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AREVA NP Inc. Annual Fuel Performance Meeting with the NRC

The annual fuel performance meeting between AREVA NP Inc. (AREVA NP) and the NRC is scheduled to be held on September 13 and 14, 2006. Draft proprietary and non-proprietary copies of the viewgraphs to be presented during the meeting are enclosed.

AREVA NP considers some of the information contained in the enclosed viewgraphs to be proprietary. As required by 10 CFR 2.390(b), an affidavit is attached to support the withholding of this information from public disclosure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ronnie L. Gardner'.

Ronnie L. Gardner, Manager
Site Operations and Regulatory Affairs
AREVA NP

Enclosures

cc: Jon Thompson
Project 728

AFFIDAVIT

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA)
) ss.
CITY OF LYNCHBURG)

1. My name is Gayle F. Elliott. I am Manager, Product Licensing in Regulatory Affairs, for AREVA NP Inc. (AREVA NP), and as such I am authorized to execute this Affidavit.

2. I am familiar with the criteria applied by AREVA NP to determine whether certain AREVA NP information is proprietary. I am familiar with the policies established by AREVA NP to ensure the proper application of these criteria.

3. I am familiar with the information contained in the draft viewgraphs to be presented to the NRC in the annual fuel performance meeting between AREVA NP and the NRC on September 13 and 14, 2006 in Lynchburg, Va., and referred to herein as "Document." Information contained in this Document has been classified by AREVA NP as proprietary in accordance with the policies established by AREVA NP for the control and protection of proprietary and confidential information.

4. This Document contains information of a proprietary and confidential nature and is of the type customarily held in confidence by AREVA NP and not made available to the public. Based on my experience, I am aware that other companies regard information of the kind contained in this Document as proprietary and confidential.

5. This Document has been made available to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in confidence with the request that the information contained in this Document be withheld from public disclosure.

6. The following criteria are customarily applied by AREVA NP to determine whether information should be classified as proprietary:

- (a) The information reveals details of AREVA NP's research and development plans and programs or their results.
- (b) Use of the information by a competitor would permit the competitor to significantly reduce its expenditures, in time or resources, to design, produce, or market a similar product or service.
- (c) The information includes test data or analytical techniques concerning a process, methodology, or component, the application of which results in a competitive advantage for AREVA NP.
- (d) The information reveals certain distinguishing aspects of a process, methodology, or component, the exclusive use of which provides a competitive advantage for AREVA NP in product optimization or marketability.
- (e) The information is vital to a competitive advantage held by AREVA NP, would be helpful to competitors to AREVA NP, and would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of AREVA NP.

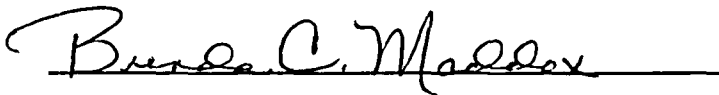
7. In accordance with AREVA NP's policies governing the protection and control of information, proprietary information contained in this Document has been made available, on a limited basis, to others outside AREVA NP only as required and under suitable agreement providing for nondisclosure and limited use of the information.

8. AREVA NP policy requires that proprietary information be kept in a secured file or area and distributed on a need-to-know basis.

9. The foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge,
information, and belief.

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SUBSCRIBED before me this 31st
day of August, 2006.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brenda C. Maddox", written over a horizontal line.

Brenda C. Maddox
NOTARY PUBLIC, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 7/31/07

