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SECRETARY

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Re: Joint Motion by Eureka County, Lander County, Churchill County, Clark County, Esmeralda County, Inyo County, Lincoln County, Mineral County, Nye County, and White Pine County to Implement and Institutionalize Webcasting of Yucca Mountain-Related Proceedings filed in Docket Nos. PAPO-00, PAPO-001

Dear Ms. Curran:

This letter responds to your motion asking the Commission to implement Web streaming for all Yucca Mountain-related proceedings. Your motion is being returned to you as premature because the NRC Staff has not yet accepted for review the Department of Energy's application for construction authorization.* If and when a proceeding is commenced on the application, you may re-file your request, directing it to the Presiding Officer for that proceeding.

In the meantime, the agency continues to explore the increased use of Web streaming its public meetings. As you know, the Commission recently issued a Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM-SECY-08-0056, ADAMS Accession Number ML081680625) directing the Staff to expand Web streaming capabilities at headquarters. Further, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel has been authorized to implement a pilot program to assess the costs and benefits of Web streaming Board proceedings. The program, which is expected to begin this summer, provides for Web streaming a limited number of sessions during the one-year pilot period, and is not limited to evidentiary hearings. Should an event appropriate for the Panel's pilot program arise in the two Yucca Mountain pre-application dockets, the Panel may elect to Web stream that event in conjunction with that program.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Annette L. Vietti-Cook

* Because the Joint Motion was submitted via the E-filing system and is retained for public access in the ADAMS system of records, the Joint Motion is not enclosed herewith but is available in ADAMS as ML081710178 and ML081710181.

cc: PAPO Board service list, Docket PAPO-00
Advisory PAPO Board service list, Docket PAPO-001
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