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APPLICANT: UniStar Nuclear

PROJECT: Combined License (COL) Pre-Application (Project No. 746)

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF AUGUST 17, 2006, CATEGORY 1 MEETING WITH UNISTAR NUCLEAR, TO DISCUSS POLICY ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH FILING A COMBINED LICENSE (COL) APPLICATION (PROJECT NO. 746)

On August 17, 2006, a public meeting was held between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, and representatives of UniStar Nuclear at NRC Headquarters, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss policy issues associated with filing a combined license (COL) application.

A list of meeting attendees is enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of UniStar's presentation material from the meeting (ADAMS Accession Number ML062360456).

UniStar representatives presented information on four main topics, as described in their presentation materials. The first topic addressed submission of the Environmental Report (ER) to meet the requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) section 50.30(f) approximately 6 months prior to submission of the remainder of the application. The NRC participants agreed that §2.101(a)(5) will be applicable to applications submitted in accordance with 10 CFR Part 52.

The second topic addressed UniStar's plan for concurrent submission and review of the design certification (DC) application and the COL application, specifically adequate NRC resources being available to conduct concurrent reviews. The NRC's fiscal year 2008 budget request is still under development, but the underlying bases assume the concurrent reviews of the EPR DC and UniStar reference COL.

The third topic addressed UniStar's plan for early submission of the emergency and security plans to support a COL application. UniStar representatives stated that they intend to submit the plans as Topical Reports (TRs). The NRC participants clearly communicated the expectation for TRs to be safety-related subjects that can be evaluated independent of a specific license application. Benefits from early review of the emergency plan without site-specific information, and a security plan without design-related security response, for example, are limited.

Finally, UniStar representatives proposed several hearing-related process recommendations for consideration by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB). UniStar representatives also presented recommendations for Commission action as noted on pages 6-7 of UniStar's presentation materials. In response, NRC counsel noted that the ASLB, possibly with guidance from the Commission, would determine the process for these mandatory hearings.

Members of the public were in attendance and the NRC responded to questions from the public during the scheduled comment period. One Public Meeting Feedback form was received with no specific comments or suggestions.

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