

Case No. 20-70899

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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PUBLIC WATCHDOGS,  
*Petitioner,*

v.

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION,  
*Respondent,*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY,  
*Intervenor-Pending.*

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On Petition for Review of an Order of  
the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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**UNOPPOSED MOTION TO INCLUDE  
THE UNITED STATES AS A RESPONDENT ON CASE DOCKET**

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Respondent U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requests that this Court include the United States as a respondent on the case docket in this matter:

1. Under the Hobbs Act, petitioner Public Watchdogs seeks review of a final order by the NRC declining to grant petitioner's request, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.206, that the NRC suspend spent fuel transfer operations at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2342.

2. The Petition for Review filed in this matter does not name the United States as a respondent, but under the Hobbs Act, a challenge to a final order of the NRC is “against the United States.” 28 U.S.C. § 2344. Under the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, “even though not named in the petition, the United States is a respondent if required by statute.” Fed. R. App. P. 15(a)(2)(B).

3. The NRC has appeared as a matter of right pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2348. The U.S. Department of Justice represents the United States. The accurate listing of the United States as a respondent on the Court’s case docket would allow Department of Justice counsel to appear, participate, and receive notice of filings in this case.

4. Counsel for petitioner Public Watchdogs and intervenor-pending Southern California Edison Company have advised the NRC that they do not oppose this motion.

WHEREFORE, the NRC respectfully requests that this Court include the United States as a party to the petition as a respondent on the case docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL RULE OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE 27(d) AND CIRCUIT RULE 27.1(1)(d)**

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