

May 6, 2015

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SUBJECT: REVISED ACCEPTANCE FOR REVIEW OF TOPICAL REPORT
WCAP-17203-P/WCAP-17203-NP, "FAST TRANSIENT AND
ATWS [ANTICIPATED TRANSIENT WITHOUT SCRAM] METHODOLOGY"
(TAC NO. MF5910)

Dear Mr. Gresham:

By letter dated June 30, 2010, South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company submitted for U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review Topical Report (TR) WCAP-17203-P/WCAP-17203-NP, "Fast Transient and ATWS Methodology." The NRC staff has performed an acceptance review of TR WCAP-17203-P/WCAP-17203-NP, captured in the NRC letter dated September 30, 2010 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML102640097). By letter dated November 26, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12320A210), the NRC issued a letter titled "Request for list of planned TR submittals for FY2013, FY2014, and FY2015, and the fiscal year 2013 review priority of Westinghouse TRs under the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) staff review," containing the list of the NRR staff priority Westinghouse Electric Company (Westinghouse) TRs based on the results of the NRR-wide prioritization review effort.

WCAP-17203-P/WCAP-17203-NP TR did not make the list. Therefore, the NRR review of this TR was halted, and NRR TAC No. ME4505 was closed as previously discussed and agreed upon with Westinghouse.

During the most recent NRR periodic review of TRs, resources became available for the review of WCAP-17203-P/WCAP-17203-NP. The new NRR TAC No. MF5910 was opened per the previous agreement between Westinghouse and the NRC staff.

With this letter, the NRC informs Westinghouse of the new NRR TAC and schedule for the NRR review of the WCAP-17203-P/WCAP-17203-NP TR. The NRR staff expects to issue its draft requests for additional information (RAIs) by July 1, 2015, and issue its draft safety evaluation by October 23, 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.

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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, staff hours will be billed accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-3151 or Ekaterina.Lenning@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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