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Note: TXU plans on  
meeting w/ Commission  
on 4/24/07.

US Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852  
Attn: Luis A. Reyes, Executive Director for Operations

Dear Chairman Klein:

I am writing to notify you of an important milestone in Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. (MHI) program to supply a nuclear plant utilizing the US-APWR design in the United States. On March 9, 2007, Mr. Mitch Lucas, Vice President of Nuclear Engineering and Support for TXU Power, submitted a letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (TXNB-07002) stating that TXU has chosen the US-APWR as its technology of choice for construction of two or more nuclear plants. The first site on which TXU plans to construct the US-APWR is at the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station. I have attached a copy of this letter for your convenience.

As you will recall, MHI is seeking to obtain design certification for the US-APWR, and is already extensively engaged with the NRC staff in various pre-application activities. During 2006, MHI prepared a schedule for submittal of topical reports and technical review meetings to be considered by the NRC Staff. Consistent with this schedule, MHI has complete five technical review meetings and submitted four topical reports covering key technical topics including the advanced accumulator, the instrumentation and control platform, and the MHI quality assurance program. MHI sincerely appreciates the support and review time provided by the NRC staff to date, and will make every possible effort to meet the schedule commitments concerning future meetings and submittals.

MHI believes that the US-APWR will also be chosen by other power companies because of the US-APWR's excellent design features and MHI's proven manufacturing capability. MHI is committed to provide high quality plants and services to the power companies that choose the US-APWR to provide electric power for the United States.

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We sincerely hope that the TXU selection of the US-APWR will permit the NRC to continue its efforts to review our pre-application submittals and the Design Control Document, and the TXU Combined Operating License application in the upcoming fiscal year (FY2008-09).

I am planning on visiting the United States in the near future, and if you would find it helpful, I would be very pleased to meet with you and your colleagues. MHI stands ready to discuss any questions that you might have.

Very truly yours,



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