

February 18, 2015

Mr. James A. Gresham, Manager
Regulatory Compliance and Plant Licensing
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1000 Westinghouse Drive
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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REVIEW OF WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY
(WESTINGHOUSE) TOPICAL REPORT WCAP-16500-P-A, SUPPLEMENT 2,
"CE 16X16 NEXT GENERATION FUEL CORE REFERENCE REPORT"
(PROPRIETARY/NON-PROPRIETARY) (TAC NO. MF4944)

Dear Mr. Gresham:

By letter dated November 12, 2014, Westinghouse submitted for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review Topical Report (TR) WCAP-16500-P-A, Supplement 2, "CE 16x16 Next Generation Fuel Core Reference Report" (Proprietary/Non-Proprietary). The NRC staff has performed its acceptance review and found that the material presented is sufficient to begin our review. We expect to issue our draft request for additional information questions by May 15, 2015, and issue its draft safety evaluation by October 30, 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 updates to this information. The NRC staff estimates that the review will require approximately 480 staff hours including project management time. The review schedule milestones and estimated review costs were discussed and agreed upon in a telephone conference between John Dosa, Licensing Manager, Fuel Engineering Licensing, Westinghouse, and the NRC staff on February 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 SE 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 Ekaterina Lenning at (301) 415-3151.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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