

## Alternative Dispute Resolution

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- Exelon supports the use of ADR in the NRC's enforcement process
- ADR would have the most benefit in discrimination or wrongdoing cases
- Exelon supports implementation of a focused pilot program



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- What should ADR look like in discrimination enforcement?
  - ADR should be voluntary in each case
  - ADR in the enforcement process should be characterized by flexibility
    - may involve licensee and alleger
    - may involve licensee and NRC
    - should not preclude direct settlement negotiations between NRC and licensee
  - neutral party should be someone outside the NRC
  - process should provide for confidentiality, results publicly disclosed



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- How would ADR be used in the enforcement process for discrimination cases?
  - earlier in the process ADR is employed, the better
  - prime candidates for ADR are cases in which the NRC plans to conduct an investigation
  - put the investigation on hold and use ADR
  - ADR could also have benefit after an investigation is conducted, but before other traditional enforcement steps are taken