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Docket No.: 52-048

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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SUBJECT: NuScale Power, LLC Submittal of Presentation Materials entitled "NuScale Advanced Sensors," Revision 0, PM-0517-53939 and "I&C Technical Specifications," Revision 0, PM-0517-53938 for use During a Public Meeting on May 17-18, 2017

REFERENCES: Letter from NuScale Power, LLC to Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "NuScale Power, LLC Submittal of the NuScale Standard Plant Design Certification Application," dated December 31, 2016 (ML17013A29)

The NRC technical staff requested a public meeting with NuScale Power, LLC (NuScale) May 17-18, 2017 to discuss NRC question on Chapter 7 of the NuScale DCA (Reference). NRC staff also requested NuScale provide presentation materials in selected areas to support the meeting interactions. Presentation materials have been prepared and enclosed with this letter to support discussions related to instrumentation and control technical specifications and advanced sensor technologies utilized in the NuScale design. The presentation materials for the advanced sensors is considered proprietary by NuScale and therefore, NuScale requested that the portion of the May 18th meeting be closed where these materials will be discussed.

Enclosure 1 is the nonproprietary presentation entitled "I&C Technical Specifications". Enclosure 2 is the proprietary presentation entitled "NuScale Advanced Sensors", NuScale requests that this presentation be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR § 2.390. The enclosed affidavit (Enclosure 4) supports this request. Enclosure 3 is the nonproprietary presentation entitled "NuScale Advanced Sensors".

This letter makes no regulatory commitments and no revisions to any existing regulatory commitments.

Please contact Darrell Gardner at (980)349-4829 or at dgardner@nuscalepower.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Bergman", written over a circular stamp.

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- Enclosure 1: "I&C Technical Specifications," PM-0517-53938, Revision 0, nonproprietary version
- Enclosure 2: "NuScale Advanced Sensors," PM-0517-53939, Revision 0, proprietary version
- Enclosure 3: "NuScale Advanced Sensors," PM-0517-53939, Revision 0, nonproprietary version
- Enclosure 3: Affidavit of Thomas A. Bergman, AF-0517-54040

NuScale Power, LLC

AFFIDAVIT of Thomas A. Bergman

I, Thomas A. Bergman, state as follows:

- (1) I am the Vice President of Regulatory Affairs of NuScale Power, LLC (NuScale), and as such, I have been specifically delegated the function of reviewing the information described in this Affidavit that NuScale seeks to have withheld from public disclosure, and am authorized to apply for its withholding on behalf of NuScale
- (2) I am knowledgeable of the criteria and procedures used by NuScale in designating information as a trade secret, privileged, or as confidential commercial or financial information. This request to withhold information from public disclosure is driven by one or more of the following:
 - (a) The information requested to be withheld reveals distinguishing aspects of a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.) whose use by NuScale competitors, without a license from NuScale, would constitute a competitive economic disadvantage to NuScale.
 - (b) The information requested to be withheld consists of supporting data, including test data, relative to a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.), and the application of the data secures a competitive economic advantage, as described more fully in paragraph 3 of this Affidavit.
 - (c) Use by a competitor of the information requested to be withheld would reduce the competitor's expenditure of resources, or improve its competitive position, in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing of a similar product.
 - (d) The information requested to be withheld reveals cost or price information, production capabilities, budget levels, or commercial strategies of NuScale.
 - (e) The information requested to be withheld consists of patentable ideas.
- (3) Public disclosure of the information sought to be withheld is likely to cause substantial harm to NuScale's competitive position and foreclose or reduce the availability of profit-making opportunities. The accompanying presentation reveals distinguishing aspects about the "proof of concept" testing methodologies for the advanced sensors by which NuScale develops its Advances Sensors.

NuScale has performed significant research and evaluation to develop a basis for this "proof of concept" testing methodologies for the advanced sensors and has invested significant resources, including the expenditure of a considerable sum of money.

The precise financial value of the information is difficult to quantify, but it is a key element of the design basis for a NuScale plant and, therefore, has substantial value to NuScale.

If the information were disclosed to the public, NuScale's competitors would have access to the information without purchasing the right to use it or having been required to undertake a similar expenditure of resources. Such disclosure would constitute a misappropriation of NuScale's intellectual property, and would deprive NuScale of the opportunity to exercise its competitive advantage to seek an adequate return on its investment.

- (4) The information sought to be withheld is in the enclosed presentation entitled NuScale Advanced Sensors. The enclosure contains the designation "Proprietary" at the top of each page containing proprietary information. The information considered by NuScale to be proprietary is identified within double braces, "{{ }}" in the document.

- (5) The basis for proposing that the information be withheld is that NuScale treats the information as a trade secret, privileged, or as confidential commercial or financial information. NuScale relies upon the exemption from disclosure set forth in the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 USC § 552(b)(4), as well as exemptions applicable to the NRC under 10 CFR §§ 2.390(a)(4) and 9.17(a)(4).
- (6) Pursuant to the provisions set forth in 10 CFR § 2.390(b)(4), the following is provided for consideration by the Commission in determining whether the information sought to be withheld from public disclosure should be withheld:
- (a) The information sought to be withheld is owned and has been held in confidence by NuScale.
 - (b) The information is of a sort customarily held in confidence by NuScale and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, consistently has been held in confidence by NuScale. The procedure for approval of external release of such information typically requires review by the staff manager, project manager, chief technology officer or other equivalent authority, or the manager of the cognizant marketing function (or his delegate), for technical content, competitive effect, and determination of the accuracy of the proprietary designation. Disclosures outside NuScale are limited to regulatory bodies, customers and potential customers and their agents, suppliers, licensees, and others with a legitimate need for the information, and then only in accordance with appropriate regulatory provisions or contractual agreements to maintain confidentiality.
 - (c) The information is being transmitted to and received by the NRC in confidence.
 - (d) No public disclosure of the information has been made, and it is not available in public sources. All disclosures to third parties, including any required transmittals to NRC, have been made, or must be made, pursuant to regulatory provisions or contractual agreements that provide for maintenance of the information in confidence.
 - (e) Public disclosure of the information is likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of NuScale, taking into account the value of the information to NuScale, the amount of effort and money expended by NuScale in developing the information, and the difficulty others would have in acquiring or duplicating the information. The information sought to be withheld is part of NuScale's technology that provides NuScale with a competitive advantage over other firms in the industry. NuScale has invested significant human and financial capital in developing this technology and NuScale believes it would be difficult for others to duplicate the technology without access to the information sought to be withheld.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on May 16, 2017.



Thomas A. Bergman