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**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Mr. Nichols,

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am writing to respectfully request copies of any communication, including correspondence, meeting notes or emails, as specified below, between each one of the Commissioners and Chairmen of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and senior executives of corporations (listed below) involved in the global business of nuclear power, as pertaining to the construction of new nuclear power reactors or plants.

I have reason to believe there is significant documentation of this kind at the NRC, as in the time period specified below, the nuclear power industry underwent a gradual buildup of increasingly specific plans to restart construction of new nuclear power plants. The American market is one of the premier markets in this field, and the corporations below are important global players who frequently solicit government assistance.

The documents should

- be dated January 1, 1990-present;
- include key words such as "nuclear power" or "nuclear energy" alongside "new capacity" or "new reactors" or "new plants" or "new construction" and "operating license" or "combined operating license" or "early site permit" and variations and synonyms thereof;
- also potentially include key words such as "preferred treatment" or "national interest" or "American prominence" variations and synonyms thereof;
- encompass communications from the offices of each Commissioner and each Chairman.

Probable outside entities include one or more of the following companies or organizations:

- Amarillo Power
- Ameren Corp.
- Areva Inc.
- Bechtel Corporation
- Constellation Energy Group
- Dominion Resources Inc.
- DTE Energy Co.
- Duke Energy
- Electricite de France
- Entergy Corp.
- Exelon Corp.
- First Energy Group
- Florida Power & Light Co.
- General Electric Nuclear Energy
- Hitachi Ltd.
- Institute of Nuclear Power Operations
- Japan Steel Works Ltd.
- McDermott International Inc.
- Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd.
- NRG Energy Inc.
- Nuclear Energy Institute
- Progress Energy Inc.
- Southern Company
- Stone and Webster, Inc.
- Tennessee Valley Authority
- The Shaw Group, Inc.
- Toshiba Corporation
- TXU Corp.
- U.S. Enrichment Corporation
- Urenco Ltd.
- Westinghouse Electric Company

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I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute stipulates, but ideally sooner as we are on a production schedule for this project..

If you need any additional information or clarification, please contact me. For your convenience, our FedEx

Thank you for your earliest attention and expertise.

Sincerely,



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