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To: Those on the attached list

SUBJECT: PROJECT AURORA

On June 13, 2007, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), in cooperation with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) conducted a special meeting regarding Project Aurora in which industry representatives were in attendance. (b)(7)(F)

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By now you have received a letter from NEI dated June 20, 2007, conveying information from DHS regarding the implementation of a mitigation strategy associated with the Project Aurora. Also, on June 15, 2007, you received a letter from the NERC on the same subject.

Because the issue surrounding the Aurora Project may have safety and security implications, we request that you: (1) inform us of any specific onsite conditions that are susceptible to this vulnerability, or confirm that your facility has none; (2) inform us of the specific actions that you plan to take to mitigate this vulnerability at your facility and discuss how these actions will work in coordination with actions being taken by your transmission system operators; (3) inform us of the completion date for the specific actions identified in item (2); and (4) inform us of the safety, security and regulatory implications of the specific actions identified in item (2), including, for example, any anticipated license amendment requests that may be needed.

We request this information within 60 days of the date of this letter. This letter has been coordinated with the DHS.

Should you have any questions on this request, please contact the Lead Technical Contact, Thomas Koshy at (301) 415-5828 (tkk@nrc.gov) or the Lead Project Manager Thomas Alexion at (301) 415-1326 (twalex@nrc.gov).

Your responses should be appropriately designated and labeled (such as Safeguards Information, if applicable) in accordance with their content.

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Sincerely,

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