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Mr. R. W. Borchardt
Director, Office of New Reactors
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Request for Extension to Schedule Requirements in the September 12, 2007 Order

Ref. 1: Letter, R.W. Borchardt (NRC) to Ronnie L. Gardner (AREVA NP Inc.), "Issuance of Order Imposing Safeguards Information Protection Requirements and Fingerprinting and Criminal History Records Check Requirements for Access to Safeguards Information," September 12, 2007.

Dear Mr. Borchardt,

On September 12, 2007, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued an Order to AREVA NP imposing safeguards information protection requirements and fingerprinting and criminal history records check requirements for access to safeguards information (Reference 1). Among its provisions, the Order directs AREVA, within 20 days of the Order, to establish and maintain a fingerprinting program that meets the requirements of 10 CFR 73.21 and the attachment to the Order; and to nominate a "reviewing official." The Order also requires AREVA NP to respond within 20 days of the date of the Order.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.202 and the requirements set forth in Section III.C.4, AREVA NP requests a relief to each schedule provision in Sections III.C.1, III.C.2, and III.C.4 of the Order which reads "from 20 days of the date of the Order" to "by October 19, 2007." On October 4, 2007, AREVA NP communicated to the NRC, in a conference call (Wesley Held of NRC, and Sandra Sloan and Ronnie Gardner of AREVA NP), that it had been unable to comply with the 20 day provision and identified the need for schedule relief. Additionally, AREVA NP requests an extension to the required written answer to this Order in accordance with Section IV of this Order. AREVA NP will submit the answer by October 19, 2007.

AREVA NP considers that there is good cause for the schedule relief. The proposed extension will not impact public health and safety. The schedule relief does not involve a change to a standard design certification, or to an application for a standard design certification. While AREVA NP has expressed its intent to submit an application for design certification, it has not submitted the application.

Additionally, the extension will not impact AREVA NP's ability to respond to the proposed rulemaking on consideration of aircraft impacts for new nuclear power reactor designs. Public comments on the proposed rule are due by December 17, 2007.

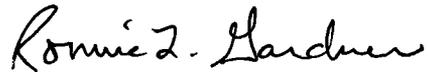
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The proposed date is consistent with the schedule AREVA NP previously identified to the NRC for developing a Safeguard Information Program. In a September 11, 2007 conference call between Sandra Sloan (AREVA NP), Randy Ford (AREVA NP), and Wesley Held (NRC), AREVA NP identified that it would be ready to submit a program to the NRC by the middle of October 2007.

If you have any questions related to this request, please contact Ms. Sandra M. Sloan, Regulatory Affairs Manager for New Plants Deployment. She may be reached by telephone at 434-832-2369 or by e-mail at sandra.sloan@areva.com.

Sincerely,



Ronnie L. Gardner, Manager
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AREVA NP Inc.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 4th day of October 2007.

cc: L. J. Burkhart
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