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Item M-1

"Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Item M-1 is an Instant Final Rule that revises two sections of the Commission's regulations to substitute the Commission's Dispute Resolution Service for the Commission's Enforcement Hotline as the contact for handling dispute-related calls pertaining to the construction and operation of jurisdictional infrastructure projects, specifically natural gas pipelines and hydroelectric power projects, effective May 1, 2010. Transferring the responsibility of these calls to DRS, with its expertise in conflict resolution, and allowing the Office of Enforcement to focus on its other priorities, would ensure an efficient allocation of the Commission's resources that will better serve the public interest. The Enforcement Hotline will continue to be the contact for handling all other dispute-related jurisdictional matters that are not pending before the Commission. This matter is appropriate for an Instant Final Rule because it concerns a matter of administrative procedures and does not affect the rights of persons appearing before the Commission. We will be glad to take any questions that you have. Thank you."