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No. 21-60743 State of Texas v. NRC  
Agency No. 72-1050

Dear Mr. Abrams, Mr. Myers,

We have filed the certified list. PETITIONER'S BRIEF AND EXCERPTS ARE DUE WITHIN 40 DAYS FROM THE DATE ABOVE, See **FED. R. APP. P.** and **5TH CIR. R.** 28, 30 and 31. Except in the most extraordinary circumstances, the maximum extension for filing briefs is 40 days in agency cases. See also **5TH CIR. R.** 30.1.2 and **5TH CIR. R.** 31.1 to determine if you have to file electronic copies of the brief and record excerpts, and the Portable Document Format (PDF) you MUST use. See also **5TH CIR. R.** 30.1 for the contents of the Record Excerpts which are filed instead of an appendix. You may access our briefing checklist on the Fifth Circuit's website "<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-documents---clerks-office/rules/brchecklist.pdf>". An intervenor's time is governed by **5TH CIR. R.** 31.2. **5TH CIR. R.** 42.3.2 allows the clerk to dismiss appeals **without notice** if the brief is not filed on time.

**The caption for this appeal is attached, and we ask you to use it on any briefs filed with this court.**

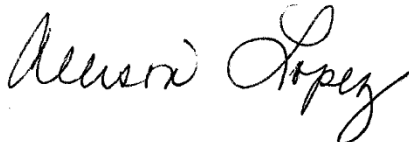
Because this case is proceeding on a certified list of documents instead of the record, see **5TH CIR. R.** 30.2. Petitioner must obtain a copy of the portions of the record relied upon by the parties in their briefs, and file them as an Appendix within 21 days from the date of filing of respondent's brief, with suitable covers, numbering and indexing.

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**Reminder as to Sealing Documents on Appeal:** Our court has a strong presumption of public access to our court's records, and the court scrutinizes any request by a party to seal pleadings, record excerpts, or other documents on our court docket. Counsel moving to seal matters must explain in particularity the necessity for sealing in our court. Counsel do not satisfy this burden by simply stating that the originating court sealed the matter, as the circumstances that justified sealing in the originating court may have changed or may not apply in an appellate proceeding. It is the obligation of counsel to justify a request to file under seal, just as it is their obligation to notify the court whenever sealing is no longer necessary. An unopposed motion to seal does not obviate a counsel's obligation to justify the motion to seal.

Sincerely,

LYLE W. CAYCE, Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison G. Lopez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'A'.

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission; United States of America,

Respondents