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7 PETITION REVIEW BOARD

8 DISCUSSION WITH PETITIONER

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10 In the Matter of: :

11 10 CFR 2.206 PETITION : :

12 OF MICHAEL MULLIGAN : :

13 WITH RESPECT TO : :

14 PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT : :

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16 Monday, March 7, 2011

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18 The above-entitled conference convened via
19 teleconference, pursuant to notice, at 1:00 p.m.
20 Eastern Daylight Time.

21 BEFORE:

22 THEODORE QUAY, Petition Review Board Chairman

23 MAHESH CHAWLA, Petition Manager for 2.206 petition

24 TANYA MENSAH, Petition Coordinator

25 ANDREA RUSSELL, NRR/Division of Policy and Rulemaking

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1 NRC STAFF PRESENT:

2 MERRILEE BANIC, NRR/Generic Communications
3 Branch

4 JOHN CASSIDY, Region III

5 GREG CASTO, NRR/DSS/Balance-of-Plant Branch

6 JOHN ELLEGOOD, Senior Resident Inspector,
7 Palisades Nuclear Plant Region III

8 STEVEN GARRY, NRR/Health Physics and Human
9 Performance Branch

10 JACK GIESSNER, Region III/Division of Reactor
11 Projects/Branch IV

12 VIJAY GOEL, NRR/EEEEB

13 MATTHEW HAMM, NRR/Technical Specifications
14 Branch

15 LOIS JAMES, NRR/EQVB

16 ROBERT LERCH, Region III/Division of Reactor
17 Projects/Branch IV

18 ROBERT PETTIS, NRR/DE/EQVB

19 KEVIN ROCHE, NRR/DIRS/IPAB

20 ANTHONY ULSES, NRR/DSS/Reactor Systems Branch

21 JAY WALLACE, NRR/DCI/Piping and NDE Branch

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23 ALSO PRESENT:

24 BARBARA DOTSON, Entergy Nuclear/Palisades

25 JIM KUEMIN, Entergy Nuclear/Palisades

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P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

(1:00 p.m.)

MR. CHAWLA: Good afternoon. I would like to thank everybody for attending this meeting. My name is Mac Chawla. And I am the Palisades Nuclear Plant Project Manager.

We are here today to allow the petitioner, Mike Mulligan, to address the Petition Review Board regarding the 2.206 petition dated February 22, 2011. I am the Petition Manager for the petition. The Petition Review Board Chairman is Ted Quay.

As far as the Petition Review Board's, or PRB's, review of this petition, Mike Mulligan has requested this opportunity to address the PRB. This meeting is scheduled from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

The meeting is being recorded by the NRC Operations Center and will be transcribed by a court reporter. The transcript will become a supplement to the petition. The transcript will also be made publicly available.

I would like to open this meeting with introductions. As you go around the room, please be sure to clearly state your name, your position, and the office that you work for within the NRC for the

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1 record.

2 I will start off. Again, my name is Mac
3 Chawla. And I am the Petition Manager. We go around
4 here.

5 MR. GOEL: My name is Vijay Goel,
6 electrical engineer from the Office of Nuclear Reactor
7 Regulation, Electrical Engineering Branch.

8 MR. WALLACE: Jay Wallace, materials
9 engineer, NRR, Division of Component Integrity.

10 MS. RUSSELL: Andrea Russell, 2.206
11 Coordinator.

12 MS. JAMES: Lois James, Office Allegation
13 Coordinator, NRR.

14 CHAIRMAN QUAY: Ted Quay, Petition Review
15 Board Chairman, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

16 MR. PETTIS: Bob Pettis, senior reactor
17 engineer, Division of Engineering, NRR.

18 MR. CASTO: Greg Casto, Balance-of-Plant
19 Branch Chief, Division of Safety Systems, NRR.

20 MR. ULSES: And this is Anthony Ulses, the
21 Branch Chief of the Reactor Systems Branch in the
22 Division of Safety Systems, NRR.

23 MS. BANIC: Lee Banic, Generic
24 Communications Branch, NRR.

25 MR. HAMM: Matthew Hamm, reactor systems

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1 engineer, NRR Technical Specifications Branch.

2 MR. CHAWLA: Okay. We have completed
3 introductions at the NRC headquarters. At this time
4 are there NRC participants from headquarters on the
5 phone? Please introduce yourselves.

