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Washington, DC 20555

SUBJECT: Interim Electronic Fingerprint Submission

The NRC has an established electronic fingerprint submittal capability with the FBI and is currently scanning fingerprint cards submitted by licensees. In recent discussions the NRC indicated that a CD-reading capability could be quickly added as an adjunct to the process at relatively low cost and would expedite submission to the FBI.

The industry has expressed interest in electronic fingerprint submittal as indicated in NEI letters of March 6, 2000 (to Mr. Thomas Martin) and January 24, 2001 (to Mr. Brad Baxter). Until we have a total electronic capability, an interim option of CD submission is considered appropriate.

Four utilities, Progress Energy, Southern Company, Nebraska Public Power District, and Exelon are prepared to make CD submissions. This would expedite all submissions by eliminating some of the currently required manual entry that results in a several day backlog.

We therefore recommend that the NRC obtain a CD reader capability and begin accepting licensee submittals of scanned-fingerprint CDs for criminal history requests pursuant to 10 CFR § 73.56 for unescorted access authorization.

We are prepared to discuss the details of this scanned-fingerprint CD submission process. Our point of contact for this project is Rich Enkeboll at 202-739-8102.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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c: Mr. Thomas O. Martin
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