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Dear Ms. Addleson:

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The Commission will then hold a hearing where the staff will present its safety findings. With the staff information along with the recommendation provided by the ACRS, the Commission will provide their determination on whether to grant a combined license to Dominion for the North Anna 3 reactor.

For additional information on the NRC licensing of new reactors, please visit our website for new reactor licensing.

Sincerely,

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