January 26, 2006

APPLICANT: New Plant Oversight Committee

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2005, CATEGORY 2 MEETING WITH

NEW PLANT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS STRATEGIES FOR

NEW REACTOR APPLICATIONS AND THEIR REVIEW

On December 13, 2005, a public meeting was held between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) members from the Offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) and the General Counsel and representatives of the New Plant Oversight Committee (NPOC), at the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) offices. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss strategies for new reactor applications and their review, including standardization of applications, maximizing use of pre-application reviews, and detailed review planning. A list of meeting attendees is included as Attachment 1, and the agenda is included as Attachment 2. Attachment 3 contains NRC's meeting handout which can be accessed through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). This system provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The handout mentioned above may be accessed through the ADAMS system under Accession No. ML053530020. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the handouts located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov. A summary of the meeting is included below.

The members of NPOC include the Chief Nuclear Officers of companies with expressed interest in new plant construction, currently including: Constellation Generation; Dominion; Duke Energy; Exelon; Progress; Scana (South Carolina Electric & Gas); Tennessee Valley Authority, and NEI as an ex-officio member. The discussion covered proposed strategies for managing the large workload associated with new reactor applications. Both NRC staff and NPOC agreed on the importance of standardization of designs and applications, and on mechanisms for early resolution of issues.

Several areas were identified for more detailed follow-up meetings between NRC staff and NPOC working groups, to include meetings on: coordinating the review of design certifications and combined licenses to minimize duplicative reviews; standardization of operational programs to be relied upon by different applicants; enhanced planning and scheduling of applications and reviews; construction inspection program; design-related security issues; and environmental issues.

Members of the public were in attendance.

Please direct any inquiries concerning this meeting to Steven Bloom at 301-415-1313, or sdb1@nrc.gov.

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Meeting with NPOC on Strategies for New Reactor Applications and their Review

Tuesday, December 13, 2005 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Nuclear Energy Institute Offices

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Agenda for Public Meeting with the New Plant Oversight Committee (NPOC) Regarding Strategic Planning for New Reactor Applications and Their Review December 13, 2005, 12:00 noon. to 3:00 p.m., Nuclear Energy Institute Offices

12:00 p.m 12:05 p.m.	Opening Remarks/NRC/NPOC Organization/Charter	NRC/NPOC
12:05 p.m 1:15 p.m.	NRC Top Strategic and Policy Issues	NRC
1:15 p.m 2:30 p.m.	NPOC Top Strategic and Policy Issues	NPOC
2:30 p.m 3:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks	NPOC/NRC