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Dear Mr. Cummins:

I am writing in response to your letter dated August 14, 2002, which requested my support in achieving efficiencies during the review of the AP1000 design certification application by the staff of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). We will continue to work with you to meet success-oriented milestones. As we build on the successful completion of the scheduled milestones, more aggressive goals can be set.

As you know, the NRC staff is currently formulating and issuing requests for additional information (RAIs) regarding your design certification for the AP1000. With the successful completion of that milestone and your scheduled response, we agree with your proposal to provide you a list in February 2003, of those RAIs which were not adequately addressed. As long as it does not impact the draft safety evaluation report (DSER) schedule, the NRC staff will participate in public meetings as necessary to facilitate resolution of these RAIs. When we issue the DSER, we will reevaluate the feasibility and appropriateness of modifying the remaining milestones.

Mr. James E. Lyons, of my staff is responding separately to Mr. Corletti's August 14, 2002, letter which provided Westinghouse's feedback to the staff's proposed design certification schedule. The staff is committed to performing the AP1000 design certification review as efficiently as possible, consistent with our goals of maintaining the health and safety of the public, and communicating effectively with all stakeholders. If you have any additional questions regarding the AP1000 review, please contact James Lyons of my staff at 301-415-1126.

Sincerely,

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