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| 17 | A PREHEARING TELEPHONE CONFERENCE in the above |
| 18 | entitled matter commenced at 2:05 p.m., pursuant to |
| 19 | notice. |
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| 21 | Before Administrative Law Judges: |
| 22 | Ivan W. Smith, Chairman |
| 23 | Dr. Richard F. Cole |
| 24 | Dr. Charles N. Kelber |
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PROCEEDINGS 1 JUDGE SMITH: Judge Cole has been delayed. He'll 3 join us later. Judge Kelber is present. We will proceed. 4 This being transcribed. The reporter is here in the office making a verbatim transcription of the prehearing 6 conference. First, I want to review what we did on January 8 18th. The parties agreed in advance that we could hold an 9 informal telephone conference, not transcribed, to discuss various preliminary matters. And, in fact, on January 18th 11 we did do that. And at that conference everyone agreed to today's conference, which it was understood would be formal 12 13 and transcribed. 14 I recommended to Mr. Rosenbaum that he study the discovery rules. Mr. Rosenbaum, I see today that you had already been familiar with Section 7 2.7, you cited it 16 within your letter requesting a hearing. 17 18 And the staff and Mr. Rosenbaum agreed to submit a schedule, a proposed schedule. Is that essentially complete, Ms. Marco and Mr. Rosenbaum? MS. MARCO: We filed, your Honor. JUDGE SMITH: Yes. I mean, is my recitation of 22 23 what happened on January 18th --24 MS. MARCO: Yes. 25 JUDGE SMITH: -- consistent with your memory, Mr.

| 1 | Rosenbaum? |
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| 2 | MR. ROSENBAUM: Yes. |
| - 3 | JUDGE SMITH: And Ms. Marco? |
| 4 | MS. MARCO: Yes, that's correct. |
| 5 | JUDGE SMITH: All right. As Ms. Marco indicated, |
| 6 | we did, yesterday, receive a proposed schedule. And we |
| 7 | noted that there still is a void however, because we still |
| 8 | need an agreed upon statement or an ordered statement of the |
| 9 | issue or issues that have to be approved for discovery. |
| 10 | It seems that the issues, as far as I can see, as |
| 11 | far as the facts are concerned, it may be rather simple. |
| 12 | Mr. Marco wishes to enlarge them, or as he says, enlarge |
| 13 | them. I'm reading his letter of December 17th, 1993. |
| 14 | JUDGE KELBER: Is that Mr. Rosenbaum's letter? |
| 15 | JUDGE SMITH: Yes, Mr. Rosenbaum's letter |
| 16 | requesting a hearing. He says he demands the right to |
| 17 | broaden the scope of the issues to be considered at the |
| 18 | hearing. And to include distorted or omitted scope of |
| 19 | facts, thereby inducing the Commission to charge him with |
| 20 | the violations. |
| 21 | I don't know if you talked to Ms. Marco about that |
| 22 | or not, but my first offhand impression is that you are not |
| 23 | really seeking to enlarge the scope of the issues, these are |
| 24 | what you regard as being sub-issues within the broader issue |
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25 of violation I.A. and I.B. Would that be essentially

1 correct?

MR. ROSENBAUM: I apologize for having to ask you

- 3 to repeat that, Judge.
- 4 JUDGE SMITH: Okay. I'm pointing out the fact
- 5 that you said that you demand the right to broaden the scope
- 6 of the issues to be considered at the hearing.
- 7 MR. ROSENBAUM: Yes.
- 8 JUDGE SMITH: And, specifically, you stated that
- 9 you wished to include distorted or omitted facts, thereby
- 10 inducing the Commission to charge Licensee with violation
- 11 I.A. and I.B. of the Notice of Violation.
- 12 MR. ROSENBAUM: Yes.
- 13 JUDGE SMITH: And you also wished the issues to
- 14 include whether malice toward Licensee was a factor
- 15 influencing the Commission's decision to declare Licensee as
- 16 having been in violation of its requirements. Now my
- 17 observation is this.
- 18 First, I have no authority to broaden issues in a
- 19 proceeding. The Board is limited to the issues that were
- 20 announced in the Notice of Violation. We cannot broaden
- 21 them. However, as I understand your point, you are not
- 22 seeking to broaden the overall issue, you believe that these
- 23 other items are sub-issues within the major issue, and that
- is, were you in violation and what should be the penalty?
- MR. ROSENBAUM: That is correct, your Honor.

