



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

November 28, 2008

Energy Research, Inc.
6167 Executive Blvd
Rockville, MD 20852
Attn: Mr. Mohsen Khatib-Rahbar

Dear Mr. Khatib-Rahbar:

Subject: CONTRACT NO. NRC-42-07-482; STOP-WORK ORDER FOR TASK
ORDERS 21, 24, 29, 30 and 33

This letter is a follow-up to the telephone notification provided to Mr. Roy Karimi on November 26, 2008 by the Contracting Officer to stop work on the subject task orders.

You are directed to stop all work on the task orders referenced in the table below in support of the subject contract effective November 26, 2008. This action is necessary because by letter dated November 24, 2008, Exelon notified the NRC that it is negotiating with manufacturers of alternate reactor design technologies after an Exelon-internal analysis showed that technologies other than the ESBWR provide "greater commercial and schedule certainty." The applicant further stated that the improved commercial and schedule certainty would enhance Exelon's ability to obtain federal loan guarantees. As a result, Exelon is considering reactor technologies that, in their view, have more mature designs, more certain cost structures and better availability of information than the ESBWR. Exelon expects to decide on an alternate technology in early 2009, and plans to revise their COL application at that time. In the meantime, Exelon has requested that certain portions of the application review continue and plans to meet with the NRC staff to discuss continuing portions of the VCS review. However, because of the lack of clarity of the Victoria County and in an effort to use staff resources efficiently, NRO management has determined that the VCS safety and environmental reviews should be suspended immediately. This includes all work on: developing the VCS schedule, PSERs, RAIs, contractor support, the planned environmental scoping meeting, and related audits. You will be notified further on the status of this stop work order as soon as a decision on how to proceed is made by the NRC staff.

TO #	Description
21	Victoria County TX (ESBWR) SCOL - Review of Balance of Plant (BOP) Systems
24	Victoria County TX (ESBWR) SCOL - Chapters 8, 9.5.3, 14.3.6, 16.3
29	Victoria County TX (ESBWR) SCOL - (SRP 2.4.13, 11.1-11.5, 14.3.7)
30	Victoria County TX (ESBWR) SCOL - (SRP 12.1-12.5, 14.3.8)
33	Victoria County TX (ESBWR) SCOL - Environmental Review - Issue Area

Acceptance of this letter should be made by having an official, authorized to bind your organization, execute three copies of this document in the space provided and return two copies to my attention. You should retain the third copy for your records.

TEMPLATE - ADM001

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ADM002

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Should you have any questions regarding this action, please contact me at 301 492 3638.

Sincerely,

Kala Shankar

Kala Shankar
Contracting Officer
Division of Contracts
Office of Administration

ACCEPTED:

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President

Title

12-03-2008

Date