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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REVIEW OF ANP-10275P, "U.S. EPR INSTRUMENT
SETPOINT METHODOLOGY TOPICAL REPORT," (TAC MD4976)

Dear Mr. Gardner:

By letter dated March 26, 2007 (ML070880714), AREVA NP (AREVA) submitted for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review of Topical Report (TR) ANP-10275P, "U.S. EPR Instrument Setpoint Methodology Topical Report," (ML070880724). The NRC staff has performed an acceptance review of the subject TR and has found that the material presented is sufficient to begin our comprehensive review. The staff expects to issue any requests for additional information (RAIs) by July 27, 2007, and issue its draft safety evaluation report by October 31, 2007. The staff also estimates that the review will require approximately 240 staff hours, including project management efforts. The review schedule milestones and estimated review costs were discussed and agreed upon in a telephone conference between Ronda Daflucas of your staff and the NRC staff on April 19, 2007. The schedule and cost estimates are based on a timely resolution of RAIs that will be submitted to you on or before July 27, 2007. Should there be a need for more RAIs beyond July 27, 2007, the estimates will be adjusted accordingly.

Per AREVA's request, a post-submittal meeting will be scheduled at a mutually agreed upon time and mostly likely prior to issuing the requests for additional information letter.

Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. You did not request a fee exemption; therefore, staff hours will be billed accordingly.

Sincerely,

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