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GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy ("GEH") is the successor of GE Nuclear Energy, the original applicant for the Advanced Boiling-Water Reactor ("ABWR") design certification (10 CFR Part 52, Appendix A). GEH informed the NRC of its intent to request renewal of the design certification, which expires June 11, 2012. To that end, GEH met with the NRC February 23, 2010, in a pre-application meeting to describe the scope and to provide a schedule for submitting the renewal request. This letter is to provide an update to information previously provided to the NRC in the February meeting.

In the pre-application meeting, GEH indicated that a Licensing Topical Report containing a containment analysis in support of the renewal application would be submitted October 8, 2010, and that the renewal application would be submitted November 5, 2010.

In recent discussions with the NRC New Reactor Office projects group regarding the application, GEH indicated it would follow NRC Office Instruction LIC-500, Rev. 4, "Topical Report Process," for the containment analysis report. Specifically, GEH will submit a Technical Report rather than a Topical Report, as suggested in subsection 4.1.1.A of LIC-500. The Technical Report will be referenced in the ABWR Design Control Document and would be reviewed as part of the renewal application rather than as a stand-alone report. Accordingly, the Technical Report will be submitted concurrent with the renewal application on November 5, 2010, rather than in advance of the application.

If you have any questions about the information provided, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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