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- References:
1. NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-08, "Operating Reactor Licensing Action Estimates," dated April 2, 2001
 2. Letter from A. Marion, NEI, to M. T. Lesar, NRC, dated February 8, 2001
- Subject: Docket No. 50-482: Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-08

Gentlemen:

Reference 1 requested that all power reactor licensees provide, on a voluntary basis, estimates of the number of new licensing action requests they plan to submit in upcoming fiscal years. Specifically, licensees are requested to provide a simple numerical estimate of the licensing actions expected to be submitted during the remainder of the NRC Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 and in FY 2002 (i.e., submitted by September 30, 2002). Reference 1 also requests licensees identify by brief title those submittals expected to generate complex reviews, particularly any power uprate requests, license renewal requests, license transfer applications, or dry cask storage applications.

Reference 1 defines licensing actions as requests for license amendment, license renewal or transfer, exemption, relief, review of a topical report submitted by a specific licensee, notice of enforcement discretion, or other licensee request requiring NRC review and approval before it can be implemented by the licensee.

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Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (WCNOC) is a participant in an industry consortium of five plants as a result of a mutual agreement known as Strategic Teaming and Resource Sharing (STARS). The STARS group consists of the five plants operated by Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, TXU Electric, AmerenUE, Pacific Gas and Electric, and STP Nuclear Operating Company. WCNOC currently plans to submit four new plant specific licensing action requests during the remainder of the NRC FY 2001 and in FY 2002. Through the STARS cooperative effort, WCNOC is participating in 14 licensing action requests. The number of common STARS group submittals may vary due to some plants already having approval of the licensing action request that the other STARS members are requesting.

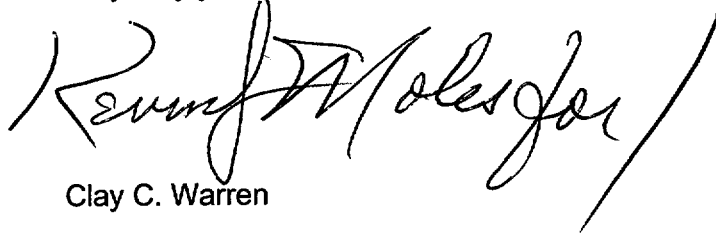
WCNOC currently has no plans to submit any power uprate requests, license renewal requests, or dry cask storage applications through the NRC FY 2002.

In Reference 1, the NRC states that licensees would "assist the NRC by estimating the potential safety and operational benefits, costs/man-rem averted, or any other economic savings that would be realized by their licensing action requests." This request is based on the proposed voluntary information collection initiative (65 FR 76669, December 7, 2000). The STARS group endorses the comments provided in Reference 2 that the NRC initiative to have licensees estimate benefits and costs is unnecessary and should be withdrawn or modified.

There are no regulatory commitments made in this transmittal.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact me at (620) 364-4034, or Mr. Tony Harris at (620) 364-4038.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin J. Moles". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name "Clay C. Warren".

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