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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Fuel Facility Licensing Directorate, FCSS
Attn: Michael D. Tschlitz
Mail Stop E2C40M
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Tschlitz :

Subject: Letter of Acknowledgement for AREVA NP Inc. Standby Trust Agreement

- Ref.: 1. E-mail, A. Snyder to R. Link, "Revised Standby Trust Agreement attached to AREVA's 8-21-08 Letter," August 27, 2008.
- Ref.: 2. Letter, R. E. Link to Michael D. Tschlitz, "Revised Standby Trust Agreement in Support of Decommissioning Financial Assurance for the AREVA NP Inc. Richland, Washington Fuel Fabrication Facility (License No. SNM-1227; Docket No. 70-1257)," August 21, 2008.

Via Reference 1, the NRC questioned the lack of certain fully executed attachments to the Standby Trust Agreement conveyed to the NRC via Reference 2. As subsequently discussed with the NRC, two of the attachments, namely the Certificate of Events and Certificate of Resolution, are not to be executed until such time as AREVA is commencing decommissioning in accordance with an NRC-approved decommissioning plan. The third attachment, namely the Letter of Acknowledgement, should however be executed. Accordingly, attached please find an original notarized Letter of Acknowledgement for inclusion with AREVA's Standby Trust Agreement.

If you have questions, please contact me at 509-375-8409.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert E. Link', with a stylized flourish at the end.

R. E. Link, Manager
Environmental, Health, Safety & Licensing

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Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Letter of Acknowledgement

State of North Carolina

To Wit: _____

City of Winston-Salem, Forsyth County

On this 22nd day of September, 2008, before me, a notary public in and for the city and State aforesaid, personally appeared Mert Kreiser, and she/he did depose and say that she/he is the Vice President of State Street Bank & Trust Co., which executed the above instrument; that she/he knows the seal of said association; that the seal affixed to such instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the association; and that she/he signed her/his name thereto by like order.

JILL E. WHEELER
NOTARY PUBLIC
FORSYTH COUNTY, NC

Jill E. Wheeler
Signature of the Notary Public

My Commission Expires: October 12, 2013