## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of

ANDRES PAEZ

(Denial of Senior Reactor Operator License Application) Docket No. 55-63784-SP

## NRC STAFF'S RESPONSE TO MR. PAEZ'S HEARING DEMAND

After reviewing the information in his Hearing Demand, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff ("Staff") has determined that the operating test performance deficiency disputed by Mr. Paez is, in fact, not a performance deficiency. With the deletion of this performance deficiency, Mr. Paez has achieved a passing grade on the operating test. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 55.33, since Mr. Paez also passed the requisite written examination and satisfies the health requirement, the Staff will approve his application for a senior reactor operator license. The Staff informed Mr. Paez of this determination on December 20, 2018. The Staff will notify the Board when this license is issued and requests that, upon this notification, the Board terminate this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

#### /Signed (electronically) by/

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 20th day of December, 2018

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.305, I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "NRC STAFF'S RESPONSE TO MR. PAEZ'S HEARING DEMAND," dated December 20, 2018, have been filed through the Electronic Information Exchange, the NRC's E-Filing System, in the above-captioned proceeding, this 20th day of December, 2018.

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