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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM FOR:

William J. Dircks, Executive Director for Operations

Paul B. Cotter, Jr., Chairman, ASLBP Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

FROM:

SUBJECT:

COMJH-81-2 - HEARING SCHEDULES

In the course of its review of the licensing process, the Commission has discussed a number of possible "model" or "prototype" hearing schedules. The thought was that a model hearing schedule would be used by the staff in scheduling reviews for future cases in which boards have not set specific schedules, and would provide general and nonbinding guidance to boards in setting those specific schedules.

The Commission has concluded that it need not provide such detailed guidance as a model hearing schedule to the staff and boards, since boards would need to adjust the schedules for specific cases to fit those cases in any event.

Instead, the Commission directs that the boards should attempt where possible to set hearing schedules so that the board initial decision would issue within 300 days of the issuance of the final staff safety evaluation report supplement, or final environmental statement or supplement thereto, whichever is later.

The staff is directed to use the 300-day period as a reference hearing process period for scheduling reviews for cases where boards have not yet set specific schedules.

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