

Concern about Validity of LRRC Report to be submitted to FWC for Review

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I am very concerned about validity of the LRRC Report to be submitted to the FWC staff for review.

FWC staff Scott Calleston wrote in response to my query regarding materials to be sent to FWC for review. Scott states, "It is up to the LRRC to determine what is contained in the LRRC report. The only items that are required to be in the report are the LRRC majority and minority recommendations. FWC staff is required to review the report and provide a written response to all of the recommendations included in the report."

As you know, LRRC means all the voting members of the Committee, not just one or two. In order for the LRRC to determine what should or should not be in the final LRRC report, all LRRC members must have an opportunity to review, edit, and approve the draft report written by Josh Maxwell, the Secretary. Only after the Committee's approval by vote of a draft report can it become the official final LRRC report to be submitted to FWC. Critical information such as motions as made by the motion makers, and votes on the motions must not be left out of the recommendations in the report.

A draft report written by Josh that the Committee members have not seen, reviewed, edit, and approved cannot be the official final LRRC report because the contents of the draft report is determined only by Josh, one Committee member, not by all the voting members. Hence, this would be an invalid report.

A reasonable suggestion to make Josh's draft report valid is to distribute it immediately (time is of essence) to all the Committee members to review and edit, so that they can vote to approve a revised final draft report. If an extension of time is needed from FWC to properly complete this process, then such a request should be made to FWC by the Committee.

I would like to thank all of you for your understanding and acceptance of public inputs, and your efforts in this process. It's not easy.

Thank You.