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VIA MESSENGER

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
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Re: District of Columbia Public Service Commission, Docket No. EO-05-01

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of the City of Alexandria, Virginia ("Alexandria"), we submit this request for public disclosure of documents and materials related to Order No. 202-05-3, dated December 20, 2005, in the above-referenced Department of Energy docket and public participation in the implementation of this Order. Alexandria is deeply concerned with this Order and its consequences, both intended and unintended. The Order requires the Mirant Corporation's Potomac River Generating Station ("PRGS") in Alexandria to resume an as yet undefined, limited operation to assure adequate electric reliability within a vague framework for satisfying air quality standards. The PRGS's failure to satisfy such standards has long placed the environmental agencies, Alexandria and the public in contention with Mirant. The Order decidedly tips the balance in this situation away from the health and welfare of the residents of Alexandria.

Although Alexandria receives no power from this outdated plant operating in its residential neighborhoods, its residents are on the front line when it comes to bearing the burden of the additional health and environmental impacts that will inevitably result from this Order. It is inexplicable that the region's electricity suppliers and regulators have allowed the security of the nation's capital to rely on the PRGS. It is also hard to explain how the entire burden of this "emergency" falls on the residents of Alexandria while none of the burden falls on the residents of the District of Columbia or the D.C. Public Service Commission. Without apology, the Order fails to require any plan for electricity demand reductions in the District of Columbia or an expedited process for the planned transmission line upgrades. It merely "encourages" such activities.

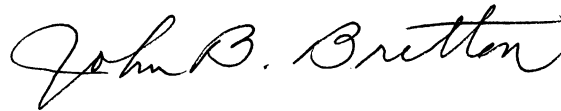
The Order requires Mirant to submit by December 30, 2005, a plan detailing the steps it will take to ensure compliance with this Order. The Order also recognizes the responsibility of States and local governments to assure attainment of air quality standards. Consistent with this, Mirant's plan and the DOE's discussions with Mirant on its implementation must be subject to

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public scrutiny by all stakeholders and interested parties, including, in particular, Alexandria and its residents who are most directly and adversely affected by any operation of the Mirant plant. Mirant's hidden corporate and financial interests should not drive this "emergency" response. Rather, until the transmission line upgrades obviate the need for the PRGS, an equitable and comprehensive approach is warranted.

Accordingly, Alexandria respectfully requests that you release publicly the Mirant plan upon receipt and establish a mechanism for public review and comment. There is nothing in the Order to suggest that the "emergency" is such that Mirant's plan should be shielded from public scrutiny. Furthermore, Alexandria reserves its right to petition for a rehearing of this Order or take any other legal action that it determines necessary to protect the health and welfare of its residents.

Respectfully submitted,



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