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Subject: Submittal of NEI 07-02, Revision 1, "*Generic FSAR Template Guidance for Maintenance Rule Program Description for Plants Licensed Under 10 CFR Part 52*"

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This letter provides for NRC review per 10 CFR 50.4 a technical report that supports forthcoming COL applications and reviews. NEI 07-02, Revision 1, "*Generic FSAR Template Guidance for Maintenance Rule Program Description for Plants Licensed Under 10 CFR Part 52,*" is enclosed for NRC review and endorsement.

We submitted Revision 0 of NEI 07-02 for NRC review on February 22; however, in a letter dated May 1, we requested that review be suspended pending resolution of generic issues associated with proposed RG 1.206 and new SRP 17.6 that was issued in March. As a result of a public meeting on May 16, those generic issues have been resolved, and corresponding adjustments are reflected in NEI 07-02, Revision 1, which is now aligned with the regulatory guidance.

The industry has developed this and other generic operational program descriptions to provide further guidance to COL applicants on implementing NRC guidance in RG 1.206 that calls for operational programs to be "fully described" in the FSAR. In public meetings, the staff has recognized the value and standardization benefits of such guidance and has encouraged this approach, which supports the NRC's design centered review program.

The technical report meets the requirements described in the NRC (NRR) Office Instruction, LIC-500, which contains criteria for submitting reports for NRC review and approval. Specifically, the report:

1. Deals with a specific safety-related subject regarding an operational program that requires a safety assessment by the NRC staff,
2. Will be incorporated or referenced in subsequent-Combined License (COL) applications,
3. Contains complete and detailed information on (i.e., "fully describes") the Maintenance Rule Program, and
4. Will increase the effectiveness and efficiency of NRC review and approval of combined license applications that reference the template.

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To support near term COL applications, we request an expedited review schedule that supports the earliest possible SER issuance. Our objective is an SER that states that NEI 07-02 provides an acceptable method for (1) complying with the requirement in new 10 CFR 52.79(a)(15) that FSARs contain a description of the program, and its implementation, for monitoring the effectiveness of maintenance to meet the requirements of Section 50.65 and (2) satisfying the acceptance criteria of SRP 17.6.

If there are any questions concerning this request or the enclosed report, please contact me or Russ Bell at (202) 739-8087; rjb@nei.org.

Sincerely,



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