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**Subject:** NRC Review Schedule for US-APWR Design Certification Application

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd ("MHI") wishes to express its appreciation to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") Staff for its March 25, 2008 presentation on the design certification review process and the draft schedule for NRC review of the US-APWR standard design and preparation of the draft and final Safety Evaluation Reports. The presentation made clear that the Staff has understood the detailed US-APWR design completion information provided by MHI and has diligently prepared a comprehensive and integrated draft schedule for its safety review of the US-APWR Design Certification Application. Based on the Staff's presentation, MHI heard and understands the NRC review scheduling process, the standard schedule template assumptions used by the Staff for the later phases of its review, and how the schedule provides perspective for the overall safety review.

As discussed at the presentation, MHI believes that it would be of substantial benefit to all involved for the Staff to take advantage of the additional US-APWR technical information that MHI recently provided that was not able to be incorporated into the Staff's draft review schedule presented March 25. We would encourage the Staff to continue its review of this new information and to further optimize its review schedule by taking into account this new information. We respectfully request the NRC Staff to take the additional time necessary to complete its review and to incorporate the benefits of this additional technical information into the NRC's final review schedule for the US-APWR standard design so as to best optimize and expedite the NRC's review effort. As stated at the presentation, MHI looks forward to further communications with the Staff, by meeting or by teleconference, to further describe and explain this additional technical information.

Please contact Dr. C. Keith Paulson, Senior Technical Manager, Mitsubishi Nuclear Energy Systems, Inc, for any questions that the NRC may have concerning this letter. His contact information is below.

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