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SECRETARY

Ralph Andersen, Senior Director
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Nuclear Energy Institute
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Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Andersen:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased that you will participate in a public Commission meeting on the proposed rule to revise the environmental review for renewal of nuclear power plant operating licenses (Part 51), on January 11, 2012, at 1:00 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's perspective on revision and implementation of the revised Part 51 as seen by applicants seeking to renew an operating license. 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 slides/viewgraphs, to Ms. Rochelle Baval and Ms. Sandy Joosten (rochelle.baval@nrc.gov and sandy.joosten@nrc.gov) in the Office of the Secretary, by January 4, 2012, so that it can be distributed to the Commission for review in advance of the meeting. Enclosed are guidelines for slides, if you choose to use them (enclosure 2). PowerPoint is the preferred format, but other electronic presentation formats may be used. This Commission meeting will be webcast live at the Web address: www.nrc.gov. If you intend to use slides, they will also be posted on the NRC website prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Baval 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. Baval 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annette Vietti-Cook". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Annette Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Briefing Visuals Guidance

Draft: 11/30/11

SCHEDULING NOTE

Title: **BRIEFING ON PROPOSED RULE TO REVISE THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR RENEWAL OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANT OPERATING LICENSES (PART 51)**

Purpose: To provide the Commission with a discussion of the anticipated changes to Part 51 and the supporting technical basis document, NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants" (GEIS).

Scheduled: **January 11, 2012**
1:00 pm

Duration: Approx. 3 hours

Location: Commissioners' Conference Room, 1st fl OWFN

Participants: **Presentation**

External Panel **40 mins.***

Industry Representatives

Ralph Andersen, Senior Director, Radiation Safety and Environmental Protection, Nuclear Energy Institute **10 mins.***

Topic: Industry's perspective on revision and implementation of the revised Part 51 as seen by applicants seeking to renew an operating license.

Jack Bailey, Vice President, Nuclear Generation Development, Tennessee Valley Authority **10 mins.***

Topic: Licensee's perspective on applying for renewal of an operating license. (Note: Sequoyah would most likely become the first plant whose application would be affected by the rule change.)

Public Interest Representatives

Phillip Musegaas, Riverkeeper **10 mins.***

Topic: Public interest perspective on the Part 51 revisions.

George Jepsen, Connecticut Attorney General **10 mins.***
(Invited but not yet confirmed.)

Topic: Environmental Impact of License Renewal

Commission Q & A **50 mins.**

Break **5 mins.**

NRC Staff Panel **35 mins.***

Bill Borchardt, Executive Director for Operations
Eric Leeds, Director, NRR

Melanie Galloway, Deputy Director, Division of License Renewal, NRR 15 mins.*
Topic: Overview of rule background and history and summary of public outreach and comments

Andrew Imboden, Branch Chief, Environmental Review and Guidance Update, NRR 20 mins.*
Topic: Discussion of the substantive changes to Part 51 and the revised GEIS

Commission Q & A **50 mins.**

Discussion – Wrap-up **5 mins.**

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

Documents:

Note: The final rule package is due 5/1/12.

Background material due to SECY: December 27, 2011.

Slides due to SECY: January 4, 2012.

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