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Subject: Submittal of NEI 08-01, *Industry Guideline for the ITAAC Closure Process Under 10 CFR 52, Revision 5*

Project Number: 689

Dear Ms. Dudes:

Attachment 1 to this letter provides NEI 08-01, *Industry Guideline for the ITAAC Closure Process Under 10 CFR 52, Revision 5*, for NRC final review and endorsement. The attachment reflects convergence achieved over the course of several public meetings on the resolution of NRC staff comments provided on proposed revisions to existing guidance. To facilitate the staff's review, Attachment 2 provides a table of the industry responses to NRC staff comments provided in public meetings on April 10 and May 9 on the proposed revisions provided for NRC staff review last January.

Important revisions in Revision 5 include changes that reflect our deeper understanding of the ITAAC process that has come from early experience on the lead projects at Vogtle and V.C. Summer, and numerous new examples of ITAAC closure and related notifications intended to guide licensee preparation of the actual NRC notifications required by 10 CFR 52.99. Upon completing its review to confirm appropriate resolution of NRC comments, we understand that the staff will initiate the process of endorsing NEI 08-01, Revision 5, via a second revision to Regulatory Guide 1.215.

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We appreciate the constructive series of public interactions with the NRC staff that have supported the completion of NEI 08-01, Revision 5. We look forward to continuing these interactions and to continued discussion of lessons learned from first-time implementation of the ITAAC closure process for the Vogtle and Summer projects.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RJB", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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Attachments

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