6 MS. MENSAH: Tanya Mensah, NRR.

7 MR. CHAWLA: Steven Garry, I believe you
8 are on. Steve Garry? Steve Garry, are you on the
9 phone?

10 MR. GARRY: Yes, Steve Garry is on the
11 phone, senior health physicist, NRR.

12 MR. CHAWLA: Okay. Anybody else from
13 headquarters on the phone?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. CHAWLA: I believe that is all we
16 have. Are there any NRC participants from the
17 regional office on the phone? Please introduce
18 yourself.

19 MR. LERCH: All right. My name is Robert
20 Lerch. I'm the project engineer for Branch IV in
21 Region III.

22 MR. GIESSNER: Jack Giessner, Branch
23 Chief, Region III, responsible for inspections at
24 Palisades.

25 MR. CASSIDY: John Cassidy, senior health

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1 physicist in the Division of Reactor Safety, Region
2 III.

3 MR. LERCH: That's it for the region.

4 MR. ELLEGOOD: This is John Ellegood,
5 senior resident inspector for the NRC at Palisades.

6 MR. CHAWLA: Are there any representatives
7 for the licensee on the phone?

8 MR. KUEMIN: Jim Kuemin from Palisades
9 Licensing Department.

10 MS. DOTSON: And also Barb Dotson,
11 Palisades Licensing.

12 MR. CHAWLA: Okay. I believe that's it
13 for the licensee. Mr. Mulligan, would you please
14 introduce yourself for the record?

15 MR. MULLIGAN: I'm Mike Mulligan. And I
16 had a 2.206 back a little while ago on the fuel pool.
17 And I am a whistle-blower. I have been involved with
18 a lot of whistle-blowing activities. And I was --
19 worked as -- I was in submarines. And then I worked
20 at a nuclear power plant as a reactor operator. And
21 thank you.

22 MR. CHAWLA: It is not required for
23 members of the public to introduce themselves for this
24 call. However, if there are any members of the public
25 on the phone that wish to do so at this time, please

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1 state your name for the record.

2 (No response.)

3 MR. CHAWLA: Hearing none, I believe there
4 is no members of the public here.

5 I would like to emphasize that we each
6 need to speak clearly and loudly to make sure that the
7 Court Reporter can accurately transcribe this meeting.
8 If you do have something that you would like to say,
9 please first state your name for the record.

10 For those dialing into the meeting, please
11 remember to mute your phones to minimize any
12 background noise or distractions. If you do not have
13 a MUTE button, this can be done by pressing the keys
14 *6. To unmute, press the *6 key again. Thank you.

15 At this time I will turn it over to the
16 PRB Chairman, Mr. Ted Quay.

17 CHAIRMAN QUAY: Good afternoon. Welcome
18 to this meeting regarding the 2.206 petition submitted
19 by Mr. Mulligan. I would like to first share some
20 background on our process.

21 Section 2.206 of Title X of the Code of
22 Federal Regulations describes the petition process,
23 the primary mechanism for the public to request
24 enforcement action by the NRC in a public process.

25 This process permits anyone to petition

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1 the NRC to take enforcement-type action related to NRC
2 licensees or licensed activities. Depending upon the
3 results of its evaluation, NRC could modify, suspend,
4 or revoke an NRC-issued license or take any other
5 appropriate enforcement action to resolve a problem.
6 The NRC staff guidance on the disposition of 2.206
7 petition requests is a management directive, 8.11,
8 which is publicly available.

9 The purpose of today's meeting is to give
10 the petitioner an opportunity to provide any
11 additional explanation or support for the petition
12 before the Petition Review Board's initial
13 consideration and recommendation.

14 This meeting is not a hearing, nor is it
15 an opportunity for the petitioner to question or
16 examine the Petition Review Board on the merits or the
17 issues presented in the petition request. No decision
18 regarding the merits of the petition will be made at
19 this meeting.

20 Following this meeting, the Petition
21 Review Board will conduct its internal deliberations.
22 The outcome of this internal meeting will be discussed
23 with the petitioner.

24 The Petition Review Board typically
25 consists of a chairman, usually a manager at the

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1 Senior Executive Service level at the NRC. It has a
2 petition manager and a Petition Review Board
3 coordinator. Other members of the Board are
4 determined by the NRC staff based on the content of
5 the information in the petition request.