JUDGE SMITH: All right. Would the parties agree 1 that his statement of the sub-issues is appropriate for the 2 3 proceeding? MS. MARCO: Well, I would object, on behalf of the 4 staff, to the inclusion of any issues that relate to motive 5 of the staff, or any broadening that would induce the 6 7 Commission to, as he says, change the charge to the Licensee 8 with those violations in any way, as far as that's concerned, as it is an issue. 9 The staff would just want whether it's the facts 10 in the order as it's stated are true and whether the remedy 11 2 is supported by the facts. MR. ROSENBAUM: Well, the decision is not made in 14 a vacuum. Your decision was predicated upon various inputs 15 by various people. You cannot say that there is just a single defined issue and leave it at that. That's not black 16 and white. 17 18 JUDGE SMITH: Well, we'll have to take that under 19 advisement. There are two aspects, Ms. Marco. One is did the events unfold as you allege? And two is, should the penalty be sustained as you have charged? And the Board will have to take this up to determine whether under the 22 later issue, the penalty should be sustained or enforced, or 23 24 reduced. We can take into account distorted or omitted

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facts.

| 1 | It seems to me that if the facts in the Notice of |
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| 2 | Violation are not as stated, or distorted, he will have a |
| 3 | right to produce that. If he could prove there is malice |
| 4 | toward the Licensee as a factor influencing the violation, I |
| 5 | can't see why that isn't relevant either. But the Board |
| 6 | will have to take that up. I take it that this has not been |
| 7 | discussed before? |
| 8 | MR. ROSENBAUM: It has not, your Honor. As a |
| 9 | matter of fact, your Honor, there has been no discussions at |
| 10 | all. |
| 11 | JUDGE SMITH: Except for the scheduling? |
| 12 | MR. ROSENBAUM: Yes. |
| 13 | MS. MARCO: Your Honor, we did have a discussion |
| 14 | as it relates to settlement, but I don't want to get into |
| 15 | that because I don't feel that the contents of that |
| 16 | discussion is appropriate here. |
| 17 | JUDGE SMITH: So you have nothing to say about the |
| 18 | sub-issues that I have described, other than you don't think |
| 19 | they are appropriate, or do you? |
| 20 | MS. MARCO: No, your Honor, we feel that malice is |
| 21 | not an appropriate issue here. |
| 22 | JUDGE SMITH: Malice alone? Is that the only sub- |
| 23 | issue you think is not appropriate? |
| 24 | MS. MARCO: Well, if he is challenging directly |
| 25 | the facts, if he means he would like to broaden those issues |
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as to whether the facts are correct, that is appropriate, as 1 stated in the Order. 7 JUDGE SMITH: But you believe the issue of malice 4 MS. MARCO: That is correct. JUDGE SMITH: -- is not appropriate? 6 MS. MARCO: Right. R JUDGE SMITH: We will have to take that up. I might say, Mr. Rosenbaum, if we find that malice is an 9 appropriate sub-issue, you will have, in all likelihood, the 10 burden of establishing it. I'm sure you realize now that 12 the staff has the burden of proving that the civil penalty was imposed properly and should be sustained. 13 14 But for you to have a defense that it was issued as a matter of malice, that will be, in my curbstone opinion 16 right now, a burden that you would have to carry. 17 MR. ROSENBAUM: I appreciate your comments, your 18 Honor. I would simply add that the one issue of malice is 19 just one of several issues that come into play in the 20 decision of the NRC to escalate the fine 250 percent. Malice, in and of itself, is not the only factor 21 22 that ruled in the decision to escalate 250 percent. I think, in and of itself, a 250 percent escalation is not at 23 all commensurate with the allegations that staff has made. 24 And I am prepared to provide a case of that. Malice is just 25

- 1 one of several.
- JUDGE SMITH: Sometimes it's not easy to
- 3 distinguish between what would be a sub-issue that should be
- 4 stated up front at the very beginning, as compared to what
- 5 is an evidentiary consideration on the issues that are
- 6 involved in the proceeding to begin with. Do you understand
- 7 my point?
- 8 MR. ROSENBAUM: No, I don't, your Honor.
- 9 JUDGE SMITH: Well, it could very well be that we
- 10 would approve for discovery the simple issue as to whather
- 11 the facts are as alleged, and whether the penalty is
- 12 appropriate, and whether it should be sustained, and leave
- 13 to evidence the rest of the consideration, including malice.
- 14 But as a matter of discretion, I think it is
- 15 better up front for the Board here, and for the parties, to
- 16 understand to the extent possible, just what is going to be
- 17 happening during discovery. I think that it would probably
- 18 be better for us to decide whether malice is appropriate or
- 19 not. And, of course, we have to do that in a vacuum,
- 20 because we have no idea what your facts are.
- 21 MR. ROSENBAUM: Of course.
- JUDGE SMITH: We'll just have to decide how that
- 23 fits in. Does anybody want to be heard further on the issue
- 24 of malice?
- MS. MARCO: No.

