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Desc: A copy of the CD-ROM enclosed with the letter dated May 28, 2013, from Jeff S. Summy of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to Commissioner William C. Ostendorff. This letter is included within ADAMS ML14202A057.

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Waiver_Purpose: The letter indicates that the CD-ROM contains a training video developed by PG&E "for deploying FLEX strategies in response to a beyond design basis event." UCS will review the training video to gain additional insights on FLEX strategy implementation.

Waiver_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: UCS has been actively monitoring lessons learned from Fukushima. FLEX was developed by the nuclear industry to implement some of those lessons. UCS's Ed Lyman and Dave Lochbaum have each presented views on Fukushima's lessons to the NRC Commission and to the US Congress. UCS will review the video to supplement our review of documents and our listening to NRC public meetings. Thus, we share the same objective as Commissioner Ostendorff in extracting insights from the training video on FLEX.

Waiver_SpecificActivityQuals: The training video was not described in PG&E's letter in other than general terms, so it's hard to explicitly identify what we intend to extract from it. However, UCS's Ed Lyman and Dave Lochbaum have co-authored a book on Fukushima, presented views on Fukushima's lessons to the NRC Commission and the U.S. Congress, made presentations at numerous public meetings, and responded to literally hundreds of media inquiries about the accident and its lessons. Hopefully, the training video shows details about how FLEX equipment will be used during a beyond design basis accident, adding to our understanding of the topic and enabling us to communicate to various audiences more fully. For example, Lochbaum benefitted from touring the FLEX building and seeing a water storage tank added at the Watts Bar site as part of their Fukushima upgrades. That increased awareness enables more precise articulation of what FLEX is all about.

Waiver_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: The public gets that the NRC ordered owners to take steps to reduce vulnerabilities to extreme nature. They understand why such measures are necessary. The public also has a sense of what the measures constitute - more portable equipment being staged in more robust and/or diverse locations. The training video likely contains insights as to how the FLEX equipment will be deployed. In other words, the requested material will likely enable UCS to communicate to the public better on how FLEX works, complementing what the public already understands about the why and what of FLEX.

Waiver_NatureOfPublic: As evidenced by the Japanese webpage on the NRC's website and the agency's own "Reflections on Fukushima" (NUREG/KM-0008), there's considerable public interest in Fukushima and reducing vulnerabilities at U.S. nuclear power plants. UCS seeks the requested material to enhance our ability to satisfy that large interest.

Waiver_MeansOfDissemination: UCS uses fact sheets, reports, blog posts, media advisories, and public presentations to communicate with the public. Insights we gain from viewing the training video will very likely be incorporated into a variety of these communication tools in the future.

Waiver_FreeToPublicOrFee: Materials posted to the UCS website and blog are available for viewing/downloading free of charge. The majority, if not the entirety, of public forums where UCS presents are views can be attended by the public free of charge.

Waiver_PrivateCommericalInterest: None.
