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Secretary
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

Subject: Proposed Rule: Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for FY 2003 (68
Fed. Reg. 16374, April 3, 2003)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Progress Energy endorses NEI comments submitted on behalf of the nuclear industry on
the subject Proposed Rule. Specifically, we would like to emphasize the following:

- *Licensees should only be charged for expenditures related to licensee activities (e.g., exclude NRC charges for homeland security activities, as recommended by the President in the FY 2003 budget request)*
- *NRC's overall budget should be reduced due to more efficient use of resources resulting from the reactor oversight process implementation*

We encourage the Commission to carefully consider the industry recommendations and
work towards the resolution of these comments before a final rule is promulgated.

Please contact Mr. Tony Groblewski at (919) 546-4579 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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