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Secretary
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Washington, DC

re: Small Power Reactors – COMMENTS REQUESTED ON PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A
VARIABLE
ANNUAL FEE STRUCTURE FOR NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS

Greetings:

Per NRC Memorandum of March 25, 2009, No. 09-059, which invites comments on
establishing a variable annual fee structure, Hyperion Power Generation suggests a fee
comprised of two components:

1. A baseline fixed component applicable to any size reactor – large or small. Suggestion:
\$50,000.00 per year.

(reactors at universities could perhaps just be charged 10% of that baseline charge)

2. A variable component that is proportional to the size of the system. This part of the fee
based on MW provided, would be devised to reflect the fact that larger systems have more
complexity and more potential hazards associated with them and should therefore be more
costly to regulate.

We appreciate the NRC's initiative for early exploration of the matter of annual fees for the
smaller power reactors. Hyperion Power Generation's small, mass-produced reactors for
70MWt - 27MWe, are currently expected to be priced at only \$30 million per unit. Our
foremost mission is to bring affordable, clean, emission-free energy in a simple, safe design to
populations that are suffering from high energy prices and/or remote site issues. The annual fee,

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as currently set up for all nuclear power reactors would pose a prohibitive obstacle for many of our expected customers.

Should there be any questions about our suggestion, please do not hesitate to contact me. We thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Sincerely,

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