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## Commissioner McGaffigan's comments on COMSECY-99-034

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This elaborate process for handling requests for verbal information about outage schedules is not required by law and does not seem consonant with the ways in which we otherwise handle purely verbal information. For example, our inspectors do not give currency to licensees' draft documents or verbal commitments, and as far as I know we do not impose a FOIA-like process on requests for information we may have seen in INPO evaluations but do not retain in written form. The elaborate process may also look like a run-around to parties asking for such information, because instead of just telling them up front that we won't release the information and why, we plan to put ourselves and the parties through procedural hoops that almost always will merely put off a "no", or, because of the length of the process, create a de facto "no". An up-front policy of turning down requests for verbal information about outage schedules is preferable to a delayed, procedural, "no" in my view.