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Desc: The last three documents listed on slide 7 of NuScale's presentation to the NRC dated August 12, 2015 (ADAMS ML15215A695): (1) NEI letter dated June 30, 2014, to NRC on updated of SMR EP activities, (2) NEI letter dated July 8, 2015, to NRC supporting SECY-15-0077 Option 1, and (3) NEI white paper dated July 8, 2015 on proposed EP regulations and guidance for SMRs.

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Waiver_Purpose: UCS is interested both in SMRs and emergency planning. UCS's Edwin Lyman has authored short reports and commentaries on SMRs. Dr. Lyman called into the August 12, 2015, public meeting. He asked the NRC public meeting contact for the requested records, but was informed the documents were not publicly available. UCS seeks the requested records to supplement our awareness and understanding of the SMRs and associated EP planning issues.

Waiver_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: UCS will review the requested records to understand the nuclear industry's proposed EP activities for SMRs.

Waiver_SpecificActivityQuals: UCS will include insights we gain from review of the requested records in our commentaries, reports, and presentations to ACRS, NRC, and Congress. UCS, as a non-profit, public interest group, represents the public in meetings between the nuclear industry and its regulator. Our voice balances the voices from the industry that needs to be heard (and listened to).

Waiver_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: UCS's role in cases like this one is to take information that is (or should be) in the public arena and translate it from nukespeak and technical jargon into plainer English. In addition, UCS critiques the information, indicating the strengths and weaknesses of a proposed design or regulation. The traffic to the materials posted to the UCS website and blog suggest that our commentaries are being sought by the public, the media, and others interested in nuclear power safety.

Waiver_NatureOfPublic: SMRs are being discussed for construction and operation in Tennessee and Idaho, with possible expansion to other states. In addition to the public in these states, some tout SMRs as having a role to play in combating climate change. Thus, there's a national and international audience for commentary about SMRs.

Waiver_MeansOfDissemination: UCS uses posts to our blog (allthingsnuclear.org) and materials posted to our website (www.ucsusa.org) to get our viewpoints out. In addition, UCS is frequently invited to share our perspectives with the NRC, its ACRS, Congress, and townhall-styled meetings across the country. UCS expects to utilize these communication options for our views on SMRs and emergency planning.

Waiver_FreeToPublicOrFee: Materials posted to our website and blog are available for viewing/downloading free of charge. Most of the townhall meetings that UCS participates in are free; those that are not free typically have a nominal fee to cover expenses.

Waiver_PrivateCommericalInterest: None
