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Desc: The April 10, 2015, "white paper with additional information related to the modeling of the plant-referenced simulator" provided to the NRC as described on page 25 of the NRC special inspection report dated July 7, 2015 for the December 25, 2014, scram at River Bend (ADAMS ML15188A532).

FeeCategory: Educational

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Waiver_Purpose: UCS issues descriptions of all events for which the NRC dispatches SITs, AITs, and IITs to investigate. In reviewing the NRC's inspection report for its SIT at River Bend, UCS saw the requested record

mentioned along with a statement that the white paper "did improve the team's understanding of the modeling deficiencies." UCS recognizes that the SIT report benefitted from that improved understanding, but UCS seeks the requested record to improve our understanding of the River Bend simulator and its limitations.

Waiver_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: UCS has an understanding of the NRC's concerns about the River Bend simulator weaknesses from the SIT report. The SIT report states that the requested record provides the licensee's reasons for concluding that the weaknesses had minor consequence. UCS will review the requested record to help use decide whether the SIT report properly characterized the role the simulator training played in the event at River Bend.

Waiver_SpecificActivityQuals: UCS describes events prompting SITs, AITs, and IITs in a series of annual reports initiated in 2011 and in blog posts. These descriptions have typically garnered greater interest and more website/blog traffic than other commentaries. UCS anticipates that our description of the River Bend SIT will also receive above-average public interest.

Waiver_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: The NRC's SIT report and the owner's LER are available in ADAMS. But they are written in nukespeak that the average member of the public does not easily understand. UCS seeks to present the same material, but in plain English. UCS accompanies our plain English narratives with graphics to help aid those not schooled in nuclear technology to understand what an RPS MG set is and the role it plays - understanding not permissible from the SIT report or LER.

Waiver_NatureOfPublic: As discussed in the response to Question 3 above, UCS's summaries of events prompting the NRC to dispatch SITs, AITs, and IITs typically receive more than average interest from the public and media.

Waiver_MeansOfDissemination: UCS will summarize the River Bend event in a blog post and in a short report in spring 2016 summarizing all events leading to SITs, AITs, and IITs reported on by NRC during 2015.

Waiver_FreeToPublicOrFee: Materials posted to the UCS website and blog are available for viewing/downloading free of charge.

Waiver_PrivateCommericalInterest: None.
