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November 13, 2013
U7-C-NINA-NRC-130061
10 CFR 15.31

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of the Chief Financial Officer
License Fee and Accounts Receivable Branch
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11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852-2738

South Texas Project
Units 3 and 4
Docket Nos. 52-012 and 52-013
Fee Dispute – Invoice LBF 14-0550

Reference:

Letter, David B. Matthews to Mark McBurnett, "SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT UNITS 3 AND 4 COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION FOREIGN OWNERSHIP, CONTROL OR DOMINATION REVIEW," dated April 29, 2013 (ML13105A351)

NRC fee invoice LBF 14-0550 appears to charge North America LLC (NINA) for expenses associated with evidentiary Hearings contrary to 10 CFR 170.11(a)(2). The Reference letter documented the conclusion of the NRC Staff review relative to foreign ownership, control, or domination of NINA. The reference invoice has charges associated with this activity in July through September 2013 which were after the conclusion of the review and during the period that written testimony was being prepared for ALSB Hearings.

NINA will provide payment for the appropriate charges on invoice LFB 14-0550 but will withhold payment for the contested amount pending resolution of the matter which are highlighted on the Attachment to this letter.

Foreign Ownership, Control, or Domination is the subject of an evidentiary hearing concerning contention FC-1 on the NINA Combined License Application. The evidentiary hearing concerning contention FC-1 on the NINA Combined License Application was initially scheduled for October 16, 2013 but has been rescheduled for January 6, 2014.

10CFR170.11 (a) (2) addresses the exemption of fees for a contested hearing:

§ 170.11 Exemptions

(a) No application fees, license fees, renewal fees, inspection fees, or special project fees shall be required for:

(2) A contested hearing conducted by the NRC on a specific application or the authorizations and conditions of a specific NRC license, certificate, or other authorization, including those involving individual plant security modifications.

Since the NRC Staff review of the foreign ownership, control, or domination of NINA has concluded, preparations for the contested hearings are the only activities ongoing. Contrary to the cited exemption, NRC Invoice LFB 14-0550 for Docket 52-012 includes multiple charges under TAC RG1606 for "STP Foreign Ownership Control and Domination Reviews". All charges for this activity should be exempt under 10 CFR 170.11(a)(2) and as such are not appropriate and should be withdrawn. A copy of the appropriate pages from LFB 14-0550 is included as an attachment to this letter.

NINA requests that the NRC extend the interest waiver period as described in § 15.37(j) pending a final determination of the existence or amount of the debt of the contested charge.

There are no commitments in this letter.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (979) 316-3011, or Bill Mookhoek at (979) 316-3014.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 11/13/13



Scott Head
Manager, Regulatory Affairs
NINA STP Units 3 & 4

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Attachment:

Pages from Invoice LFB 14-0550

cc: w/o attachment except*
(paper copy)

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Fiscal Year:
 Quarter Period:

10/01/2013 - 09/30/2014
 06/30/2013 - 09/21/2013

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Remit To:

Office of the Chief Financial Officer
 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 P.O. Box 979051
 St. Louis, MO 63197

Invoices for Period:

| Invoice Number | Date | Due Date | Amount | Docket |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| LFB 14-0550 | Oct 24, 2013 | Nov 23, 2013 | \$575,224.00 | 05200012 |
| LFB 14-0551 | Oct 24, 2013 | Nov 23, 2013 | \$35,930.50 | 05200013 |

For questions, contact (301) 415-7554 or by email at fees.resource@nrc.gov. For NRC debt collection procedures, including interest and penalty provisions, see 31 U.S.C. 3717, 4 CFR 101-105, AND 10 CFR 15. Additional terms and conditions are attached.
 Make checks payable to The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Interest will accrue from the invoice date at an annual rate of 1%. Interest will be waived if payment is received by the due date. Please reference the invoice number on the remittance.

Billing Details:

PART 170: Docket #: 05200012 License #: Applied For

| TAC/IR Number | TAC/IR Name | Payment Period End Date | Regular Hours | Non-Regular Hours | Hour Rate | Hourly Costs | Contract Costs | Total Costs |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| TAC Details | | | | | | | | |
| RG1603 | STP P6 - Chap 19.0 SER Review and Concurrence | Sep 21, 2013 | 1.00 | 0.00 | \$272.00 | \$272.00 | \$0.00 | \$272.00 |
| RG1604 | STP Incorporation of DNRLB3 BC Comments | Aug 10, 2013 | 4.00 | 0.00 | \$274.00 | \$1,096.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,096.00 |
| RG1606 | STP Foreign Ownership Control and Domination Reviews | Jul 13, 2013 | 30.00 | 11.50 | \$274.00 | \$11,371.00 | \$0.00 | \$11,371.00 |
| RG1606 | STP Foreign Ownership Control and Domination Reviews | Jul 27, 2013 | 80.75 | 4.25 | \$274.00 | \$23,290.00 | \$0.00 | \$23,290.00 |
| RG1606 | STP Foreign Ownership Control and Domination Reviews | Aug 10, 2013 | 23.00 | 3.00 | \$274.00 | \$7,124.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,124.00 |
| RG1606 | STP Foreign Ownership Control and Domination Reviews | Aug 24, 2013 | 12.00 | 1.00 | \$274.00 | \$3,562.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,562.00 |
| RG1606 | STP Foreign Ownership Control and Domination Reviews | Sep 7, 2013 | 10.00 | 0.00 | \$274.00 | \$2,740.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,740.00 |
| RG1606 | STP Foreign Ownership Control and Domination Reviews | Sep 21, 2013 | 10.00 | 2.00 | \$272.00 | \$3,264.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,264.00 |
| S00226 | SOUTH TEXAS UNIT 3 COL (52-012) | Jul 13, 2013 | 47.50 | 0.00 | \$274.00 | \$13,015.00 | \$0.00 | \$13,015.00 |
| S00226 | SOUTH TEXAS UNIT 3 COL (52-012) | Jul 27, 2013 | 8.00 | 0.00 | \$274.00 | \$2,192.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,192.00 |
| S00226 | SOUTH TEXAS UNIT 3 COL (52-012) | Aug 10, 2013 | 4.50 | 0.00 | \$274.00 | \$1,233.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,233.00 |