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Since you are also new to this project, I have attached a copy of the Federal Register notice (43 FR 15613) in which the Commission provided in a timely manner its evaluations and responses to the issues raised in PRM-51-1.

Thank you for your continued interest and I will keep you informed on a six-month basis as to the current status. If you have any question or comments, please contact me by phone at 301-415-4123 or by e-mail at SXS4@nrc.gov.

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