| 1 | JUDGE SMITH: All right. I notice that one of the |
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| 2 | charges was that the information Cameo provided was not |
| 3 | complete and accurate. But right now the Notice of |
| 4 | Violation does not, as far as I could find, say what |
| 5 | information was provided that failed to be complete and |
| 6 | accurate. Could you help me on that, Ms. Marco? |
| 7 | MS. MARCO: Your Honor, I believe you are looking |
| 8 | at Violation I.A? |
| 9 | JUDGE SMITH: I.B. |
| 10 | MS. MARCO: I.B. |
| 11 | JUDGE SMITH: Right. |
| 12 | MS. MARCO. That the information pertaining to the |
| 13 | activities at the new address was not completely disclosed |
| 14 | to the staff? |
| 15 | JUDGE SMITH: Right. The regulation and the |
| 16 | Violation I.A. states that 10 C.F.R. 30.9 (a) requires in |
| 17 | part that information provided to the Commission by a |
| 18 | licensee be complete and accurate in all material respects. |
| 19 | Now, with respect to the word, "information," in that |
| 20 | regulation and in your charge, what information are you |
| 21 | referring to? |
| 22 | MS. MARCO: That would be the willful failure to |
| 23 | inform the NRC of such use of licensed material at the new |
| 24 | location even though he was repeatedly informed in telephone |
| 25 | conversations or through letters that the location was |

- 1 prohibited. JUDGE SMITH: So, are you saying that there was no information? 3 MS. MARCO: Coming from him. 4 JUDGE SMITH: Right. Zero information? 6 MS. MARCO: That is correct. JUDGE SMITH: Well, it may that this issue may be one that would be suitable for a preliminary determination 8 9 by the Board as to whether the regulation can be interpreted in the way that you have, Ms. Marco. 11 I don't know how you would discover this. I mean, 12 you are alleging a total void of information, and I don't know how it could be discovered. Do you agree that you did 13 not provide information, Mr. Rosenbaum? 14 MR. ROSENBAUM: No, Sir, your Honor. I provided information before I moved. The NRC staff was well aware 16 that I was going to move. They, indeed, approved a diagram 18 of the plans for the new office. They were well aware.
- And, in fact, the only way NRC became aware that I had moved is when I told them. I volunteered the
- 21 information. They didn't find out in a vacuum. They were
- 22 told.
- JUDGE SMITH: Right now I want to deal with Ms.
- 24 Marco's theory of the case, that you, having failed I guess
- 25 formally, to provide any information, that somehow the

- 1 information provided was incomplete. A conundrum is what we
- 2 have here. It may be that this aspect of it can be decided
- 3 as a matter of interpretation of the regulation at the
- 4 beginning.
- 5 MS. MARCO: Your Honor, it is the use of the
- 6 material. It's the use of the material at the location is
- 7 the issue.
- B JUDGE SMITH: That's the issue in I.A.
- 9 MS. MARCO: He used and did not tell us, in I.B.
- JUDGE SMITH: In I.B, I understand that. But I
- 11 also understand what the regulation says. And it says that
- 12 the information provided to the Commission must be complete
- 13 and accurate. And you are alleging that no information was
- 14 submitted, as contrasted with submitting information which
- 15 was not complete and not accurate.
- MS. MARCO: Well, as in information that was an
- 17 omission? Is that what you are referring to?
- JUDGE SMITH: I am trying to, for the purpose of
- 19 identifying the issue for discovery, understand what you
- 20 mean by the first paragraph in I.B. And you previously
- 21 explained to me that the information referred to in that
- 22 paragraph, which is paraphrased from the regulation, means
- 23 that no information whatever was provided.
- MS. MARCO: That is correct.
- MS. MARCO: All right.

