

August 11, 2010

The Honorable Paul R. Verkuil
Chairman, Administrative Conference
of the United States (ACUS)
c/o U.S. Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20580

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I appreciate your invitation to join the Council of Independent Regulatory Agencies. We are very glad to see ACUS back in operation. In the past, our agency participated actively in the work of the Conference and gave close attention to its recommendations. Two of its staff officers were distinguished former NRC attorneys. We look forward to taking up membership again in the Conference and continuing our demonstrated commitment.

We especially welcome your proposal to revive the Council of Independent Regulatory Agencies, and I or my designee would seek to play an active role in the Council. Both of the topics you mention in your letter are of great interest to us, and we may have other topics to suggest as well. We welcome renewed dialogue on the unique challenges the independent regulatory agencies face.

Please feel free to contact me or Stephen G. Burns, the NRC's General Counsel, who can be reached at Stephen.Burns@nrc.gov, or 301-415-1743.

With best wishes for the Conference's renewed success.

Sincerely,

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