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February 9, 2005

Mr. Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director of Operations
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Dear Mr. Reyes:

As per our recent discussions, we recognize the growing resource demand on NRC of new plant regulatory activities and that the NRC is in the process of preparing its 2007 budget.

The momentum towards a new plant order was recently given added impetus by the Administration's award to two consortia for funds to demonstrate the new 10 CFR Part 52 combined license process. On December 8, 2004, NEI provided some provisional information to NRC staff on expected industry new plant licensing activities to 2010. Next week, industry executives will meet and discuss the ongoing new nuclear plant activities. Following that meeting we will send you a letter on the industry's plans and priorities for the next few years, including those for new plants.

The industry appreciates the opportunity to provide input into the NRC's planning process, which we believe will lead to a more effective use of resources and improve regulatory efficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Marvin S. Fertel", is written over a light-colored background.

Marvin S. Fertel

c: The Honorable Nils J. Diaz, Chairman, NRC
The Honorable Edward McGaffigan Jr., Commissioner, NRC
The Honorable Jeffrey S. Merrifield, Commissioner, NRC
The Honorable Gregory B. Jaczko, Commission, NRC
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