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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL RULEMAKING ACTIVITY PLAN

In the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) dated October 11, 2011, SECY-11-0032, "Consideration of the Cumulative Effects of Regulation in the Rulemaking Process," (ADAMS Accession No. ML112840466), the staff was directed to provide the Commission the revised Common Prioritization of Rulemaking (CPR) Process in the 2012 Rulemaking Activity Plan (RAP). The RAP is due to the Commission in July 2012. In the same SRM, the Commission directed the staff to provide a status update of its overall progress in the area of future annual RAPs.

In November 2011, the Office of Administration (ADM) issued a data call requesting information on new rules on which work is scheduled to begin in fiscal years (FY) 2013 and 2014 and beyond. The data for the new rules has been added to the CPR database, and the rules have been prioritized by the CPR working group. The working group is now adding resources to the CPR database for the FY 2013-2014 rules.

The 2012 RAP will contain all the rules in the CPR database. These rules will be sorted by their status (active, completed, long-term) and their CPR priority ranking of high, medium, or low. The 2012 RAP will also include a new field that provides the justification for the CPR priority ranking for each rule on which work will be initiated in FY 2013-2014, and for any rule reprioritized in FY 2012-2013.

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