6 At this time I would like to introduce the
7 Board. I am Ted Quay, the Petition Review Board
8 Chairman. Mac Chawla is the Petition Manager for the
9 petition under discussion today. Andrea Russell is
10 the 2.206 Coordinator. Our technical staff includes
11 Greg Casto, Branch Chief from the Office of Nuclear
12 Reactor Regulation's Balance-of-Plant Branch; Tony
13 Ulses, Branch Chief from the Office of Nuclear Reactor
14 Regulation's Reactor Systems Branch; Lois James,
15 Senior Office Allegation Coordinator from NRR's
16 Quality and Vendor Branch; Bob Pettis, senior reactor
17 engineer from NRR's Quality and Vendor Branch; Vijay
18 Goel, electrical engineer from NRR's Electrical
19 Engineering Branch; Jay Wallace, material engineer
20 from NRR's Piping and NDE Branch; Matt Hamm, reactor
21 systems engineer from NRR's Technical Specification
22 Branch; Steven Garry, senior health physicist from
23 NRR's Health Physics and Human Performance Branch;
24 Jack Giessner, Branch Chief, Branch IV from Region
25 III, Division of Reactor Projects; Bob Lerch, project

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1 engineer, Branch IV from Region III's Division of
2 Reactor Projects; and John Ellegood, senior resident
3 inspector, Palisades Nuclear Plant from Region III.

4 As described in our process, the NRC staff
5 may ask clarifying questions in order to better
6 understand the petitioner's presentation and to reach
7 a reasoned decision whether to accept or reject the
8 petitioner's request for review under the 2.206
9 process.

10 I would like to summarize the scope of the
11 petition under consideration and the NRC activities to
12 date. On February 22nd, 2011, Mr. Mulligan submitted
13 to the NRC a petition under the 2.206 process
14 regarding Palisades Nuclear Plant located in Van Buren
15 County, Michigan.

16 In his petition request, Mr. Mulligan
17 identified the following areas of concern. Mr.
18 Mulligan stated that the reactor oversight program is
19 ineffective and Entergy has a documented history of a
20 culture of falsification and thumbing their noses at
21 recurring violations.

22 In his petition, Mr. Mulligan requested
23 the following actions: one, immediate shutdown of
24 Palisades and other Entergy nuclear power plants; two,
25 replacement of top Palisades management staff; three,

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1 replacement of Entergy corporate nuclear staff; four,
2 assignment of two additional NRC inspectors at
3 Palisades; five, formation of a local public oversight
4 panel around every plant; six, formation of an
5 emergency NRC senior official oversight panel; seven,
6 formation of a national NRC oversight public panel;
7 eight, analysis of Entergy's reoccurring problems;
8 and, nine, evaluation of NRC Region III resources.

9 As the basis for this request, Mr.
10 Mulligan cited various plant events/issues, which
11 could be divided into the following categories: one,
12 equipment failures; two, documentation or design basis
13 concerns; three, radiation protection; four, records
14 falsification; and, five, reactor oversight process.

15 Allow me to discuss the NRC activities to
16 date. On February 24th, 2011, Mr. Mulligan requested
17 an opportunity to address the Petition Review Board by
18 phone.

19 On March 2nd, 2011, Mr. Mulligan made an
20 additional request to speak to an NRC official
21 regarding the general state of conditions at Palisades
22 prior to addressing the PRB.

23 On March 3rd, 2011, the PRB met internally
24 to discuss the request for immediate action only. The
25 PRB denied the request for immediate action because

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1 there were no immediate safety concerns to the plant
2 or to health and safety of the public.

3 On March 4th, 2011, the Petition Review
4 Board's decision was conveyed to Mr. Mulligan. Mr.
5 Mulligan was also informed that the request to speak
6 to an NRC official was outside the 2.206 process and
7 he would have the opportunity during the phone call
8 with the PRB to address his concerns and provide
9 additional information.

10 As a reminder for the phone participants,
11 please identify yourself if you make any remarks as
12 this will help in the preparation of the meeting
13 transcript that will be made publicly available.

14 Thank you.

15 And at this point I will turn it over to
16 you, Mr. Mulligan.

17 MR. MULLIGAN: Thank you. Thank you for
18 this opportunity this afternoon. I hope I am talking
19 loud enough that people can hear me.

