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The Honorable Stephen G. Burns
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: NEI Support for Rulemaking Effort to Update New Reactor Licensing Regulations; SECY 15-0002

Project Number: 689

Dear Chairman Burns:

On behalf of the nuclear energy industry, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)¹ supports a rulemaking effort to update new reactor licensing regulations as proposed in SECY 15-0002, *Proposed Updates of Licensing Policies, Rules, and Guidance for Future New Reactor Applications*. Together with ongoing NRC staff efforts to update regulatory guidance for new plant applications, such a rulemaking would improve clarity and efficiency of the licensing process for future applicants. In order to ensure the most efficient use of NRC and stakeholder resources, we suggest that NRC staff solicit stakeholder input on the scope of the rulemaking effort early in the process.

While we support the update of new reactor licensing regulations, these activities should not be resourced at the expense of current new-plant activities. Our main priorities remain the plants currently under construction and timely completion of pending combined operating license, early site permit and design certification reviews.

We appreciate the stakeholder interactions that have taken place to collect lessons learned from recent new-reactor licensing activities and look forward to additional opportunities to participate in the rulemaking effort.

¹ The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) is the organization responsible for establishing unified industry policy on matters affecting the nuclear energy industry, including the regulatory aspects of generic operational and technical issues. NEI's members include all entities licensed to operate commercial nuclear power plants in the United States, nuclear plant designers, major architect/engineering firms, fuel cycle facilities, nuclear materials licensees, and other organizations and entities involved in the nuclear energy industry.

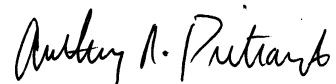
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Sincerely,

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