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Dear Mr. Thompson:

As we have discussed, the Commission has extended an invitation for a representative of the Organization of Agreement States, Inc. (OAS) to participate in a public briefing of the Commission on May 15, 2006. It is my understanding that you will serve as the OAS representative. The briefing will be held at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, and is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. The topics of discussion are three ongoing rulemakings, resulting from the August 2005 Energy Policy Act, which the Agreement States are actively supporting (i.e., sections 651, 652 and 656). Your travel expenses will be covered by NRC and Ms. Brenda Usilton of my staff will assist you in these matters. Finally, the NRC's Office of the Secretary to the Commission will soon forward you an official invitation letter with more specific information regarding your participation.

Thanks to you, your management and the OAS for allowing your participation in this important public briefing.

Sincerely,

/RA/
Janet R. Schlueter, Director
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