20 CHAIRMAN QUAY: We can hear you fine.

21 MR. MULLIGAN: The first, this is -- well,
22 this is the second H. B. Robinson plant this year or
23 within the last year or so and stuff, Wolf Creek. And
24 I'm reading this from the Professional Reactor
25 Operator Society. And it's about Wolf Creek recent

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1 inspection findings. "Based on the recent results of
2 the inspections, the NRC" -- this is -- PROS just came
3 out with this today. Based on the recent results of
4 the inspections, the NRC identified 11 violations. A
5 number of findings" -- well, we won't go into that,
6 but there's a lot of stuff there.

7 The NRC -- and here is a comment by Bob
8 Meyer, who is the head honcho of PROS, "The industry
9 needs to get a grip on poor procedures, procedure
10 backlogs or an event could occur that will halt any
11 nuclear construction in this country."

12 He goes on to list all of the findings of
13 that Wolf Creek event or inspection thing. And he
14 goes on to say, "The procedure exists. The procedure
15 issues exist at every plant out there. The NRC and
16 INPO executives have been informed of the fleet not
17 controlling backlogs and procedures. The numbers of
18 issues point towards an event, a significant event if
19 you did not get procedures backlogs under control."

20 You know, H. B. Robinson basically was an
21 event that, you know, really, there were so many
22 things involved in there, training, equipment
23 problems, simulator fidelity. You know, it's just
24 mind-boggling.

25 But I listen to you guys, you NRC guys,

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1 identify yourselves. All I can think about, your
2 college education, I mean, all the years you -- you
3 know, collectively it's tremendous and all the
4 experience that you have around these plants and stuff
5 like that. You know, I know you guys are really smart
6 and educated and stuff like that. And it's
7 astonishing.

8 And the H. B. Robinson event was, you
9 know, a couple of little more problems than you might
10 have had at the TMI event. Basically this Wolf Creek
11 kind of they went to a shutdown. They got into all
12 sorts of troubles, simulator fidelity problems,
13 procedure problems, problems with the license
14 operators and stuff like that.

15 I mean, hey, there's something going on
16 here. A lot of people recognize it. And that is what
17 I have been trying to do, is to get everybody's
18 attention and stop fiddling around and fix the
19 problems and stuff like that.

20 I mean, I have talked a lot on this 2.206
21 about Vermont Yankee. It's all basically the same
22 thing. And, you know, there's -- typically with all
23 of us, you know, our country sets limit. If you go
24 past the law, there's usually a punishment. There's
25 some sort of activity that is done to us that forces

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1 us to engage the problem. You know, there's a
2 punishment. And then, finally, we get it. Either we
3 pay a terrible price or we recognize that we have been
4 wrong and there is something about what we think of
5 ourselves as wrong. And we realize we have to change
6 ourselves. You know?

7 The way you guys handle it is you get into
8 problems or you get into a set of issues. And then
9 the next thing you do is you think that in order to
10 fix it, you've got to write another rule or you've got
11 to ramp up complexity, you've got to put it into the
12 RCA or to corrective actions, you've got to sit there,
13 write more rules and procedures.

14 You are paper-whipping, I think. You
15 paper whip. You are paper-whipping people with more
16 rules and laws that are generally not enforced. And
17 there's -- you know, there's just not enough.
18 Something is not put in front of you where you sit
19 there and you say, "Wow." You know, something is
20 going on, and I've got to change my ways.

21 And that is what I am trying to get at
22 with Palisades and Vermont Yankee also and stuff.
23 When are we really going to come to our senses? You
24 know, this thing isn't an endeavor to make profits.
25 It's not only that. There's so much riding on this.

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1 Twenty percent of our electricity is
2 produced by nuclear power. If we was to lose
3 confidence in the nuclear industry, it's bad enough in
4 this environment where nobody trusts government. You
5 know, it's mind-boggling the consequences if we lost
6 numerous plans because, you know, we lost confidence
7 and people telling us the truth.

8 We got, you know, potentially the new
9 nukes coming on and stuff like that. And, you know,
10 I tell you right now if the NRC is -- this
11 mealy-mouthed stuff keeps going on and especially
12 reactor construction and if they don't nip it in the
13 bud and if they're not tough, we've going into the
14 1970s all over again. It's going to be the same
15 thing. You're going to go hide behind your closed
16 doors and debate the procedures until it is sickening.
17 They're going to build the plants out.

