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**Revised Schedule for the Response to a Third Request for Additional Information  
Regarding ANP-10281P, "U.S. EPR Digital Protection System Topical Report"  
(TAC MD4977)**

- Ref. 1: Letter, Ronnie L. Gardner (AREVA NP Inc.) to Document Control Desk (NRC), "Request for Review and Approval of ANP-10281P, 'U.S. EPR Digital Protection System Topical Report'," NRC:07:011, March 27, 2007.
- Ref. 2: Letter, Getachew Tesfaye (NRC) to Ronnie L. Gardner (AREVA NP Inc.), "Third Request For Additional Information Regarding ANP-10281P, 'U.S. EPR Digital Protection System Topical Report'," March 4, 2009.
- Ref. 3: Letter, Ronnie L. Gardner (AREVA NP Inc.) to Document Control Desk (NRC), "Response to a Request for Additional Information Regarding ANP-10281P, 'U.S. EPR Digital Protection System Topical Report' (TAC MD4977)," NRC:07:040, August 21, 2007.
- Ref. 4: Letter, Ronnie L. Gardner (AREVA NP Inc.) to Document Control Desk (NRC), "Response to Second Request For Additional Information Regarding ANP-10281P, 'U.S. EPR Digital Protection System Topical Report' (TAC MD4977)," NRC:07:073, December 3, 2007.
- Ref. 5: Letter, Ronnie L. Gardner (AREVA NP Inc.) to Document Control Desk (NRC), "Response to Third Request For Additional Information Regarding ANP-10281P, 'U.S. EPR Digital Protection System Topical Report' (TAC MD4977)," NRC:07:073, March 31, 2009.

AREVA NP Inc. (AREVA NP) requested the NRC's review and approval of topical report ANP-1 0281 (P), "U.S. EPR Digital Protection System Topical Report" in Reference 1. A third request for additional information (RAI) was provided by the NRC in Reference 2. Previous RAI responses were submitted to NRC in References 3, 4 and 5.

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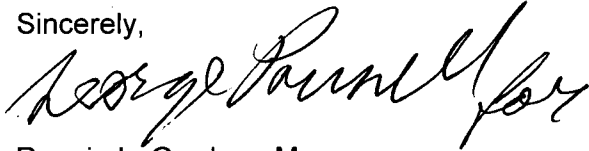
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Three of the four questions in Reference 2 were responded to in Reference 5. The response to the remaining question (i.e., RAI-39) was deferred pending a request for a meeting with the NRC in April 2009 to obtain clarification regarding RAI-39. Due to the continuing dialog with the NRC staff regarding U.S. EPR I&C design and the upcoming meeting with the NRC staff on I&C design features scheduled for August 5-6, 2009, the response to RAI-39 will be provided within 30 days of August 6, 2009.

If you have any questions related to this submittal, please contact Ms. Sandra M. Sloan, Regulatory Affairs Manager for New Plants, by telephone at 434-832-2369 or by e-mail to [sandra.sloan@areva.com](mailto:sandra.sloan@areva.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronnie L. Gardner", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Corporate Regulatory Affairs  
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cc: G. Tesfaye  
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