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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attn: Document Control Desk  
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**SUBJECT:** Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2  
Docket Nos. 50-220 and 50-410  
Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-63 and NPF-69

License Renewal Application – Response to NRC Letter dated December 7, 2004  
Regarding Status of NRC Staff Review (TAC Nos. MC3272 and MC3273)

Gentlemen:

By letter dated December 7, 2004, the NRC informed Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, LLC (NMPNS) of a concern relating to support of activities required to maintain the established review schedule for the Nine Mile Point (NMP) License Renewal Application (LRA). The letter identifies past performance in which the NMPNS support for NRC audit activities and responses to draft requests for additional information did not meet the NRC's expectations. The NMPNS plan to provide adequate resources to support the established review schedule was also requested.

NMPNS and Constellation Energy are committed to providing the necessary resources to meet the established schedule for the review of the NMP LRA. The renewal of the operating licenses for NMP Units 1 and 2 is a strategic part of our company's future plans and of utmost importance to the company. It is recognized, however, that our past performance did not always meet your expectations or our expectations for responsiveness. While there are several contributing factors, we have taken action to resolve each factor and provide the necessary support for the remainder of the NRC review and approval schedule. Specifically, we have reorganized the project team to be more efficient, added a supervisor experienced in license renewal to oversee the corporate and site resources, added technical staff members experienced in license renewal, and assigned a Constellation Energy manager experienced in license renewal at another Constellation plant (i.e., R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant) to provide consultation to the project team and improve our communications with the NRC project manager. The senior Constellation Energy project sponsor will also provide additional oversight to ensure that any potential concerns are resolved before there is any impact to the review schedule.

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NMPNS welcomes the opportunity to meet with your staff to further describe our plans. Any feedback from your staff is also welcome to ensure we are providing the proper support.

Very truly yours,



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