

December 19, 2006

Ms. Linda J. Keen  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
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Dear Ms. Keen:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites you or your representative to observe a Joint Meeting of the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the NRC scheduled on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the NRC's Conference Room on the first floor of its headquarters building at One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland. Enclosed is the draft meeting agenda for your information.

The two Commissions have met jointly several times, most recently on April 24, 2006, to address grid reliability issues and related implementation activities based on the U.S.-Canada Power System Outage Task Force recommendations in response to the August 14, 2003, power outage affecting both countries. At the January 2007 meeting, staff of both Commissions will provide updates on current activities. In addition, the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), which also serves as U.S. Electric Reliability Organization (ERO), will address industry initiatives on grid reliability, and a representative of the U.S. Department of Energy will address responses to the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and to the recommendations of the U.S.-Canada Power Systems Outage Task Force. These issues have international implications which benefit from ongoing cooperation among North American countries. The NRC expects the meeting to inform the issues and enhance future cooperative efforts.

If you are unable to attend, you can view the meeting live, or archived at a later date, on the NRC website at [www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/webcast-live.html](http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/webcast-live.html).

If you are able to attend, please contact me at [avc@nrc.gov](mailto:avc@nrc.gov) or 301 415-1968, so that I may facilitate your arrival.

Sincerely,

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Annette L. Vietti-Cook  
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosure: As stated



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SCHEDULING NOTES

Title: **JOINT MEETING OF FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY (FERC) COMMISSION AND NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) ON GRID RELIABILITY (Public)**

Scheduled: **Tuesday, January 23, 2007  
1:30 - 3:30 pm**

Location: NRC Headquarters Building, One White Flint North, Rockville, MD  
First Floor Conference Room

Duration: Approx. 2 hours

**Participants:** Presentation

**FERC Chairman and Commissioners**

Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher  
Commissioner Suedeem G. Kelly  
Commissioner Philip D. Moeller  
Commissioner Mark Spitzer  
Commissioner Jon Wellinghoff

**NRC Chairman and Commissioners**

Chairman Dale E. Klein  
Commissioner Edward McGaffigan  
Commissioner Jeffrey S. Merrifield  
Commissioner Gregory B. Jaczko  
Commissioner Peter B. Lyons

**NERC**

Richard P. Sergel, President and CEO, North American Electric Reliability Council

**DOE**

Kevin M. Kolevar, Director, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy

**Introductions:** Chairman Klein and Chairman Kelliher

**Presentations**

Update on Impact of Grid Reliability on Operating Reactors and Anticipated New Reactors (NRC) 15 mins\*  
- Generic Letter findings and follow-up Requests for Additional Information

- Staff assessment on readiness for Summer of '07
- Follow-up regarding Station Blackout and potential need for change to regulation
- Industry Proposals for New Reactor Sites (update of map from last briefing)
- NRC Schedule for licensing reviews

Update on Establishment of Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) and Reliability Standards (FERC) 15 mins\*

Update on Industry Initiatives on Grid Reliability (NERC) 15 mins\*

Responses to the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct), including Update on National Electric Transmission Congestion Study, and responses to the Recommendations of the U.S.-Canada Power System Outage Task Force (DOE) 15 mins\*

### **Joint Commission Dialogue on Next Steps**

\* For presentation only and does not include time for Commission Q & A's.

Documents:

