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Mr. Joseph F. Colvin
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Nuclear Management and Resources Council
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Dear Mr. Colvin:

The final rule to recover 100 percent of the Commission's budget became effective August 9, 1991. This final rule requires that full costs be assessed under 10 CFR 170 for all topical report reviews. However, we have determined that it is in the best interest of the Commission to continue its policy of not assessing fees under 10 CFR 170 for the series of technical reports that relate to the methodology for identifying and evaluating plant equipment for license renewals for nuclear power plants. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 170.11(b)(1), you are hereby granted an exemption from the fee requirements of 10 CFR 170 for the license renewal methodology technical reports.

Because these reviews generically support the NRC's regulatory program for power reactors, resources budgeted for these reviews will be included in the annual fees assessed operating power reactors under 10 CFR 171.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Jesse Funches

(for) Ronald M. Scroggins
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