18 Then you're going to say, "Oh. Well, we"
19 -- then there's going to be a public response. And
20 then the next thing you know, you know, everybody is
21 doing the same thing they did in the '70s, you know,
22 adding on components after the fact and just barely
23 getting the plants online if they're lucky and stuff.

24 So there's a lot of things on the line
25 here. And we've seen -- you know, typically a lot of

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1 these institutional problems, you know, we see them.
2 Before the accident, we consider them walking on
3 water. We consider them -- it's a falsification
4 because if we knew what it really was before the
5 accident what was going on, we would stop it. We
6 would step in there with authority and power. And we
7 would get their attention. And they would change
8 their ways.

9 So like the Gulf of Mexico, you know,
10 beforehand, BP was -- well, we knew in the background
11 a lot of other activities BP was doing. You know,
12 nothing surprised us. But with the Gulf, we thought
13 they were walking on water. They were doing
14 everything right. Most of the public bought that and
15 stuff like that.

16 And the pattern always is after the
17 accident, after the billions of dollars after we pick
18 up the body parts, we discover retroactively that it
19 was a garbage pit and stuff. And this happened at all
20 of our institutional accidents from NASA to Katrina,
21 our economic troubles with Washington and stuff like
22 that.

23 We don't recognize the situation
24 beforehand and turn the direction of the industry.
25 It's a falsification. We don't identify what is going

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1 on, clearly document it, clearly explain what is going
2 on to the public, and give us the opportunity to
3 interact with our environment and stuff like that.

4 And then after the accident, you know,
5 then the Blue Ribbon Commission and all that sort of
6 stuff comes out. And you find out that it was a train
7 wreck before the accident. I mean, it was clear and
8 obvious to everybody a train wreck was coming or, you
9 know, the information kind of tells you they have to
10 know that a train wreck was on the way.

11 Why didn't they stop it? Why aren't they
12 thinking about our country and what is best for all of
13 us? How come? This can't make sense all these kinds
14 of accidents happening and we just let it happen.
15 It's not like they come out of nowhere. We discover
16 after this terrible accident that the system was -- it
17 was a garbage dump.

18 Repetitive things happen over and over
19 again. And the thing that made them finally -- the
20 things finally gave out, you know, gave out before,
21 many times, and had problems. And people just ignored
22 it. But that's the message that I am trying to get
23 across.

24 Again, you know, procedures and rules and
25 federal regulations and congressional intent and stuff

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1 like that, I mean, you can look at these things in two
2 different ways. You can say, "I'm going to use my
3 authority. And I'm going to use the rules and
4 regulation, the tools that the United States needs to
5 be in the United States, the country. And I'm going to
6 use them for a good intent or I'm going to use them
7 for self-interest intent." You know what I'm saying?

8 I mean, just because you're following the
9 rules doesn't say it's right. Just because you're
10 following the procedure doesn't say it's right.

11 We're astonishing, smart people, all of
12 us, and stuff. You know, I've studied a lot about the
13 brain and the stuff that goes on inside our brains and
14 the different levels in our brain that work
15 altogether. They've got specific areas. Then they're
16 all connected holistically and they operate the same
17 kind of -- it's amazing how smart we are and even the
18 stupid ones, the most stupid ones, of us.

19 I'm not making fun of disability or
20 anything like that, but we're astonishing, our ability
21 to do things and set the course right and figure out
22 who we finally are and then do the right thing.

23 You know, I've seen this so many different
24 times. I see the worst. And I also see the
25 astonishing ability that us humans have to be smart,

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1 to figure out the small events that are erupting and
2 to interact with it and make our lives better. What
3 is going on now is -- I don't know what we're doing.
4 We're following the rules.

5 What is that new movie that just came out,
6 The Adjustment Bureau or whatever it is, and stuff
7 like that, where a man and a woman meet each other and
8 they start liking each other and then The Adjustment
9 Bureau doesn't want them to stay together, get to know
10 each other because it will change the course of
11 history.

