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Gentlemen:

COMMENTS ON DRAFT REGULATORY GUIDE DG-1095, "GUIDANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF 10 CFR 50.59, CHANGES, TESTS AND EXPERIMENTS"

Virginia Power appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1095, "Guidance for Implementation of 10 CFR 50.59 Changes, Tests and Experiments" published in the Federal Register on April 25, 2000. NRC endorsement of the guidance contained in the Nuclear Energy Institute's document, NEI 96-07, Revision 1, "Guidelines For 10 CFR 50.59 Evaluations" governing proposed changes to nuclear facilities, will result in increased regulatory stability. This regulatory guidance is expected to clarify the requirements and provide licensees with reasonable latitude in implementing the changes of the Final Rule on 10 CFR 50.59 published on October 4, 1999, and continue to provide reasonable assurance of public health and safety as licensees implement changes at their facilities.

Comments on the Draft Regulatory Guide have been prepared and submitted separately by NEI on behalf of the nuclear industry. We have reviewed the NEI comments and endorse them.

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