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SECRETARY

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Charles Pierce
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Dear Mr. Pierce:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased that you will participate in a public Commission meeting on the Construction Reactor Oversight Program (cROP), Thursday, December 16, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Conference Room on the first floor of the NRC's Headquarters building at One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland. The Commission is interested in hearing the industry perspective on NRC oversight of new construction activities and the cROP. I am enclosing a copy of the draft meeting agenda for your information (enclosure 1). My staff will keep you informed of any updates to the agenda.

To assist the Commission in preparing for the meeting, please e-mail any written material, including viewgraphs/slides, to Ms. Rochelle Bavol and Ms. Sandy Joosten (**rochelle.bavol@nrc.gov** and **sandy.joosten@nrc.gov**) in the Office of the Secretary, by December 9, 2010, so that it can be distributed to the Commission for review in advance of the meeting. Enclosed are guidelines for viewgraphs, if you choose to use them (enclosure 2). PowerPoint or other electronic presentation formats are acceptable. This Commission meeting will be webcast live at the Web address: **www.nrc.gov.** If you intend to use viewgraphs they will also be posted on the NRC website prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Bavol at 301-415-1651.

Your presentation at the Commission meeting should be based on the assumption that Commissioners are familiar with the content of your written material. Please plan your oral presentation for 10 minutes, discussing the important points on which you wish to focus the Commission's attention.

The NRC Headquarters building is located opposite the White Flint Metro Station on Rockville Pike and Marinelli Drive, Rockville, Maryland. The White Flint Metro Station is on the Red Line of the Washington area subway system. Reserved visitor parking for Commission guests is available. If you wish to use reserved parking, please notify Ms. Bavol in advance. If reserved parking has been arranged, please check-in with the security staff at the entrance to the NRC campus on Marinelli Drive when you arrive. A Security Guard will call for an escort. Please

note that visitors will be screened through metal detectors, will have their packages x-rayed, and will be required to present a picture identification card prior to signing in at the registration desk.

Sincerely,

Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures:
1. Draft Agenda
2. Briefing Visuals Guidance

Draft: 10/13/10

SCHEDULING NOTE

Title: **BRIEFING ON CONSTRUCTION REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROGRAM (cROP) (Public)**

Scheduled: **Thursday, December 16, 2010**
2:00 pm

Duration: Approx. 2 hours and 40 minutes

Location: Commissioners' Conference Room, 1st fl OWFN

Participants: **Presentation**

External Participants **50 mins.***

Tom Houghton, Director, Safety Focused Regulation, Nuclear Energy Institute 10 mins.*

(NEI has been actively coordinating the industry's engagement with the Construction Reactor Oversight Program (cROP) working group.)

Mark McBurnett, Vice President Regulatory Affairs, South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company 10 mins.*

Greg Gibson, Vice President Regulatory Affairs, UniStar Nuclear Energy LLC 10 mins.*

(Mr. Gibson and Mr. McBurnett are Vice Presidents (VPs) of Regulatory Affairs for two companies that have submitted Combined License applications and have been actively engaged in the cROP working group. They are familiar with the specific topic.)

Charles R. Pierce, Vogtle Deployment Licensing Manager, Southern Nuclear Operating Co., Inc. 10 mins.*

(Mr. Pierce is a Licensing Manager for one of the companies that is likely to be among the first Combined License application reviews to be completed. Note that Southern Nuclear Operating Co. currently is performing construction activities under the Limited Work Authorization and has started their first assessment period on July 2010.)

Ted Jackson, Program Manager, Environmental Emergency and Radiation, Program Coordination Branch, Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources 10 mins.*

(Despite the staff's effort to involve members of the public, the only participation of members of the public was from the State of Georgia (Mr. Ted Jackson on behalf of Mr.

Jim Sommerville) during the initial meeting on November 16, 2009, as part of the panel of senior individuals that was convened to provide insights from their perspective regarding the NRC's construction assessment program.)

Topics:

- Industry perspective on NRC oversight of new construction activities and cROP

Commission Q & A **50 mins.**

Break **5 mins.**

NRC Staff **30 mins.***

Bill Borchardt, Executive Director for Operations
Michael Johnson, Director, Office of New Reactors
Glenn Tracy, Director, Division of Construction Inspection and Operational Programs NRO
or
John Tappert, Deputy Director, Division of Construction Inspection and Operational Programs, NRO
Timothy Frye, Chief, Construction Assessment, Enforcement and Allegations Branch, NRO

Chuck Ogle, Director, Division of Construction Inspection, RII
(to give some field perspectives on construction inspection)

Topics:

- Paper on policy options after reconsidering the construction assessment process (IMC 2505 - Periodic Assessment of Construction Inspection Program Results) due 10/26/10.

Commission Q & A **30 mins.**

Discussion – Wrap-up **5 mins.**

*For presentation only and does not include time for Commission Q & A's

Documents:
Staff background material due to SECY: December 2, 2010.
Slides due to SECY: December 9, 2010.

Enclosure 2

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