12 Well, you know -- and then you find out
13 they're just following the rules, right? These guys,
14 these Adjustment Bureau people, saints if you want to
15 call them that, are just following the rules. And
16 nobody knows why they are following the rules. And,
17 you know, they're happy following the rules but why?
18 To what end and stuff? And, you know, we follow the
19 rules to make our lives better. And we have to start
20 thinking about that, the rules, regulations,
21 procedures, and stuff.

22 We're better than what this shows, what
23 the stuff with Palisades shows and Vermont Yankee and
24 Entergy and H. B. Robinson. I mean, I don't know.
25 With everybody's education and stuff, we're better

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1 than what is going on here in the nuclear industry.

2 And we've got so much consequences up in
3 front of us if we don't screw our heads on right.
4 We're either losing our fleet now or having an energy
5 problem. And when it gets deep enough that we have to
6 -- a false sense in the nuclear industry more that
7 we're not going to be prepared. We're not going to
8 have the credibility to do what is in our national
9 interest.

10 You know, people call me anti-nuke and
11 stuff like that, but, you know, I am an anti-nuke.
12 Sometimes I'm the best and the most pro-nuclear person
13 in the United States because I am just trying to do
14 what is right and bring attention to what is going on
15 here.

16 And to figure out -- you know, Entergy has
17 to kind of figure out what is going on with all of
18 these plants. They have to be forthright about it and
19 explain to us what is going on so we all have a role
20 and a fix on what is going on and stuff.

21 You know, we live in the United States.
22 We are an open democracy. We are supposed to not be
23 hidden behind barriers. What makes our country great,
24 one thing is our Constitution. And that allows us to
25 see what is going on in the government. And I think

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1 that is a way of life.

2 You know, we are not supposed to be hidden
3 by corporate secrecy and individual secrecy. What
4 makes our nation great is everybody can see what is
5 going on. I know we are kind of a little bit bound,
6 but I'm telling you that is what is beautiful about
7 the United States is transparency, being able to see
8 everything, being involved in our nation and every
9 component of it, our energy and stuff.

10 And a lot of this stuff seems to be more
11 and more from us, and we can't see what is going on.
12 And we can't help you guys if we can't see what is
13 going on. We can't help you guys straighten out.

14 And I think that is part of the role of
15 being in the United States, that, you know, you have
16 private enterprise and we get to see what is going on.
17 And we kind of make a decision on the direction of our
18 nation and stuff. And, you know, I worry about that
19 we can't see what is going on anymore.

20 And, you know, I have done this 2.206
21 business so many times. You know what my big problem
22 is. I don't have access to the real facts. Sometimes
23 I hear it from employees. Most of the times I read
24 the inspection report and stuff like that.

25 But I know I am only getting five percent

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1 of the world as far as I worked in the industry. I
2 know more than most, you know, what the 95 percent of
3 the stuff that is going on that is not reported and
4 stuff like that. I know that. And I'm sure the NRC
5 knows that they are only getting a view of five
6 percent of the utilities world. I know that it is
7 just too complicated.

8 And I want everybody to be aware we don't
9 have a perfect vision of what is going on in the
10 Palisades plant. And that worries me because I think
11 if we knew what was going on, number one, Entergy
12 would behave better.

13 Number two, if we knew what was going on,
14 we would make them straighten out not because we hate
15 them or we're punishing them or they're on them but
16 because we all want to be -- we all want to belong to
17 a country and we all want to be doing better and doing
18 well. I mean, that is my vision of the United States.

19 So, you know, I never -- you know, the
20 VT-2 bothers me particularly with this, the VT-2.
21 Your last inspection report, you had a VT-2
22 inspection. They didn't do the inspection according
23 to ASME. That is the visual inspection on the reactor
24 vessel or the control rod drive mechanisms. And then
25 the next inspection report, they're having procedure

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1 problems on the VT-2.

2 You know, like I said, most plants take
3 pictures of all of this. And so, you know, you have
4 got a visual representation of what is going on.

5 I didn't read it. Like I told you, I've
6 seen at other plants they take pictures. And I'm
7 surprised that with Palisades, they're not taking
8 pictures of the inspection of the core, stuff like
9 that.

10 You know, there's a feeling I have that if
11 you -- like me. I live my personal life. I'm pretty
12 transparent. You know, I explain what's going on.
13 I'll tell you the stupid things I'm doing and stuff.
14 You know, I think that's a better way to live.

