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SUBJECT: USE OF FUNDS FOR THE ZION NUCLEAR POWER STATION
DECOMMISSIONING AND SITE REHABILITATION PROJECT

Dear Mr. Rielly:

I am responding to your letters dated November 6, 2017, and January 22, 2018¹, regarding Zion Solutions and the Zion Nuclear Power Station (Zion). The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) values local stakeholder viewpoints on areas within our regulatory authority. In order to evaluate your concerns, the information provided in your correspondence has been reviewed within the NRC's Allegation Program and shared internally among NRC stakeholders, including the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and the Office of Material Safety and Safeguards. Accordingly, the staff has concluded that there is no evidence of any violations of NRC's decommissioning funding program requirements.

The NRC has a comprehensive, regulation-based, decommissioning funding oversight program in place to ensure that sufficient funds will be available for the safe and timely decommissioning of its licensed facilities and for license termination. Under Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 50.82, "Termination of license," the NRC requires licensees in decommissioning to report their decommissioning funding status on an annual basis. In these submittals, licensees are required to report, among other things, any differences between the estimated costs to decommission the facility or site, and the amount of decommissioning funding available or anticipated at that time, including plans for making up any identified differences. In some instances, licensees may have additional reporting requirements as conditions of their licenses (e.g., submittal of pre-notice of disbursements from decommissioning trust funds). Independent of these submittals by licensees, NRC staff reviews this information for completeness and compliance with its decommissioning funding regulations. Should the NRC identify any compliance concerns, the NRC may request additional information, object to proposed activities, and/or pursue enforcement, as appropriate. The decommissioning funding status reports and other funding-related submittals (i.e., pre-notice submittals) provided by licensees are typically publically available.

Thank you for informing us of your concerns. We take our safety responsibilities to the public very seriously and will continue to do so within the bounds of our lawful authority. We feel that our actions in this matter have been responsive and plan no further action. I have provided both of your letters to the Office of the Inspector General for whatever action they deem appropriate.

¹ ADAMS Accession Nos.: ML18072A341 (November 6, 2017) and ML18073A267 (January 22, 2018)

If you have any further questions, please contact Anthony Bowers of my staff at (301) 415-1955 or by email at Anthony.Bowers@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

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Brian E. Holian, Acting Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-295 and 50-304

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