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March 4, 2013

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SUBJECT: NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NO. 1, DRAFT SAFETY EVALUATION RE: RELIEF FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ASME CODE, SECTION XI, REQUEST NO. 11SI-004, REVISION 1, REPAIR OF CONTROL ROD DRIVE HOUSING PENETRATIONS (TAC NO. ME5789)

Dear Mr. Costanzo:

By letter dated March 4, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Package Accession No. ML110680291), as supplemented by letters dated March 25, 2011, September 29, 2011, April 9, May 22, June 7, and October 31, 2012 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML 110950302, ML 11279A037, ML121020213, ML12152A173, ML12160A349, and ML123120285, respectively), Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, LLC (NMPNS, the licensee) pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 50.55a(a)(3)(i), submitted the request to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Request Number 11SI-004, "Request to Utilize an Alternative to the Requirements of 10 CFR 50.55a(g) for the Repair of Control Rod Drive Housing Penetrations for the Remainder of the License Renewal Period of Extended Operation." In its letter dated April 9, 2012, the licensee submitted Revision 1 to the Request No. 11SI-004. In the subject relief request, the licensee requested the use of an alternative to the requirements of certain American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code), Section XI requirements and the ASME Code Case N-606-1 as approved by the NRC, at NMPNS, Unit No. 1 (NMP1. Enclosed for NMP1's review and comment is a copy of the NRC staff's draft safety evaluation (SE) for the Request No. 11SI-004, Revision 1.

Pursuant to Section 2.390 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), we have determined that the enclosed draft SE does not contain proprietary information. However, we will delay placing the draft SE in the public document room until March 15, 2013, to provide you with the opportunity to comment on any proprietary aspects. If you believe that any information in the enclosure is proprietary, please identify such information line-by-line and define the basis pursuant to the criteria of 10 CFR 2.390.

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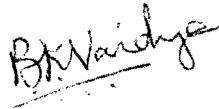
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The final SE will be issued after making any necessary changes and will be made publicly available. The NRC staff's disposition of your comments on the draft SE will be discussed in the final SE.

To facilitate the NRC staff's review of your comments, please provide a marked-up copy of the draft non-proprietary and proprietary SEs showing proposed changes and provide a summary table of the proposed changes.

Please contact me at (301) 415-3308, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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