

To: ASLB and parties in Diablo Canyon license renewal proceeding, Levy Units 1 and 2 combined license proceeding, Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility operating license proceeding, and Watts Bar Unit 2 operating license proceeding

CC: Service List From: Diane Curran

Re: Letter to Commissioners regarding Public Participation Regulations

Date: February 26, 2013

## Dear ASLBs and parties:

Attached please find a letter I wrote at the request of the NRC Commissioners, evaluating the NRC's procedures for evaluating standing and admissibility of contentions and appealing decisions on standing and admissibility of contentions. My comments are mine alone and I do not make them on behalf of any of my clients.

I am sending you a copy of the letter because my comments are based in part on my current experience in NRC licensing cases and I wish to avoid any appearance of an *ex parte* contact.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed by Diane Curran

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