ourselves available.

10 CHAIRMAN McDADE: Okay. I originally had
11 guessed that this would take about a half hour, so
12 figured that in fact it would take an hour and a half,
13 and surprisingly it's taken about a half an hour. One
14 of the few times that we've anticipated the time
15 something would take that I've been correct.

16 Anything further?

17 MR. RUND: Nothing from this end.

18 MS. SUTTON: And nothing from SERI.

19 CHAIRMAN McDADE: Okay. Thank you. We're
20 in recess.

21 (Whereupon, at 11:02 a.m. the hearing was
22 recessed.)

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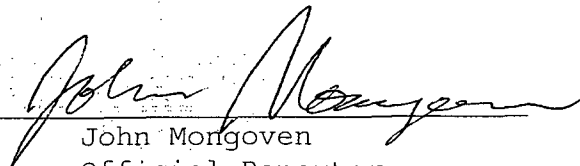
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