| 1 | MS. MARCO: Regarding the use, yes. |
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| 2 | JUDGE SMITH: Then I suggest that this aspect of |
| 3 | the proceeding can be resolved at the threshold by us |
| 4 | determining whether that is what the rule anticipates. I |
| 5 | suggest that a normal reading of the rule suggests that he |
| 6 | has to provide some information, which information is not |
| 7 | complete and not accurate before that rule would apply. I |
| 8 | don't know. I'm saying at the threshold we can think about |
| 9 | that, decide or rule on it. |
| 10 | MS. MARCO: Okay. |
| 11 | JUDGE SMITH: We'll go off the record for a |
| 12 | moment. |
| 13 | (Off the record.) |
| 14 | JUDGE SMITH: Is Mr. Rosenbaum there? |
| 15 | MR. ROSENBAUM: Yes, Sir. |
| 16 | JUDGE SMITH: And Ms. Marco? |
| 17 | MS. MARCO: Yes. |
| 18 | JUDGE SMITH: Judge Kelber and I, when we were off |
| 19 | the record, decided that we think perhaps you do not |
| 20 | understand my question about I.B., Ms. Marco. |
| 21 | MS. MARCO: Okay. |
| 22 | JUDGE SMITH: I read this, up front, without the |
| 23 | benefit of argument, but I read it as saying that you are |
| 24 | charging him with providing information. And that |
| 25 | information is incomplete and inaccurate. But when I query |

1 you about it, you say, "He did not give us any information." Now, as an aside, Mr. Rosenbaum says that he did give you 3 information. But right now I wish to establish the exact nature 4 of the charge against him, and whether it is in violation of 5 6 the regulation that you charge? MS. MARCO: Okay. I believe that issue would be 8 whether the failure to provide material information can be a violation of 30.9. 9 JUDGE SMITH: That's right. 11 MS. MARCO: Right. 12 JUDGE SMITH: The failure to provide material information, can it be a violation of 30.9? 13 MS. MARCO: Right. 14 15 JUDGE SMITH: And you say that it can be? MS. MARCO: Yes. 16 JUDGE SMITH: And I'm saying that there is some 18 possibility, as I read the simple language " that, that 19 some information must preliminarily be pro used, and that 20 that information must be inaccurate or incomplete before you 21 have a charge. And I think we can resolve that without 22 facts or without discovery. That's my point right here. 23 MS. MARCO: I see. JUDG SMITH: Ho . do you propose we go about 24

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resolving that?

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- 15 MS. MARCO: Your Honor, I'd be willing to brief 1 2 that issue. 3 JUDGE SMITH: All right. Let's do that. I don't 4 believe that that requires discovery in any event, so we could proceed with discovery while that issue is being briefed. Could you have a brief on that within 10 days, Ms. 6 Marco? MS. MARCO: That would be fine. 8 JUDGE SMITH: And then we will allow Mr. Rosenbaum 9 to answer it. Now, the issue here, Mr. Rosenbaum, is, I suppose, pretty much a lawyer's issue. You do have a right 11 to be charged in accordance with the terms of the regulation 12 that they are asserting. And now we want to know, we want to decide up front, whether that regulation applies in a 14 15 situation, as they allege, that you didn't sobmit any 16 information, apparently in the correct way. I don't know. But she is going to brief that, and you have a chance to 18 respond to it. MR. ROSENBAUM: What does that mean, that she is 19
- 20 going to brief that?
- 21 JUDGE SMITH: She is going to submit a brief to us 22 saying why she believes that Section 10 C.F.R.
- 30.9 (a) includes a total failure to provide information, as 23 compared with providing information which is incomplete and

inaccurate.

| 1 | MR. ROSENBAUM: Uh-huh. |
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| 2 | JUDGE SMITH: Do you understand? |
| 3 | MR. ROSENBAUM: I think I do. |
| 4 | JUDGE SMITH: Okay. |
| 5 | JUDGE KELBER: Why don't you explain what a brief |
| 6 | is? |
| 7 | JUDGE SMITH: A brief will simply be a legal |
| В | argument on this point. |
| 9 | MR. ROSENBAUM: Okay. And I have to respond to |
| 10 | that. |
| 11 | JUDGE SMITH: Yes. You can respond any way you |
| 12 | want to. And one of your responses can be that it is moot |
| 13 | because you did provids information. I don't know, it's up |
| 14 | to you. I can't help you too much. But you have a right to |
| 15 | determine that the facts alleged against you are in |
| 16 | violation of the regulation as charged. And we're going to |
| 17 | put that up front. |
| 18 | MS. MARCO: Actually, your Honor, can I ask for |
| 19 | February 15th on that, instead of the 10th? |
| 20 | JUDGE SMITH: That's fine. |
| 21 | MS. MARCO: Okay. |
| 22 | JUDGE SMITH: So your answer will be due February |
| 23 | 15th. |
| 24 | MS. MARCO: That's a Tuesday. |
| 25 | JUDGE SMITH: And, Mr. Rosenbaum, we'll have yours |

