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Westinghouse is preparing discussion points for the upcoming Part 52 Rulemaking workshop on March 14, 2006. We would appreciate a staff discussion regarding the provisions for supplemental rulemaking for existing Design Certifications. Westinghouse has followed Chairman Diaz's statements in this area with extreme interest. We are particularly encouraged with the Chairman's recent statements to the U.S. Senate Subcommittee dated March 9, 2006. However, in our initial review of the proposed rule, we have been unable to identify the specific changes that would enable us to pursue such a supplemental rulemaking.

Westinghouse is currently developing detailed design information both in the areas where we have achieved a certified design as well as those areas with "design acceptance criteria". We believe that specific requirements for design certification amendments that would incorporate generic (standard) design features beyond those captured in the existing design certification, will provide a more certain path to standardization.

We will be prepared to discuss this issue at Tuesday's workshop.

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