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To put the whole appeal review in context, I plan to offer the paragraph below for consideration by the attorneys as part of my testimony. I'd appreciate your opinion on whether or not you think it would add value. Also, I need help in filling in the blanks for numbers related to op/written test appeals. Do we have this information available?

Q.10. How does Ms. Smith's case compare to other examples of waivers/operating tests/informal reviews/grading?

A.10. As mentioned in the answer to Q9, the administrative review of Ms. Smith's simulator test was conducted in a manner similar to that in response to a McGuire Nuclear Station applicant's request in 2000. The outcome of both cases was essentially the same. It should be noted that requests for administrative reviews of simulator tests are not common. Since the McGuire case in 2000, there have been ## additional requests for reviews of simulator tests. In ## of these cases, the original results were sustained. A possible reason for the low number of simulator test appeals is the relatively low number of applicants that fail this portion of the operator licensing examination. The Staff's data for the past ten years indicates that nationally, the Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) operating test pass rate has been between 94% and 99% and the Reactor Operator (RO) operating test pass rate has been between 96% and 100%. This operating test data encompasses both the simulator and Job Performance Measure (JPM) portions of the operating test. The Staff's experience is that the majority, approximately ##%, of operating test failures occur as a result of the JPM portion of the test. This data suggests that based on licensing approximately 300-400 new operators per year, only a handful (perhaps # - #) of applicant's fail the simulator portion of the examination in a given year.

The vast majority of requests for administrative reviews are related to the written portion of the examination. In the past 10 years, the staff has conducted approximately ## administrative reviews of written examinations. The original examination results were sustained in approximately ##% of those cases.