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| 1 | due two weeks after that? |
| 2 | MR. ROSENBAUM: Oh, sure. Make it a week after |
| 3 | that. |
| 4 | JUDGE SMITH: Well, you better take the time that |
| 5 | is offered you. |
| 6 | MR. ROSENBAUM: I take it. I take it. |
| 7 | JUDGE SMITH: Now, when we talk about time limits |
| 8 | with respect to you, that means that it has to be mailed on |
| 9 | the date that it was due. |
| 10 | MS. MARCO: That would be March 1st. |
| 11 | JUDGE SMITH: March 1st, yes. |
| 1.2 | MR. ROSENBAUM: Now, in my reply, do I include any |
| 13 | evidence of any kind, or is it just strictly verbal? |
| 14 | JUDGE SMITH: I can't go so far as to tell you |
| 15 | exactly how you should reply. I want you to understand that |
| 16 | the first thing we're looking at is purely a legal issue. |
| 17 | MR. ROSENBAUM: Okay. |
| 18 | JUDGE SMITH: But a legal issue can be resolved on |
| 19 | the matter of mootness, right? |
| 20 | MR. ROSENBAUM: Okay. |
| 21 | JUDGE SMITH: Did you understand that point? |

24 matter MR. ROSENBAUM: Right you are. I got it. 25

MR. ROSENBAUM: Oh, yeah.

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JUDGE SMITH: And mootness could be a factual

| 1 | JUDGE SMITH: All right. We'll move on now to the |
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| 2 | schedule itself. I see you have provided 90 days in the |
| 3 | agreed upon schedule I'll put the schedule in the |
| 4 | transcript of this conference but 90 days for discovery. |
| 5 | It seems to me that the basic fact as to whether he moved |
| 6 | down the street is not in dispute. Given that, I don't |
| 7 | understand how you need 90 days to discover the sub-issues? |
| 8 | MS. MARCO: Your Honor, the staff doesn't really |
| 9 | need all that much time, but this is what we agreed upon, |
| 10 | and we were being accommodating to the Licensee on it. |
| 11 | JUDGE SMITH: Let's do it right now. At the |
| 12 | conclusion of this conference, the parties are now directed |
| 13 | to consult for the purpose of stipulating as many of the |
| 14 | facts as you can. And you should only have discovery on |
| 15 | matters of fact that are really in dispute. |
| 16 | So we'll leave the 90 days then, but you will, in |
| 17 | a reasonably short period of time following this conference, |
| 18 | get together and talk about the facts that can be |
| 19 | stipulated. |
| 20 | MR. ROSENBAUM: Ms. Marco and myself, you mean? |
| 21 | JUDGE SMITH: Yes. And you are required to do |
| 22 | that. You are required to make a good faith effort. You |
| 23 | are not required to stipulate. You are required to make the |
| 24 | effort. Similarly, you put 30 days in the Summary |
| 25 | Disposition aspect of it rather than 20, and I do get the |

| 1 | impression that this is a rather leisurely schedule too. |
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| 2 | MS. MARCO: That's for the same reason. |
| 3 | JUDGE SMITH: You wanted that. All right. |
| 4 | MS. MARCO: We could go faster but we decided on |
| 5 | this jointly. |
| 6 | JUDGE SMITH: All right. |
| 7 | MR. ROSENBAUM: But I'd be pleased to accelerate |
| 8 | it, your Honor. I am not very strong about maintaining the |
| 9 | schedule that was submitted to you. |
| 10 | JUDGE SMITH: Normally we like to have proceedings |
| 11 | move along at a pretty good pace. But in this case the |
| 12 | staff is trying to get money from you, and if they are |
| 13 | willing to allow you a relaxed period of time to make your |
| 14 | case, and you want it, I don't see why we should interfere |
| 15 | with it. |
| 16 | MR. ROSENBAUM: I do appreciate that. |
| 17 | JUDGE SMITH: I ask you, Mr. Rosenbaum, to be |
| 18 | familiar with the discovery rules, and you had already |
| 19 | indicated that you were aware of 2.720, the provisions for |
| 20 | subpoena. As you begin discovery, it is the responsibility |
| 21 | of the parties in discovery and this is for Mr. |
| 22 | Rosenbaum's benefit to not only get information, gather |
| 23 | information, but also to reveal information about the theory |
| 24 | of your case. |

