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NEXT MEETING - REVIEW OF X9.95-2005 TRUSTED TIME STAMP MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY STANDARD

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accordingly. If you have any questions regarding the meeting you may contact Peter Salmon at 202/326-5869 or salmon@ici.org. We look forward to seeing you in Washington! John H. Phelan Michael L. Curry Peter G. Salmon Senior Vice President Principal, Planning & Director - Operations The Capital Group Companies, Inc. Development & Technology Chairman, Technology Advisory The Vanguard Group, Inc. Committee Chairman, BCP Sub-Committee Attachment (in .pdf format)

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