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**Draft Presentation on U.S. EPR Critical Heat Flux Topical Report for NRC Meeting**

Enclosure 1 contains a draft slide presentation related to the U.S. EPR Critical Heat Flux topical report for an upcoming meeting with the NRC.

Enclosure 1 contains proprietary material of the type that AREVA customarily maintains in confidence and withholds from public disclosure. Since most of the slides in the presentation in Enclosure 1 contain proprietary material, the complete technical presentation is included and the slides containing proprietary information are indicated by the label "AREVA NP Proprietary." AREVA hereby requests that the information in the designated slides be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.390. An affidavit (Enclosure-2) is provided to support the withholding of this information from public disclosure.

A non-proprietary version of the slides in Enclosure 1 is not enclosed with this letter, but will be provided when the presentation material has been finalized.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Sloan, Regulatory Affairs Manager for New Plants Deployment, at 434-832-2369.

Sincerely,

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

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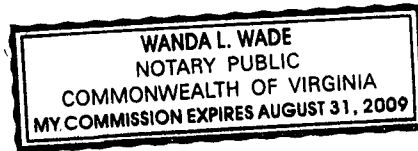
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9. The foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Ronnie Z. Gardner

SUBSCRIBED before me this 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of October, 2006.



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