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## General Comment

February 6, 2013

Subject: Comments; Retrospective Review Under Executive Order 13579; NRC-2011-0246; 77 Fed. Reg. 70123 (Nov. 23, 2012)

GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy ("GEH") appreciates the opportunity to comment on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") draft plan for the retrospective analysis of its existing regulations.

Specific to the request for comments, the NRC plan proposes implementation of direction in Executive Order 13579, "Regulation and Independent Regulatory Agencies," and the associated Executive Order 13563, "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review." The Executive Orders are for the purpose of facilitating periodic reviews of existing significant regulations to assess continued applicability and effectiveness. Efforts to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden are important, as reflected in the intent of the Executive Orders.

Rather than conduct or establish a periodic review under the Orders, the NRC draft plan discusses a number of processes, programs, and activities to assess its existing significant regulations and indicates that these efforts foster an ongoing culture of retrospective analysis. The draft plan describes how these activities meet the objectives of the Orders.

GEH supports the NRC approach that provides ongoing assessments of regulatory burdens in various NRC actions involving regulations, which are described in the draft plan. The draft plan

indicates that the NRC will revise its Final Plan periodically. In these periodic revisions, the NRC should describe specific regulatory review actions and results that have occurred since the last revision of the Final Plan.

## RulemakingComments Resource

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Attached for docketing is a comment from Patricia Campbell on the above noted FRN (77 FR 70123; November 23, 2102) that I received via the regulations.gov website on February 6, 2013.

Thanks,  
Carol