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In the Reference 1 letter, the NRC indicated that the staff would begin its review of the ESBWR Design Control Document (DCD), but that additional information was required in certain selected areas before the application could be formally docketed.

Subsequently, GE and the NRC held a series of review and feedback meetings addressing the ESBWR DCD, on September 27-29, 2005. During these meetings, the areas where the staff had additional information requests were discussed. GE was able to clarify where some of the information could be found within the DCD and in other areas identified proposed resolutions that could be submitted to augment the ESBWR application. In addition, GE conducted numerous conference calls with the NRC staff to ensure that the requests were fully understood and would be properly addressed.

As indicated by Reference 1, the ESBWR DCD was sufficiently complete to enable the NRC staff to begin its review of most of the DCD. Following submission of the DCD, a number of additional information submittals (References 2 through 13) were provided to address all of the NRC staff's requests. GE believes that these submittals address all of the Reference 1 requests, with the goal of providing sufficient detail to allow the staff to conclude that adequate information exists to formally docket the ESBWR application for final design approval and certification. A summary of the submittals is provided in Enclosure 1.

As discussed with the staff, GE will provide additional supporting documentation in selected areas with agreed upon schedules, to further supplement the review.

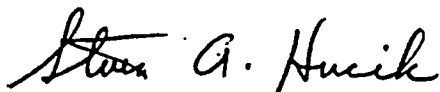
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As always, GE is committed to working closely with the NRC staff to ensure that the information submitted in the DCD and subsequent submittals is complete. We encourage frequent meetings and telephone conferences as the review proceeds.

Issuance of the Final Design Approval for the ESBWR is a very important milestone for the US utility industry and GE. Our team is fully committed to support the NRC review, and will address all requests for additional information in a timely and thorough manner.

If additional information becomes necessary to complete the review of this application, please contact David Hinds, ESBWR Engineering Manager, at 910-675-6363 or david.hinds@ge.com.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. *Response to NRC ESBWR Acceptance Review Additional Information Request*

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