

May 20, 2015

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SUBJECT: UNISTAR NUCLEAR ENERGY – REQUEST TO SUSPEND REVIEW OF
CALVERT CLIFFS UNIT 3 COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Finley:

In a letter dated February 27, 2015 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML15062A050), UniStar Nuclear Energy (UNE) requested that in view of the recent suspension of the review activities for AREVA's U.S. EPR Design Certification application, the NRC suspend the staff activities supporting the Calvert Cliffs, Unit 3 (CC3), combined license application (COLA) review until further notice. This letter also stated that UNE and Electricite de France (EDF) will continue to monitor the U.S. EPR Design Certification efforts, as well as other project conditions such as foreign ownership guidance, loan guarantee availability and the electricity market among others and that UNE does not plan to respond to any pending requests for additional information (RAIs) until after a decision to resume review activities is made.

Based on the above request from UNE, the NRC staff has suspended the review activities related to CC3 COLA review and, in doing so, has taken the following actions:

1. The completion efforts for the Phase 4 safety evaluation reports (SERs) for CC3 Group A Chapters have been suspended as of March 1, 2015.
2. The review status of all safety RAIs, currently entered in the eRAI system, has been updated and a copy of the status report at time of suspension has been posted on the project's website. The periodic updates of this status report will no longer be performed during the suspension period.
3. The NRC staff has approved UNE's latest exemption request submitted on December 31, 2014, to delay its annual Final Safety Analyses Report (FSAR) update for calendar year 2014. The exemption approval is documented in the Federal Register as FR Document Number 2015-08934.
4. All contracts associated with the review effort are being closed. Note that these

contracts will have to be reinstated upon resumption of the review activities. There may be contract closure charges applicable to these contracts. These charges will be billed to UNE using our normal billing process.

5. Effective immediately, the information posted on the project website will not be updated until the review activities are resumed. A note stating that the project is under suspension has been added to the website. Additionally, the project schedule for safety review Phases 4 through 6 has been changed to "TBD" for now. Based on the NRC staff's resource availability at the time of resumption of the review activities, a new review schedule will be developed and communicated to UNE.
6. The NRC staff has immediately suspended the environmental review for the general conformity determination (GCD). Prior to the resumption of review activities, the NRC will expect UNE to update the data submitted by September 30, 2011 letter (ADAMS Accession No. ML11276A082), to support the GCD. For details, please refer to the information needs from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, dated January 15, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15127A026).

We understand that the above actions by the NRC staff adequately document the review status of the CC3 COLA performed to date as requested in your February 27, 2015 letter.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the NRC staff's actions on UNE's request for suspension of the review activities, please contact Mr. Surinder Arora, the NRC Lead Project Manager for review of the CC3 COLA either by telephone at 301-415-1421 or via e-mail to surinder.arora@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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