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Waiver_Purpose: The requested documents include discussions of the flood protection measures at Oconee. UCS is monitoring the flooding issue broadly (e.g., GI-204) and the specific issues at Oconee. The requested information will help us better understand the problem and its possible solutions.

Waiver_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: We understand that the materials outline the flooding problem at Oconee and proposed flood protection solutions. UCS plans to review this material to determine if the hazard will be properly risk managed.

Waiver_SpecificActivityQuals: The NRC seeks to address the flooding hazard at nuclear power plants via post-Fukushima orders and a generic issue (GI-204). UCS has a staff member with a degree in nuclear engineering on staff who worked for nearly 20 years in the U.S. nuclear power industry. UCS will review the requested materials and apply this experience to determine both the consequences from unmitigated flooding (i.e., what safety systems might be disabled/impaired by flooding) and the adequacy of proposed flooding protection measures.

Waiver_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: The public is generally aware that flooding caused by the tsunami at Fukushima played a role in that facility's accident. There are flooding hazards at U.S. nuclear plants - although not from tsunamis. UCS expects to be able to review the requested materials and communicate to the public the flooding hazard facing U.S. reactors in context. We would expect to clarify that U.S. reactors are not immune from flooding hazards simply because they are not located on sea coasts, nor are they fundamentally doomed because of the flooding hazards. We'd strive to explain what the flooding hazards are and advocate appropriate fixes.

Waiver_NatureOfPublic: Last year's accident at Fukushima resulted in heightened interest in U.S. reactor safety. UCS has testified numerous times before the US Congress, presented numerous times to the NRC Commission, presented numerous times to state and local forums, and responded to numerous media inquiries. UCS expects to review the requested materials and incorporate insights into sustained communications with these audiences.

Waiver_MeansOfDissemination: UCS expects to review the requested materials and incorporate information into blog posts, short issue briefs, longer reports, written testimony to Congressional committees, and presentations/submittals to the NRC on Fukushima lessons learned and GI-204 resolution.

Waiver_FreeToPublicOrFee: Materials posted to the UCS website, www.ucsusa.org, such as blogs, issues briefs, reports, and testimony is available for viewing/downloading free of charge.

Waiver_PrivateCommericalInterest: None.
