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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REVIEW OF WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY (WESTINGHOUSE) TOPICAL REPORT WCAP-10965-P-A, ADDENDUM 2/ WCAP-10966-A, ADDENDUM 2, "QUALIFICATION OF THE NEW PIN POWER RECOVERY METHODOLOGY" (TAC NO. ME1420)

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Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. You did not request a fee waiver; therefore, NRC staff hours will be billed accordingly.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. George C. Bacuta at (301) 415-1970.

Sincerely,

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