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Subject: Approach for Developing Seismic Hazard Information Requested in 50.54(f) Letter Dated March 12, 2012

Project Number: 689

On March 12, 2012, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a 50.54(f) letter requesting information regarding recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3 of the Near-term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident. In their 90-day responses to that letter, licensees noted that guidance was still being developed for the requested Seismic Hazard Evaluations and Seismic Risk Evaluations.

As discussed during the public meeting on July 24-25, the industry believes that we have reached agreement with the NRC on the necessary guidance for establishing the control points for new ground motion response spectra (GMRS) and developing site amplification factors for sites with limited soil/rock profile data. Therefore, we are requesting your endorsement of the approaches described in the three attachments to this letter. To avoid any delays and recognizing time needed for your review and endorsement, licensees through EPRI are proceeding with the Seismic Hazard Evaluations using these approaches and intend to meet the requested schedules for submitting the seismic hazard information to NRC.

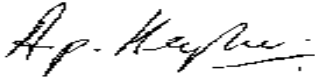
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If you have any questions, please contact me or Kimberly Keithline (kak@nei.org; 202.739.8121).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrian Heymer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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