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May 20, 2015

Mr. Kevin Chartier  
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Dear Mr. Chartier:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter dated February 24, 2015, requesting an adjustment of your annual fees from the full cost fee to the small entity fee under the provision of 10 CFR 171.11(c).

The *FY 2014 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Small Entity Compliance Guide* contains a table of NRC Small Entity Classifications that determine if an entity qualifies to pay the small entity fee. NRC's small entity classifications are based on the FY 2014 Small Business Administration's (SBA) North American Industry Classification System. However, the NRC uses a summary classification to set its small entity fee. Periodically, NRC reviews its size standards in comparison to SBA and updates them through appropriate rulemaking. The agency is currently in the process of updating its small entity size standards.

I am granting your request for a fee adjustment under 10 CFR 171.11(c). Such a fee exemption is in the public interest because it will ensure harmony between NRC's small-business standards and SBA's small-business standards, and because NRC's new size standards will not be effective retroactively. For the current year, your organization will pay the lower small entity fee. My staff will process a refund as you have already paid the higher fee.

In conclusion, the NRC finds that your request satisfies the criteria under 10 CFR 171.11(c); therefore, the fee adjustment request is granted. Please contact Mr. David Holley, of my staff, at (301) 415-7325 for any fee related questions.

Sincerely,

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