

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

No. 16-1298**September Term, 2016****NRC-040-09091****Filed On: November 8, 2016** [1645136]

Natural Resources Defense Council and
Powder River Basin Resource Council,

Petitioners

v.

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and
United States of America,

Respondents

Strata Energy, Inc.,
Intervenor

ORDER

It is **ORDERED**, on the court's own motion, that the following briefing schedule will apply in this case:

Petitioners' Brief	December 19, 2016
Respondents' Brief	January 18, 2017
Intervenor for Respondents' Brief	January 25, 2017
Petitioners' Reply Brief	February 8, 2017
Deferred Appendix	February 15, 2017
Final Briefs	March 1, 2017

All issues and arguments must be raised by petitioners in the opening brief. The court ordinarily will not consider issues and arguments raised for the first time in the reply brief.

The court reminds the parties that

In cases involving direct review in this court of administrative actions, the brief of

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the appellant or petitioner must set forth the basis for the claim of standing. . . . When the appellant's or petitioner's standing is not apparent from the administrative record, the brief must include arguments and evidence establishing the claim of standing.

See D.C. Cir. Rule 28(a)(7).

To enhance the clarity of their briefs, the parties are cautioned to limit the use of abbreviations, including acronyms. While acronyms may be used for entities and statutes with widely recognized initials, briefs should not contain acronyms that are not widely known. See D.C. Circuit Handbook of Practice and Procedures 41 (2016); [Notice Regarding Use of Acronyms](#) (D.C. Cir. Jan. 26, 2010).

Parties are strongly encouraged to hand deliver the paper copies of their briefs to the Clerk's office on the date due. Filing by mail could delay the processing of the brief. Additionally, parties are reminded that if filing by mail, they must use a class of mail that is at least as expeditious as first-class mail. See Fed. R. App. P. 25(a). All briefs and appendices must contain the date that the case is scheduled for oral argument at the top of the cover, or state that the case is being submitted without oral argument. See D.C. Cir. Rule 28(a)(8).

FOR THE COURT:

Mark J. Langer, Clerk

BY: /s/

Michael C. McGrail

Deputy Clerk