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SUBJECT: FINAL SAFETY EVALUATION FOR WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY
TOPICAL REPORT WCAP-16996-P/WCAP-16996-NP, VOLUMES I, II, AND III,
REVISION 1, "REALISTIC LOSS-OF-COOLANT ACCIDENT
EVALUATION METHODOLOGY APPLIED TO THE FULL SPECTRUM OF
BREAK SIZES" (TAC NO. ME5244)

Dear Mr. Gresham:

By letter dated November 23, 2010 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML103610186), Westinghouse Electric Company (Westinghouse) submitted for U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review Topical Report (TR) WCAP-16996-P/ WCAP-16996-NP, Volumes I, II, and III, Revision 1, "Realistic Loss-Of-Coolant Accident [(LOCA)] Evaluation Methodology Applied to the Full Spectrum of Break Sizes (FULL SPECTRUM™ LOCA (FSLOCA™) Methodology)." As a result of the NRC staff requests for additional information, Westinghouse submitted Revision 1 of Volumes I, II, and III, by letters dated April 14, June 29, and October 1, 2015, that supersedes TR WCAP-16996-P/ WCAP-16996-NP, Volumes I, II, and III, Revision 0, "Realistic Loss-Of-Coolant Accident Evaluation Methodology Applied to the Full Spectrum of Break Sizes (FULL SPECTRUM™ LOCA (FSLOCA) Methodology)," for NRC review and approval (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML15112A377, ML15202A078, and ML15292A351). By letter dated March 14, 2016, an NRC draft safety evaluation (SE) regarding our approval of TR WCAP-16996-P/ WCAP-16996-NP, Volumes I, II, and III, Revision 1, was provided for your review and comments. By letter dated April 14, 2016 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16131A660), Westinghouse commented on the draft SE. The NRC staff's disposition of Westinghouse's comments on the draft SE are discussed in the attachment to the final SE enclosed with this letter. In addition, the NRC staff has made minor editorial changes.

The NRC staff has found that TR WCAP-16996-P/WCAP-16996-NP, Volumes I, II, and III, Revision 1, is acceptable for referencing in licensing applications for use of the FSLOCA™ evaluation methodology described in WCAP-16996-P/WCAP-16996-NP, Volumes I, II, and III, Revision 1, for performing best-estimate analyses for the entire spectrum of LOCAs including small break LOCA, intermediate break LOCA, and large break LOCA scenarios in Westinghouse designed three- and four-loop pressurized-water reactor plants with cold leg injection only provided that the limitations and conditions stipulated in the Section 5.0 and applicability defined in Sections 1.3.3 and 6.0 of the enclosed NRC final SE are met along with the proper documentation.

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2. The RAIs and RAI responses can be captured in the form of a table (inserted after the final SE) which summarizes the changes as shown in the approved version of the TR. The table should reference the specific RAIs and RAI responses which resulted in any changes, as shown in the accepted version of the TR.

If future changes to the NRC's regulatory requirements affect the acceptability of this TR, Westinghouse will be expected to revise the TR appropriately or justify its continued applicability for subsequent referencing. Licensees referencing this TR would be expected to justify its continued applicability or evaluate their plant using the revised TR.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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