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Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel

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FROM: Dan Graser
Licensing Support Network Administrator

RE: Agency Direction on Implementing the Licensing Support Network

DATE: April 28, 2000

At the February 2000 Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel (LSNARP) meeting, I committed to informing the panel about developments in the Agency's authorization process for the Licensing Support Network (LSN). I am pleased to report that considerable progress has been made.

Subsequent to the meeting, the LSN Administrator (LSNA) submitted an information technology (IT) screening form to the NRC Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) as the first step in the required Capital Planning and Investment Control (CPIC) process. The screening form provides the OCIO with an early opportunity to categorize the size of the project, determine the level of evaluation detail the project sponsor must provide, and provide guidance for development of a CPIC Business Case Analysis.

NRC's OCIO reviewed the screening form and authorized the development of the Business Case Analysis. OCIO directed that the Business Case Analysis fully characterize the cost, benefits, and risks associated with the three alternatives that had generated the most interest at the LSNARP meeting: Alternatives 1, 3, and 5. The Business Case Analysis reflected the input of the LSNARP as contained in the April 3, 2000 letter from LSNARP Chairman Hoyle to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel (ASLBP) Chief Administrative Judge Bollwerk summarizing the results of the February meeting. It noted that:

- There was consensus by the LSNARP against further consideration of Alternative 4.
- No LSNARP representative voted for or supported Alternative 2.
- The Advisory Panel's deliberations resulted in no further affirmative consensus on a recommendation for a design alternative.

After carefully considering the party/potential party cost, technical viability, and data access assurance considerations involved in each of the alternatives, the business case recommendation of the LSNA, with concurrence from the ASLBP Chief Administrative Judge, was that the NRC implement Alternative 3 as the approach most likely to provide the participants with an efficient and effective document discovery capability. In addition to input from the LSNARP, the Business Case Analysis reflected consultation with various NRC offices that will potentially rely on the LSN, including the Office of the Secretary (SECY), the Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS), the Office of the General Counsel (OGC),

the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), and the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO).

The Business Case Analysis for the LSN was delivered to OCIO on April 6, 2000. OCIO convened a meeting of the NRC's Information Technology Business Council (ITBC), an interoffice group that reviews proposed agency IT projects, and the LSNA presented the business case to them on April 12, 2000. The recommendation was endorsed by the ITBC and the Business Case Analysis was forwarded to the NRC's Executive Council (EC) for its consideration. The EC consists of the Agency's Executive Director for Operations, Chief Information Officer, and Chief Financial Officer.

The LSNA presented the Business Case Analysis to the EC on April 25, 2000, and the EC provided Agency direction to the LSNA to pursue Alternative 3. Funding is available, so we are now ready to commence the design phase of the project. Consistent with the project schedule provided at the October 1999 LSNARP meeting, NRC is now in the process of developing a statement of work for LSN design and development. Consequently, the details of the system design and operation as expressed in the Level 2 functional requirements must be brought to closure to ensure compatible data exchange and document integrity verification approaches for already identified, as well as future, participants.

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