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

ATTENTION:

Rulemakings and Adjudication

SUBJECT:

Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant

Unit Nos. 1 & 2; Docket Nos. 50-317 & 50-318

Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station

Unit Nos. 1 & 2; Docket Nos. 50-220 & 50-410

Comments on Proposed Rule: Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for

FY 2004 (68 Fed. Reg. 16374, April 3, 2003)

REFERENCE:

(a) Letter from Mr. S. D. Floyd (NEI) to Rulemakings and Adjudication (NRC) dated March 3, 2004, "Proposed Rule: Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for FY 2004 (69 Fed. Reg. 4865, February 2, 2004)"

Constellation Generation Group, LLC, on behalf of licensees Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Inc. and Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, LLC, hereby submits its comments on the subject proposed rule.

We support and endorse the comments submitted by Mr. S. D. Floyd, Nuclear Energy Institute, on behalf of the commercial nuclear industry (Reference a). Of the points made within the Nuclear Energy Institute letter, we would like to emphasize our objection regarding the proposed fee increase for power reactors for homeland security issues. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission requested these expenditures be paid from the general funds and not licensee fees; however, the 2004 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act included them in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's budget for recovery under the user fee rule. As stated in Reference (a), the costs to support homeland security activities should be funded through the general treasury—not user fees—as part of the nation's protection of critical infrastructure.

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Should you have questions regarding this matter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Very truly yours,

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