

October 18, 2007

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SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF WESTINGHOUSE LICENSE SNM-1107
AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR OPERATION IN THE FINAL ASSEMBLY AREA OF
THE COLUMBIA FUEL FABRICATION FACILITY (TAC NO. L32650)

Dear Mr. Couture:

We have received your request to amend License SNM-1107, transmitted by letter dated September 13, 2007. Your submittal has been assigned TAC No. L32650. Please reference this number in any future correspondence associated with this request.

We have completed our acceptance review of the amendment request and have determined that there is sufficient information for the staff to begin a technical review. During the acceptance review, additional information that is needed to perform the review was identified, as follows:

- (1) The validation report for the fuel assembly calculations, CN-CRI-06-39, Rev. 1, "Determination of Bias for Heterogeneous Systems Modeled Using MCNP 5."
- (2) A technical justification for why a minimum margin of subcriticality of 0.02 is adequate for pressurized-water reactor fuel in the final assembly wash pits under normal conditions (i.e., technical basis for the request).

A response concerning this additional information should be provided within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

Please note that the complete technical review may identify omissions in the submittal information or technical issues that require additional information.

Based on our acceptance review and projection of current review schedules, we anticipate completing our review by the end of April 2008. This date could change depending on the findings of our technical review, urgent assignments, or other factors. We will promptly communicate any significant changes to this schedule.

In addition, a copy of your submittal has been forwarded to the License Fee and Accounts Receivable Branch, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, who will contact you separately for billing, as your request is subject to full cost fee recovery.

If you have questions regarding this action, I can be reached at (301) 492-3110, or via e-mail to bmr@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

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