From: "Plank, Mark - Washington, DC" <Mark.Plank@wdc.usda.gov>
To: "Mark Notich" <mdn@nrc.gov>
Date: 8/30/2006 12:59:18 PM
Subject: RE: RUS

Mark

That's great. Tuesday is good - say 10:30? It's okay if your Branch Chief wants to sit in. I'm assuming your building is easy to get to if as you say you're adjacent to the Metro stop.

Let me know if you need any other information from me for pre-registration.

Thanks

Mark

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From: Mark Notich [mailto:mdn@nrc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2006 12:48 PM
To: Plank, Mark - Washington, DC
Subject: RE: RUS

Mark:

Thanks for the reply.

Tuesday is good for me. I have a staff meeting until 10:00 AM so anytime after that is fine. Let me know if you can make it Tuesday and I'll get you pre-registered as a visitor. My branch chief wouldn't mind sitting in on our discussions if you don't mind. He's pretty new to the

environmental field and wants to learn as mush as he can about what we do.

mark

>>> "Plank, Mark - Washington, DC" <Mark.Plank@wdc.usda.gov> 8/30/2006 12:44:23 PM >>>
Hi Mark

Finally got some specific information on the transmission issues - not only is Oglethorpe Power Corporation (http://www.opc.com/opccom/) a RUS
"borrower" seeking RUS funding for their ~30% involvement in the two units at Vogtle but another RUS borrower Georgia Transmission Corporation (http://www.gatrans.com/) will be seeking funding for a transmission line from Plant Vogtle. GTC's proposal is ~40 miles of a 500 kV line. Both of these proposals individually would require an EIS
as per our regulations; they are "connected" actions so ideally they should be evaluated together.

Anyway yes let's meeting informally enviro-to-enviro. Tuesday or Friday
of next week are fairly open for me and I'd be happy to come to your office. Let me know if either of those days is good for you.

Thanks

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From: Mark Notich [mailto:mdn@nrc.gov]
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Subject: Re: RUS

Mark:

It might be useful to have an "environ to environ" meeting so that we can learn about your requirements. We've been hearing something about differing needs in the EIS with respect to transmission lines. If you can come on up to Rockville (we're right at the White Flint metro stop)
we can determine what each organization requires in their EISs and then
do lunch at one of Rockville's finer eating establishments. I appreciate you keeping me in the loop on this. Thanks.

mark

ps the Vogtle Environmental Report is posted on the NRC website if you're interested. Go to the NRC webpage (www.nrc.gov), Nuclear Reactors, New Reactor Relicensing, Early Site Permits, Vogtle ESP. We will use the ER as a basis for our EIS.

>>> "Plank, Mark - Washington, DC" <Mark.Plank@wdc.usda.gov> 8/28/2006 3:29 PM >>>
Hi Mark

Here's the scoop as I understand it on how the issue of RUS being a cooperating agency on your EIS for Plant Vogtle came to the attention of
your Chairman. After you all decided against us participating as a cooperating agency on your EIS, we (RUS and our borrower - Oglethorpe Power Corporation) were strategizing on how to proceed. Concerns on timing were brought up (as they were on your end) and Oglethorpe's management spoke with Southern Nuclear's management about the timing (and funding) issue. I don't know the names of the people involved in the discussions but someone at Southern brought up the issue with your Chairman. That's about all I know.

As we discussed previously I'm very sensitive to your schedule needs (we
have similar schedule demands on the EIS' we are doing). I don't know if you all still consider the issue open but if you all wish to meet "enviro to enviro" we could meet to discuss options.

Sorry for being hard to reach, it has been the month from hell and it doesn't look like things are going to change any time soon :-)

Thanks

Mark

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