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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

June 30, 2017

Mr. Benton T. Arnett  
The Office of Management and Budget  
725 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Arnett:

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, as amended, requires that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) recover through fees approximately 90 percent of its Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 budget authority, not including amounts appropriated for advanced reactor infrastructure, Waste Incidental to Reprocessing, generic homeland security activities, and Inspector General services for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The FY 2017 Final Fee Rule is based on the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115-31) giving the NRC a total appropriation of \$917.1 million, a decrease of \$85.0 million from the FY 2016 final fee rule. By law, the NRC is required to collect all fees by September 30, 2017.

In order to comply with the law, the Commission is proposing to amend its fee regulations under 10 CFR Parts 170 and 171. The NRC is required to recover approximately \$804.6 million for FY 2017. After accounting for billing and collection adjustments, the total amount to be billed as fees is approximately \$805.9 million. The amendments to 10 CFR Part 170 would revise the professional hourly rate and flat license application fees charged to licensees and applicants. The hourly rate used to assess 10 CFR Part 170 fees would decrease to \$263 compared to the FY 2016 hourly rate of \$265.

The amendments to 10 CFR Part 171 establish the amount of the FY 2017 annual fees to be assessed to NRC licensees to recover costs not recovered through 10 CFR Part 170 fees. Compared to FY 2016, the FY 2017 rebaselined fees will decrease for operating reactors, research and test reactors, most fuel facilities, spent fuel storage/reactor decommissioning, and some materials users. Fees will increase for U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) transportation activities, some fuel facilities and some materials users. Uranium recovery licensee fees will mostly remain flat with the exception of DOE, which will increase.

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Enclosed is a copy of the final rule which is being transmitted to the *Federal Register* for publication. The final rule will become effective 60 days after publication.

Sincerely,

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L. Ben Ficks, Director  
Division of Planning and Budget

Enclosure:  
*Federal Register*, Notice

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