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SUBJECT: THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION RECEIPT OF THE NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE'S LETTER, "AVOIDING DELAYS IN ISSUANCE OF NRC COMBINED LICENSES DUE TO DESIGN CERTIFICATION ERRORS" DATED AUGUST 4, 2017

Dear Mr. Tschiltz:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received your letter (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17236A489) dated August 4, 2017. The letter requests that NRC consider several options related to avoiding delays in the issuance of NRC combined licenses due to design certification errors and also requests that NRC engage industry on a regulatory path forward. The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) letter also continues dialogue referenced in a July 18, 2016 NRC letter to NEI (ADAMS Accession No. ML15351A021) and thus a fee exemption request is not required.

The NRC staff is currently reviewing the proposals in the letter in preparation for a public meeting tentatively scheduled for the week of December 4, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Hayes at (301) 415-7442 or via e-mail Barbara.Hayes@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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