

Backfit Review Panel Minutes
February 5, 2016 Meeting

Attendees: Marissa Bailey (panel chair), Adam Gendelman (panel member, via phone), Tony Gody (panel member, via phone), Alex Garmoe (via phone), Alex Popova (via phone)

After the January 15 panel meeting, two briefings of the panel were arranged; one by the OGC individuals involved in the initial backfit decision and one by the technical staff involved in the initial backfit decision. The OGC briefing occurred on February 2 and included the following individuals: Geary Mizuno (OGC), Howard Benowitz (OGC), Marissa Bailey (panel chair), Adam Gendelman (panel member), Tony Gody (panel member, via phone), Alex Garmoe (senior project manager, generic communications), and Dave Beaulieu (project manager, generic communications). The technical staff briefing occurred on February 3 and included the following individuals: Rob Taylor (DSS Deputy Director), Chris Jackson (DSS Reactor Systems Branch Chief), Jennifer Whitman (DSS Reactor Systems Engineer), Marissa Bailey, Adam Gendelman, Tony Gody (via phone), Alex Garmoe, and Alex Popova. The purpose of both briefings was for the individuals involved in the initial backfit decision to present the circumstances behind their decision and address and questions from the panel. Exelon will have the opportunity to present their perspectives to the panel in a public meeting on March 7.

Marissa started the meeting by discussing the overall timeline as it currently appears. The public meeting with Exelon is being scheduled for March 7. Logistics of the public meeting were discussed amongst the panel members (level of participation, whether to transcribe, scope of discussion, etc.). The panel must have its recommendation documented and sent to the NRR Office Director within 3 weeks after the meeting. **Action 5 assigned to Alex Garmoe to publish meeting notice. Action 6 assigned to Alex Garmoe to circle back with panel members next week on a final decision whether to transcribe the meeting.**

The panel engaged in a lengthy discussion about the information presented at the February 2 and 3 briefings and began to discuss the types of questions or information they would be looking for from Exelon at the March 7 public meeting. In response to a question from Tony Gody about the possible generic aspects of the underlying technical issue, Alex Popova discussed the status of a draft RIS addressing this issue. It was acknowledged that this topic wasn't within the scope of the panel review but was helpful to place the issue in context. The panel also briefly discussed an internal NRC memorandum (ML14227A109) and agreed that Tony Gody would contact Ken O'Brien to ensure he was aware of information in the memo in the event Region III chose to follow-up via inspection/enforcement. **Action 7 assigned to Tony Gody to contact Ken O'Brien about the memo.** Further discussion on the March 7 public meeting will occur at the next panel meeting, which has not yet been scheduled.

Alex Garmoe will continue creating a documentation shell that the panel's conclusion and basis can be pasted into and Adam Gendelman will review the backfit appeal to identify points that must be addressed in the panel's conclusion.

The panel meeting was adjourned.