



December 5, 2005

United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTENTION: Mr. David B. Matthews, Director
Division of New Reactor Licensing
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Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738

LETTER OF INTENT

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Earlier this year SCE&G initiated a review to determine if the nuclear option is a viable business case for our company. A site selection study was commenced and proposals from vendors were requested. We expect to identify both a site and a reactor technology by the end of this calendar year or very early in 2006, and thus plan to initiate work in developing an application for a Combined Operating License. This application, which will be for two units, is targeted for submittal in the third calendar quarter of 2007. The desired in-service date for the first unit is 2015 and the date for the second unit will be determined later.

We are sending this letter in recognition of your need to perform resource planning for future plants. A follow-up letter will be sent in early 2006 to inform you of the selection of our site and reactor technology.

We have set up a meeting with Dr. William D. Beckner on December 6, 2005 for a more detailed discussion of our plans and to determine more accurately what the Commission requires in order to facilitate review and approval of our application. We see this proposed meeting as the first in a series of meetings that would better ensure predictable timeframes and resource commitments associated with the licensing of these new nuclear plants.

Please contact Ronald Clary (803) 345-4757 or Al Paglia (803) 345-4191 for questions and to discuss the potential for these future meetings.

Very truly yours,

Stephen A. Byrne

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c: Dr. William D. Beckner, Deputy Director, Division of New Reactor Licensing

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