

October 7, 2014

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REVIEW OF PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR OWNERS
GROUP TOPICAL REPORT PWROG-14001-P/NP, REVISION 1, "PRA MODEL
FOR THE GENERATION III WESTINGHOUSE SHUTDOWN SEAL"
(TAC NO. MF4397)

Dear Mr. Nowinowski:

By letter dated July 3, 2014 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML14190A331), the Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group (PWROG) submitted for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review Topical Report (TR) PWROG-14001-P/NP, Revision 1, "PRA [Probabilistic Risk Assessment] Model for the Generation III Westinghouse Shutdown Seal." The NRC staff has performed an acceptance review of the PWROG-14001-P/NP, Revision 1. We have found that the material presented is sufficient to begin our comprehensive review. The NRC staff expects to issue its request for additional information by November 21, 2014, and issue its draft safety evaluation by February 13, 2015. This schedule information takes in consideration the NRC's current review priorities and available technical resources and may be subject to change. If modifications to these dates are deemed necessary, we will provide appropriate updates to this information. The NRC staff estimates that the review will require approximately 350 staff hours including project management time. The review schedule milestones and estimated review costs were discussed and agreed upon in a telephone conference between Chad Holderbaum (PWROG Project Manager) and the NRC staff on October 2, 2014.

Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. You did not request a fee waiver; therefore, NRC staff hours will be billed accordingly.

As with all TRs, the NRC staff's safety evaluation (SE) of this TR will be reviewed by the NRC's Office of the General Counsel (OGC) to determine whether it falls within the scope of the Congressional Review Act (CRA). During the course of this review, OGC considers whether any endorsement or acceptance of a TR by the NRC amounts to a rule as defined in the CRA. If this initial review concludes that the SE, with its accompanying TR, may be a rule, the NRC will forward the package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for further review and consideration. Any review by OMB would impact the schedule for the final issuance of the SE.

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If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Jonathan G. Rowley at (301) 415-4053.

Sincerely,

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