

April 6, 2009 E-27957

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Attn: Document Control Desk One White Flint North 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852

Subject:

Input Regarding Transnuclear, Inc. (TN) Application for Amendment 1 to the

NUHOMS® HD System (Docket No. 72-1030; TAC NO. L24153)

Enclosure:

1. FPL Energy Letter SBK-L-09061, from Gene St. Pierre (FPL Energy) to Jayant

Bondre (TN), "Seabrook Station Request TN Contact NRC Regarding Approval Date of Certificate of Compliance 1030, Amendment 1, File:

PSL/PTN/SBK-100-43-09," March 24, 2009

In order to provide information to the NRC staff related to the need for Amendment 1 to Certificate of Compliance 1030 for the NUHOMS® HD System, TN hereby forwards the letter shown herein as Enclosure 1, in which FPL Energy describes the safety benefit Amendment 1 will bring to their Seabrook Station dry fuel storage facility.

Should you require additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Don Shaw at 410-910-6878 or me at 410-910-6881.

Sincerely,

Jayant Bondre

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cc: B. Jennifer Davis (NRC SFST)

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Reference: FPLE Purchase Order 02205271/Specification SBK-S-S-1-E-0149

During the third quarter of 2008, Seabrook Station placed spent fuel in dry storage using Certificate of Compliance No. 1030, Amendment 0.

On November 1, 2007, Transnuclear (TN) submitted Certificate of Compliance No. 1030, Amendment 1 to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) (letter number TN-25747) which allows, among other things, the use of remote temperature monitoring to satisfy the administrative controls requirement of NUHOMS HD SYSTEM GENERIC TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (Section 5.2.5, HSM-H Thermal Monitoring Program).

The current Amendment 0 requires daily inspection of the horizontal storage module (HSM) vents to demonstrate that there is no blockage. This requirement is contained in Section 5.2.5 of the current Technical Specifications.

Generally this inspection has not been a hardship. However, during the winter months a considerable effort is required to remove snow from the inlet and outlet vents. Due to its nature this activity must be done during adverse weather conditions. Seabrook Station considers snow removal under these conditions a safety concern. This issue was not considered during the design of the Seabrook Station dry fuel storage facility because we believed Amendment 1 would be issued before the 2008-2009 Winter season.

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The design of the remote temperature monitoring system is essentially complete with the exception of:

- (1) the issuance of the TN specification number E-26756, Specification for Generic Temperature Monitoring of NUHOMS® HSM-H with Flat Stainless Steel Heat Shields loaded with DSC containing 34.8 kW Total Maximum Decay Heat Load,
- (2) the issuance of Amendment 1, and
- (3) the submittal of an exemption request by Seabrook to the USNRC to use Amendment 1 Technical Specification on the HSMs loaded using Amendment 0 under 10CFR72.7, Specific exemptions.

TN is requested to contact the NRC regarding Amendment 1 to request that this amendment is issued on or before June 15, 2009.

Sincerely,

FPL Energy Seabrook, LLC

Gene St. Pierre Site Vice President