

**STATEMENT OF WILLIAM C. OSTENDORFF**  
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Chairman Boxer, Senator Inhofe, and Members of the Committee, I want to thank you for this opportunity to appear today before the Environment and Public Works Committee. I am honored to have been nominated by President Obama to serve on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I am also privileged to be in the company of fellow NRC nominees George Apostolakis and Bill Magwood and look forward to the possibility of working with both. I would like to thank my family, and especially my wife Chris, for their encouragement and support. If confirmed, I look forward to working closely with the members of the committee and your respective staffs to carry out the duties and responsibilities of a Commissioner with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The Commission's mission, to license and regulate the Nation's civilian use of nuclear materials, to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety, to promote the common defense and security, and to protect the environment, is critical to our country. The nation is fortunate to have a highly talented and dedicated staff at the Commission to carry out its strategic goals of ensuring the safety and security of commercial nuclear

facilities. I am committed to the NRC's Principles of Good Regulation: independence, openness, efficiency, clarity, and reliability. Furthermore, I appreciate the need for regulatory predictability and stability. I am humbled by the importance of the task ahead and if confirmed, commit to work tirelessly to professionally execute the Commission's vitally important mission.

I have been privileged to serve our country for many years - as a career nuclear submarine officer, as a counsel and subcommittee staff director for the House Armed Services Committee, and as Principal Deputy Administrator at the National Nuclear Security Administration. While I will have much to learn, I am confident that this prior leadership and management experience in national security positions will serve me well if confirmed. I will add that my experience as both senior congressional committee staff and as a senior leader in the Department of Energy has given me a deep appreciation for the role of congressional oversight.

If confirmed, I commit to communications with you founded on integrity and responsiveness. Again, I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today and look forward to your questions. Thank you.