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Yawar

As I mentioned to Jack when I saw him yesterday, NEI is fully supportive of our member companies' efforts in this area. As such, we are relying primarily on the responses of GEH and Areva to guide staff's response to the Commission's questions.

The one thing I can add from an NEI perspective is that there is broad industry support for the position that the option to reprocess should be maintained regardless of whether or not it is being actively pursued at this time. We believe that completing the proposed reprocessing rulemaking in a timely manner is important in this context because the regulatory framework for reprocessing is a significant factor that must be considered in making business decisions about whether or not to move forward. Hence, for reprocessing to truly be available as an option, the regulatory framework must first be established. For this reason, we encourage NRC to move forward with the reprocessing rulemaking on a schedule that supports effective decision-making in advance of the timelines envisioned the responses you received from Areva and GEH.

Thanx,

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Rod,

As you know on August 30, 2012, the Commission provided us the attached Staff Requirements Memo concerning reprocessing. They asked us to provide them a notation

vote paper with answers to a number of questions including the "...staff's assessment of the current state of activity and...industry plans regarding reprocessing..." Your insights regarding this question as it pertains to NEI's role in representing industry on reprocessing by the end of this month would be greatly appreciated. Please note that I had sent similar requests earlier this month to Sven Bader of AREVA and James Ross of GEH. GEH responded today. I anticipate AREVA will be responding soon. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Thank you

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