15 And then people give me feedback and stuff
16 like that or they do. And some of it I fling over my
17 shoulder. Other stuff I listen to it. I think that's
18 the best way to be is to be open and honest and
19 interact with everybody, listen to everybody's point
20 of view, plus and minus, and take a ton of that.

21 You know, hiding, even if hiding is
22 according to the rules, I don't think that's good for
23 us. I think that allows us to do things that we
24 wouldn't normally do if people could see us. If we
25 had the idea that, "Oh, the whole community is going

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1 to be watching me doing this VT-2 inspection, I'll
2 damn well get it straight. I damn well will get it
3 straight and look at the procedures and know my stuff
4 before I get out there and make an idiot of myself."

5 I just think this sense of secrecy for a
6 host of reasons and stuff like that, you know, some of
7 it is good, but I think it's gone so far overboard
8 nobody can see what is going on. And I think that is
9 the problem, a lot of the problem.

10 My wish is that everybody would come to
11 their senses, especially the NRC. We think that they
12 are criticized because of -- they're an independent
13 agency. In other words, they ain't worried about the
14 President. They are worried about a couple of
15 congressmen flailing around in the media and a couple
16 of House members holding up their budgets and
17 intimidating NRC commissioners. We think that the
18 framework makes the NRC more beholding to these
19 pipsqueak senators and House of Representatives people
20 than if they were if they were under the Executive
21 Branch.

22 So, you know, I think that the framework
23 of an independent agency -- you know, that was all
24 made during another era. And it was a dirty era. And
25 I think we would be better honestly if the agency was

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1 under the Executive Branch.

2 So I'm hoping everybody comes to their
3 senses, Entergy and the NRC, and, you know, hope for
4 that day that everybody would come to their senses and
5 we would have something out there that we would all be
6 proud of. We would all say, you know, "We did it" or
7 "We came back from so far. And we were so deep in the
8 hole. And we came back such a long distance. And
9 we're so strong now."

10 So, anyways, I thank you very much for
11 giving me this opportunity. I hope you listen to me.
12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN QUAY: Okay. At this time does
14 anyone here at headquarters have any questions for Mr.
15 Mulligan?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN QUAY: Does any of the
18 headquarters staff on the phone have any questions for
19 Mr. Mulligan?

20 MR. GARRY: No, Steve Garry does not.

21 CHAIRMAN QUAY: Okay. What about the
22 region? Does the region have any questions for Mr.
23 Mulligan?

24 MR. GIESSNER: Jack Giessner. No
25 questions from the region at this time.

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1 CHAIRMAN QUAY: Okay. Before I conclude
2 the meeting, members of the public may provide
3 comments regarding the petition and ask questions
4 about the 2.206 process. However, as stated at the
5 opening, the purpose of this meeting is not to provide
6 an opportunity for the petitioner or the public to
7 question or examine the Petition Review Board
8 regarding the merits of the petition request.

9 Is there any member of the public that
10 wishes to make a comment?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN QUAY: I don't think any were
13 identified, but I heard some beeps. I don't know if
14 someone got on.

15 Okay. Mr. Mulligan, thank you for taking
16 time to provide the NRC staff with clarifying
17 information on the petition you have submitted.

18 Before we close, does the Court Reporter
19 need any additional information for the meeting
20 transcript?

21 THE REPORTER: Hi. This is the Court
22 Reporter. I just want to provide Mr. Chawla with my
23 e-mail address so he can send me a list of the
24 participants.

25 MR. CHAWLA: Okay. Please. I will go

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1 ahead and write it down.

2 THE REPORTER: Okay. My e-mail address is
3 kjgamin@gmail.com.

4 MR. CHAWLA: Okay. Let me just repeat
5 it.. Kjgamin@gmail.com?

6 THE REPORTER: That's right.

7 MR. CHAWLA: Okay. I will provide you the
8 list of the people, participants here.

9 THE REPORTER: Thank you.

10 MR. CHAWLA: Okay. Thanks.

11 CHAIRMAN QUAY: With that, then, this
12 meeting is concluded. And we will be terminating the
13 phone connection.

14 MR. MULLIGAN: Thank you very much.

15 CHAIRMAN QUAY: Thank you.

16 (Whereupon, the foregoing matter was
17 concluded at 1:37 p.m.)

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