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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Memorandum of Interview

Case No: 07-63

On June 23, 2008, David HUNT, Human Resource Manager, Global Mergers and Acquisitions, General Electric (GE), was interviewed by Special Agents (b)(7)c

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Office of the Inspector General (OIG), NRC, regarding a potential conflict of interest by a former NRC Commissioner. HUNT provided essentially the following information.

HUNT stated that he received an e-mail in early June 2007 from Mark LEWIS, General Manager, GE, concerning a potential candidate for a Business Development position within GE. HUNT stated that he received Jeffrey MERRIFIELD's, former NRC Commissioner, resume and called MERRIFIELD to introduce himself. In addition, HUNT scheduled interviews with MERRIFIELD to meet with senior level GE executives. HUNT met MERRIFIELD and escorted him throughout the day when MERRIFIELD came to GE. Furthermore, HUNT conducted a personality interview with MERRIFIELD to determine if MERRIFIELD was a good fit for GE.

HUNT explained that he had approximately 10-12 telephone calls and approximately 100 e-mails with MERRIFIELD concerning employment negotiations. HUNT never spoke to anyone representing MERRIFIELD, and HUNT was not aware that MERRIFIELD had an agent working for him. HUNT said that Christopher CRANE, Chief Executive Officer, Exelon, never contacted him concerning MERRIFIELD.

As a part of the employment process, MERRIFIELD was required to complete a form disclosing his federal government employment. HUNT said he contacted Maureen YOUNG, Legal Counsel, who provided HUNT with the necessary forms. During employment negotiations, conflict of interest concerns became an issue. HUNT explained that he had discussions with YOUNG regarding the restrictions that MERRIFIELD would be required to follow if he was hired by GE. Additionally, HUNT requested MERRIFIELD provide him with a letter of recusal. MERRIFIELD faxed HUNT the letter of recusal.

HUNT told SA (b)(7)c that LEWIS presented MERRIFIELD with an employment offer package. HUNT learned through an e-mail from LEWIS that MERRIFIELD had declined the employment offer with GE. HUNT was told by LEWIS that MERRIFIELD had another offer that was a better fit for him. There was no counteroffer presented to MERRIFIELD.

HUNT said that his last communication with MERRIFIELD was in early July 2007 concerning reimbursement of MERRIFIELD's expenses. HUNT stated that MERRIFIELD submitted his voucher for expenses incurred with regards to the interview. HUNT further stated that the approximate amount of the voucher was \$200 to \$300, and GE paid the voucher in July 2007.

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