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Subject: Comments on NRC Proposed Rulemaking on the Consideration of Aircraft Impacts

for New Nuclear Power Reactor Designs, 72 Fed. Reg. 56,287 (Oct. 3, 2007), RIN

3150-AI19

Concerning the subject proposed rulemaking and opportunity to submit comments, GE-Hitachi Nuclear (GEH) participated in an industry effort to develop comments through the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI). The NEI submitted comments on behalf of the nuclear industry on December 17, 2007. In addition, GEH participated in the development of comments submitted by Morgan Lewis on December 17, 2007, with errata dated December 18, 2007. GEH supports the NEI comments and suggested changes therein for the final rule. Regarding previously certified designs, if acceptable commercial arrangements are made with a Combined License applicant referencing the GEH Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR) design certification in 10 CFR Part 52, Appendix A, GEH is prepared to perform an assessment of aircraft impacts on the ABWR in accordance with the provisions in 10 CFR 52.500(b).

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely.

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