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PWROG-16043-P, Revision 2  
Project Number 694

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Ms. Maureen Wylie  
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Subject: PWR Owners Group  
**Request for Exemption from NRC Fees to Review PWROG-16043-P, Revision 2, “PWROG Program to Address NRC Information Notice 2012-09: “Irradiation Effects on Fuel Assembly Spacer Grid Crush Strength” for Westinghouse and CE PWR Fuel Designs,” dated January 2017**

Reference:

1. Submittal of PWROG-16043-P, Revision 2, “PWROG Program to Address NRC Information Notice 2012-09: “Irradiation Effects on Fuel Assembly Spacer Grid Crush Strength” for Westinghouse and CE PWR Fuel Designs,” PA-ASC-1169R2, OG-17-12, dated February 1, 2017, MF7459.
2. NRC Information Notice 2012-09, “Irradiation Effects on Fuel Assembly Spacer Grid Crush Strength,” dated June 28, 2012.

Dear Ms. Wylie:

The Pressurized Water Reactor Owner’s Group (PWROG) is requesting an exemption from NRC fees to review PWROG-16043-P, Revision 2, “PWROG Program to Address NRC Information Notice 2012-09: “Irradiation Effects on Fuel Assembly Spacer Grid Crush Strength” for Westinghouse and CE PWR Fuel Designs,” dated January 2017 (Reference 1).

PWROG-16043-P, Revision 2 addresses the issue identified in NRC Information Notice 2012-09 (Reference 2) which is the effects of irradiation on fuel assembly spacer grid strength on the structural integrity of fuel assemblies under faulted condition loads (seismic and LOCA) for Westinghouse and CE fuel designs. The PWROG is submitting this TR to the NRC for review and approval so that a common approach will be utilized to address the EOL effects on fuel assembly space grid strength in fuel assembly structural integrity evaluations.

NRC approval of the TR will ensure that the EOL effects on fuel assembly space grid strength in fuel assembly structural integrity evaluations are considered in these evaluations.

A review fee waiver for the NRC review of PWROG-16043-P, Revision 2 is requested pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 170.11(a)(1)(ii)(A). PWROG- 16043-P, Revision 2 was submitted for the specific purpose of supporting ongoing NRC generic regulatory improvements to address the issue identified in NRC Information Notice 2012-09. PWROG-16043-P, Revision 2 provides a generic approach that will be utilized to address the EOL effects on fuel assembly space grid strength in fuel assembly structural integrity evaluations for Westinghouse and CE fuel designs. NRC approval of the TR will ensure that a common, consistent approach will be used for these fuel assembly structural integrity evaluations; therefore, the review of this TR will support ongoing NRC generic regulatory improvements/efforts associated with the issue identified in NRC Information Notice 2012-09.

Thank you in advance for consideration of our request for exemption from NRC review fees associated with PWROG-16043-P, Revision 2.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (205) 992-7037 or Mr. W. Anthony Nowinowski, Program Manager of the PWR Owners Group, Program Management Office at (412) 374-6855.

Sincerely yours,



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