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From: Doug Coe
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Subject: Summary - Drop-In meeting of NEI/FENOC with Commissioner Lyons

Beth,
Commissioner Lyons wishes to convey the below summary to the EDO and Director, Office of NRR, for information only.
Thanks,
Doug

Topic: Grid Reliability Initiatives Coordination

Summary: A. Marion, NEI, and G. Leidich, FENOC, described the ongoing initiatives of NERC/EPRI/NEI/INPO in improving the communications, protocols, and coordination between nuclear units, transmission system operators, and other involved organizations. They noted that these entities often have significant business motivation for improvement in this area in addition to the nuclear safety motivation, and are working together closely.

They offered that the NRC staff's role in these initiatives was not as clear as those of the industry groups, and that the underlying issues intended to be addressed by the draft Generic Letter (issued this week for public comment) were also not clear. They indicated that they felt the need to engage the staff on these issues more frequently than in the past. They intend to provide comments on the draft Generic Letter and to participate in the upcoming Commission meeting (Apr 26).

Commissioner Lyons expressed his hope that NERC, supported by other industry stakeholders, would continue these initiatives and provide leadership in developing the necessary improvements and coordination. He noted that in his view this issue was one in which the industry, and not the NRC staff, should appropriately have the lead role. He encouraged industry to continue, and increase as needed, their dialogue with the staff to ensure that staff actions are an effective component of the overall coordination.

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