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The Honorable James M. Inhofe, Chairman
Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands,
Private Property and Nuclear Safety
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In the near future, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) intends to publish in the Federal Register the enclosed proposed amendment to the Commission's rules in 10 CFR Parts 2 and 50. The proposed rule is being developed to clarify the NRC's regulations to reflect more clearly its limited antitrust review authority by explicitly limiting which types of applications must include antitrust information. Specifically, because the Commission is not authorized to conduct antitrust reviews of post-operating license transfer applications, or at least is not required to conduct such reviews and has decided that it will no longer conduct them, no antitrust information is required as part of such license transfer applications. Because the current regulations do not clearly specify which types of applications are not subject to antitrust review, these proposed clarifying amendments will bring the regulations into conformance with the Commission's limited statutory authority to conduct antitrust reviews.

The Commission is issuing the proposed rule for public comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis K. Rathbun".

Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:
Federal Register Notice

cc: Senator Bob Graham