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Subject: Fwd: Setup Meeting for 6/28/01-RESENT TO ADD RESEARCH FOLKS

Attached is notice of a meeting between staff in OCFO, RES, and NRR regarding charging time spent on Advanced Reactors and Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (PBMR) work. Guidelines need to be clarified regarding when staff time is chargeable to a DOE reimbursable agreement, the potential license applicant as Part 170 fees, or something else.

OGC participation at this meeting would be appreciated.

#### Background Information

In March, 2001, NRC entered into a reimbursable agreement for DOE to fund NRC staff travel to South Africa to assess the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (PBMR) technology. In SECY-01-0070, "Plan for Pre-Application Activities on the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor," April 25, 2001, the Commission was advised that DOE was willing to fund NRC's technology assessment and transfer work on high-temperature gas-cooled reactors (HTGR). The Commission was also advised that NRC would directly fund other pre-application work on the PBMR and that Exelon would be assessed Part 170 fees for specific PBMR activities.

NRC has recently signed Modification 1 to our reimbursable agreement with DOE titled, "Advanced Gas Reactor Framework, Technology, and Fuel Evaluation." Modification 1 provides NRC with the FY 2001 funding from DOE identified in the SECY paper (\$480K). Brian Kildee has advised that this agreement is authorized under NRC's cooperative research authority.

NRC held meetings with Exelon to address PBMR issues on June 12 and 13. RES and NRR staff have asked whether time spent at these meetings are billable to DOE. OCFO's preliminary view is that work directly with Exelon would not be billable to DOE.

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