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the Agency; it is submitted that the appeal raises an important question as to the UN! " A DT Ooul benefit fro, qui anSe fro, the Appeals Tribunal in this regard. The Co, , issioner-1eneral re5uests that he be granted the Oor#ing a% fro, the date of the issuance of this Order to file his appeal.

4. Under Article 108 of the Statute, the Appeals Tribunal, as a matter of course, is empowered to suspend or adjourn the proceedings for a limited period of time in exceptional cases.²

5. The Appeals Tribunal has consistently held that it strictly enforces the various provisions of its Statute and Rules. In granting several orders for adjournment of the proceedings, it has stated that in the past, the Appeals Tribunal has clearly stated that it is not prepared to easily grant an adjournment or an extension of the proceedings in the future whenever the Commission is running behind due to an oversight by the Agency. Therefore, in this case, the mere existence of a pending task does not amount to an exceptional circumstance justifying an adjournment of the proceedings.

6. For the foregoing reasons, the Commission's request for adjournment of the proceedings should be denied.

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