



UNITED STATES
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SECRETARY

January 27, 2010

David R. Nevius
Senior Vice President
North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)
116-390 Village Boulevard
Princeton, NJ 08540-5721

Dear Mr. Nevius:

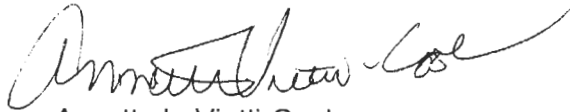
The Commission is pleased that you have agreed to participate in a Joint Meeting of the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the NRC scheduled on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Commission's Conference Room on the first floor of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Headquarters building at One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland. Both Commissions are interested in an update on industry's initiatives on planning for new reactors and necessary transmission and reliability standards. I am enclosing a copy of the draft meeting agenda for your information (enclosure 1). My staff will keep you informed of any updates to the agenda.

To assist the Commission in preparing for the meeting, please e-mail any written material, including viewgraphs/slides, to Ms. Rochelle Baval and Ms. Sandy Joosten (rochelle.baval@nrc.gov and sandy.joosten@nrc.gov) in the Office of the Secretary, by March 9, 2010, so that it can be distributed to both Commissions for review in advance of the meeting. Enclosed are guidelines for viewgraphs, if you choose to use them (enclosure 2). PowerPoint or other electronic presentation formats are acceptable. This Commission meeting will be webcast live at the Web address: www.nrc.gov. If you intend to use viewgraphs they will also be posted on the NRC website prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Baval at 301-415-1651.

Your presentation at the Commission meeting should be based on the assumption that Commissioners are familiar with the content of your written material. Please plan your oral presentation for 5 minutes, discussing the important points on which you wish to focus the Commission's attention.

The NRC Headquarters building is located opposite the White Flint Metro Station on Rockville Pike and Marinelli Drive, Rockville, Maryland. The White Flint Metro Station is on the Red Line of the Washington area subway system. Reserved visitor parking for Commission guests is available. If you wish to use reserved parking, please notify Ms. Baval in advance. If reserved parking has been arranged, please check-in with the security staff at the entrance to the NRC campus on Marinelli Drive when you arrive. A Security Guard will call for an escort. Please note that visitors will be screened through metal detectors, will have their packages x-rayed, and will be required to present a picture identification card prior to signing in at the registration desk.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annette L. Vietti-Cook". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Briefing Visuals Guidance

Draft: 1/27/10

SCHEDULING NOTE

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

Scheduled: March 16, 2010
12:00 pm - Luncheon
1:30 pm - Meeting

Duration: Approx. 2 hours (for the Meeting, preceded by the Luncheon)

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

Participants:

FERC Chairman and Commissioners:

Chairman Jon Wellinghoff
Commissioner Philip D. Moeller
Commissioner Mark Spitzer
Commissioner John R. Norris

NRC Chairman and Commissioners:

Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko
Commissioner Dale E. Klein
Commissioner Kristine L. Svinicki

FERC Staff

Keith O'Neal, Director, Division of Reliability Standards, Office of Electric Reliability
David Andrejcek, Director, Division of Bulk-Power Systems Analysis, Office of Electric Reliability
Regis Binder, Director, Division of Logistics and Security, Office of Electric Reliability

NERC

Gerry W. Cauley, President and CEO, North American Electric Reliability Corporation
David R. Nevius, Senior Vice President, North American Electric Reliability Corporation

NRC Staff

David Matthews, Director, Division of New Reactor Licensing, Office of New Reactors

David Skeen, Deputy Director, Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Scott Morris, Deputy Director for Reactor Security, Division of Security Policy, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response

Topics

Presentation

- **Introductions and Opening Statements** **10 mins.**

- **Update on Planning for New Reactors and Necessary Transmission and Reliability Standards** (Progress to Upgrade the Electrical Distribution System to Accommodate the New Plants) **35 mins.**
 - Mr. Nevius, NERC 5 mins.
 - Mr. O'Neal, FERC 5 mins.
 - Mr. Matthews, NRC 5 mins.

- Q&A 20 mins.

- **Reliability Standards Activities, Grid Reliability Assessment, Event Analyses and other Joint Activities** **30 mins.**
 - Mr. Andrejcek, FERC 5 mins.
 - Mr. Skeen, NRC 5 mins.

- Q&A 20 mins.

- **Cyber Security Activities (Standards, Assessments, Rulemaking, Regulatory Guidance)** **35 mins.**
 - Mr. Cauley, NERC 5 mins.
 - Mr. Binder, FERC 5 mins.
 - Mr. Morris, NRC 5 mins.

- Q&A 20 mins.

- **Concluding Statements** **10 mins.**

Documents:

Staff background material due to SECY: February 23, 2010.

Slides due to SECY: March 9, 2010.

Enclosure 2

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