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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION INSPECTION REPORT 70-1151/
2017-401 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Annacone:

This refers to the inspection conducted on October 23-26, 2017, at Westinghouse Electric Company site in Columbia, SC. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by your license were conducted safely and in accordance with Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulatory requirements. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection which were discussed with members of your staff, during an exit meeting held at the conclusion of the inspection on October 26, and again on November 16, 2017.

This inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to public health and safety, and the common defense and security, and to confirm compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selected examination of procedures and representative records, observations of activities, and interviews with personnel.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a Severity Level IV violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation was evaluated in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy. The current Enforcement Policy is included on the NRC's Web site at (<http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html>). The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the subject inspection report. The violation is being cited in the Notice because the violation was not licensee identified as would be required for a noncited violation per the NRC's Enforcement Policy, section 2.3.2.

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The NRC has also determined that one additional Severity Level IV violation of NRC requirements occurred. Because Westinghouse identified the violation and initiated corrective actions to address this issue, this violation is being treated as Non Cited Violation (NCV), consistent with Section 2.3.2 of the Enforcement Policy. The NCV is described in the subject inspection report. If you contest the violation or significance of the NCV, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001, with copies to: the Regional Administrator, Region II and the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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Should you have any questions concerning this report, please contact Manuel Crespo at 404-997-4733, or via e-mail to manuel.crespo@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Omar R. López-Santiago, Chief
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Docket No. 70-1151
License No. SNM-1107

Enclosures:

1. ~~Notice of Violation~~
2. ~~NRC IR 70-1151/2017-401~~
w/Supplemental Information

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