June 25, 2015

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SUBJECT: MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LETTER OF MAY 4, 2015, ON WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY, LLC HEMATITE RADIOACTIVE SITE PROPOSAL FOR FATE OF MATERIALS SURROUNDING THE LACLEDE GAS COMPANY'S NATURAL GAS PIPELINE (SNM-0033)

Dear Ms. Pauley:

We are in receipt of your May 4, 2015, letter (ML15162A984). In that letter you requested that Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) be provided an opportunity to consider and provide comments on Westinghouse Electric Company's (WEC's) proposal regarding residual radioactive contamination in the area of the Laclede Pipeline. In addition, MDNR requested that if the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) did not have the flexibility to delay its decision regarding WEC's proposal, an opportunity for public comment on the NRC's decision will be provided.

Based upon your letter and Laclede's letter of March 5, 2015 (ML15069A039), the NRC was intending to issue a *Federal Register* notice (FRN) in late June or early July requesting public comment on WEC's Final Status Survey (FSS) approach in the area of the pipeline. This approach was detailed in letters dated December 18, 2014 (ML14352A415), and January 15, 2015 (ML15021A180). Additionally, the NRC proposed to representatives of MDNR, Laclede, and WEC a June 25, 2015, four party meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to facilitate a forum for the four parties to discuss a possible approach to address the concerns of Laclede, MDNR, and the NRC which would be acceptable to WEC.

On June 2, 2015, a four party conference call was held to establish an agenda for the June 25th meeting. During the call WEC indicated that it was their preference to delay the four party meeting until after they had submitted the results of their August survey work to the NRC. Representatives from MDNR and Laclede agreed with WEC's proposal.

WEC recognized during the call that postponement of the meeting until September or later had the potential for impacting their schedule for terminating the Hematite license. However, WEC considered such a postponement appropriate. As a result of WEC's proposal, all parties agreed to postpone the June 25th meeting.

The NRC will await the submittal of the August 2015 data. Following the receipt of the August 2015 data, the NRC will assess the FSS approach taken by WEC in the area of the pipeline. Following that assessment the NRC will again, have a call with Laclede and MDNR to determine whether they still have concerns. If they do, then the NRC will again propose a four party meeting with the hope that such a meeting might facilitate resolution of any concerns of

Laclede, MDNR and the NRC, if applicable. The NRC will also revisit the necessity of issuing the FRN at that time.

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Please contact John Hayes if you have any questions concerning the above. He may be reached at (301) 415-5928 or via email at John.Hayes@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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