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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 8, 2004, SENIOR MANAGEMENT  
MEETING WITH THE BOILING WATER REACTOR OWNERS GROUP  
(BWROG)

On December 8, 2004, senior management from the BWROG met with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff to exchange updates and feedback on various ongoing activities related to boiling water reactor (BWR) plants. The previous BWROG/NRC senior management meeting was held on August 31, 2004. A copy of the slide presentation is available in ADAMS (Accession No. ML043440094). An attendance list is provided as an attachment.

Mr. James E. Dyer, Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), provided opening remarks. Mr. Dyer discussed the major regulatory issues facing the NRC staff, including extended power uprates, grid reliability, the Section 50.46 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* rulemaking activities, and safety/security interface issues. He noted that the NRC staff was in the process of developing the 2007 budget and that vendor/owner groups could assist the staff in this effort by identifying now the issues/reports they plan to submit to the NRC staff over the next several years. Mr. Lewis Sumner, Executive Chairman of the BWROG, provided the opening remarks for the owners group, focusing on general regulatory policy issues and agreed with the importance of providing the NRC staff projections of future submittals.

The meeting continued with a discussion about the status of the BWROG topical reports (TRs) currently under staff review or planned to be submitted for staff review, and the status of technical specification task force (TSTF) changes. Actions that resulted from these discussions are summarized at the end of this memorandum.

The remaining two topics receiving significant attention during this meeting were the extended power uprate (EPU) program and how BWR licensees disposition Service Information Letters (SILs) issued by General Electric. The BWROG provided an update presentation of industry's current effort regarding BWROG EPUs. This presentation was a continuation of the summary provided in the last BWROG/NRC senior management meeting.

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- NEDO-33150-NP - RHR System Potential for Water Hammer - The BWROG agreed that its submittal was not formatted consistent with Regulatory Guide 1.174. They indicated that they would decide on what type of submittal they wanted to pursue and would let the staff know its decision.

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