

June 21, 2007

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Michael R. Johnson, Chairman */RA/*
Committee to Review Generic Requirements

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GENERIC REQUIREMENTS: MINUTES
OF THE MEETING NUMBER 416

The Committee to Review Generic Requirements (CRGR) Meeting Number 416 was held on Monday, May 21, 2007, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., with the attendees listed in the enclosure. The purpose of the meeting was to (1) discuss the comments received from the stakeholders during the March 29, 2007, public discussion on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) backfit controls and (2) engage in an informational briefing on the revision of Management Directive (MD) 6.4, "Generic Issues Program."

Item 1: Discussion on comments received in the March 29, 2007, public meeting

The CRGR engaged in internal discussions regarding the disposition of the various comments provided in the March 29, 2007, public meeting to discuss the NRC backfit controls and the disposition of the ensuing Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) letter containing six examples of perceived improper imposition of plant specific requirements.

The discussion on this item and related actions is a result of the CRGR commitment to address industry concerns as noted in the CRGR annual report, SECY-06-0201, "Periodic Assessment of the Activities of the Committee to Review Generic Requirement from June 1, 2005 through May 31, 2006" (ML062410524). The concerns were raised in an industry conference held on August 9, 2006, at the 2006 Utility Working Conference held in Amelia Island, Florida. Exelon gave a slide presentation entitled, "Where is the CRGR When You Need Them" (available only as a scanned version: ML071490471), which asserted that CRGR improperly handled its responsibilities and that it did not accomplish some actions according to the CRGR Charter.

In response to the various assertions, the CRGR conducted a public meeting on March 29, 2007. A meeting summary was issued on April 12, 2007 (ML071000038). As discussed in the summary, various stakeholders attended, including licensees and representatives of NEI, the Fuel Cycle Facilities Forum (FCFF) and the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS). (Note: The UCS representative left the meeting very early and did not participate in the discussions). The comments provided by the stakeholders (NEI, FCFF) are summarized in Enclosure 1 (ML071550242) along with the CRGR response, planned actions and recommendations.

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The CRGR requests you approve the recommendations contained in Enclosure 1. In addition, CRGR recommends that you forward the specific examples provided by NEI to the appropriate office for consideration and action, as warranted.

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Enclosure