So, for example, if the NRC staff should ask you a

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1 question about your case, about what you believe or about 2 what the facts are in your view, you should tot respond, well, you already have that information, if the purpose of 3 4 the inquiry is to find out what you believe the facts are. Do you understand that, Sir? 6 MR. ROSENBAUM: I'm afraid I don't, your Honor. 7 JUDGE SMITH: All right. Well, very often I see 8 in NRC proceedings somebody representing themselves often who will respond to a staff interrogatory by saying, well, 9 you already have this information, don't bother me. When 11 the real purpose of the interrogatory is not to gather information but to find what the adversary's position on 13 that issue is. 14 MR. ROSENBAUM: I see. JUDGE SMITH: And you will be required to reveal your position on the issues, factual issues. 16 17 MR. ROSENBAUM: Okay. 18 JUDGE SMITH: So that response that they already 1.9 know may be appropriate, if in fast they do already know a discrete fact. But you should read interrogatories or other 21 inquiries in the light of the fact that they often want to know what your views of the facts and the circumstances are. 22 23 MR. ROSENBAUM: I understand. Thank you very 24 mu zh.

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JUDGE SMITH: I suppose by now you are aware that

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| 1 | 2.720 makes it you have a special burden in justifying |
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| 2 | subpoenas for NRC staff witnesses? |
| 3 | MR. ROSENBAUM: Understood. |
| 4 | JUDGE SMITH: And it names commissioners there in |
| 5 | particular. So if it is your intention to subpoena people |
| 6 | by name, you will have to meet that requirement. |
| 7 | MR. ROSENBAUM: That's 2.720? |
| 8 | JUDGE SMITH: That's right. To be more |
| 9 | particular, it's |
| 10 | MR. ROSENBAUM: "H one?" |
| 11 | JUDGE SMITH: It's got a lot of "h's" and "ones" |
| 1.2 | and so forth in it. It's 2.720 (h) (2) and lower roman |
| 13 | numeral one. And it says, "Attendance and testimony of the |
| 14 | commissioners and named NRC personnel at a hearing or on |
| 15 | deposition may not be required by the presiding officer" |
| 16 | that's us "by subpoena or otherwise. Provided that the |
| 17 | presiding officer may upon a showing of exceptional |
| 18 | circumstances, such as a case in which a particular named |
| 19 | NRC employee has direct personal knowledge of a material |
| 20 | fact not known to the witnesses made available by the |
| 21 | executive director for Operations, require the attendance |
| 22 | and testimony of named NRC personnel." And so if you wish |
| 23 | to subpoena named NRC people, you have to justify that. |
| 24 | MR. ROSENBAUM: That's reasonable. |
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JUDGE SMITH: Normally discovery against a staff

is on a somewhat different basis than discovery against other parties to an adjudication or a proceeding, because a 2 staff is under a continuing responsibility to reveal their 3 4 business and their information without it being demanded. MR. ROSENBAUM: How is the information made 6 available to me? JUDGE SMITH: Well, I think that you should, right 8 off the bat, just tell them what you want, and they will doubtlessly give it to you without going through formal 9 discovery. They have in the past. And then if they don't give it to you voluntarily, you can ask the Board to enforce 11 12 compulsory discovery measures. MR. ROSENBAUM: That's reasonable. JUDGE SMITH: The staff has traditionally, and 14 15 these lawyers involved today, are not people who would try 16 to sand bag you, or withhold information. I'm sure that 17 they will be quite free in providing the information you need. I have nothing further. Do you have any questions, Mr. Rosenbaum? 19 MR. ROSENBAUM: My mind is going round, and round, and round. I don't have any clear thoughts or any clear 21 questions to ask. Thank you. 23 JUDGE SMITH: Discovery is a complicated matter.

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And when you make formal discovery requests, I urge you to

very, very carefully study those discovery rules. It will

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| 1 | save you a lot of effort and anguish, if you do that. |
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| 2 | MR. ROSENBAUM: I appreciate your comments, Sir |
| 3 | JUDGE SMITH: Do you have anything further, Ms. |
| 4 | Marco? |
| 5 | MS. MARCO: No, I don't. |
| 6 | JUDGE SMITH: All right. If there is nothing |
| 7 | further, we'll adjourn. And thank you for joining us. |
| 8 | MR. ROSENBAUM: Thank you, your Honor. |
| 9 | MS. MARCO: Thank you. |
| 10 | (Whereupon, at 2:40 p.m., the prehearing |
| 1.1 | conference was concluded.) |
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