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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

June 21, 2019

Ms. Maria Korsnick
President and Chief Executive Officer
Nuclear Energy Institute
1201 F Street NW, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Ms. Korsnick:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter dated February 13, 2019, raising concerns relating to an invoice to the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) to recover NRC costs associated with NRC staff observation of certain Composite Adversary Force (CAF) activities. Your letter suggests this issue raises policy issues appropriate for Commission resolution. The NRC Chief Financial Officer has responded to your specific concerns in a letter dated June 14, 2019. Her response addresses the process used by the NRC staff to communicate with NEI regarding the fee assessment for the CAF activities in question.

Your letter also requests that the Commission examine whether any policy-related matters were raised with respect to the fee assessment. Although we find no novel policy issues requiring our judgement in this case, we acknowledge that fee-related matters could potentially raise questions of policy. This is a basis, among others, for the Commission's oversight role on agency fee-setting. We are confident that—through a combination of our own oversight, notification of such issues by the NRC staff, and direct communication from fee payers—we will be alerted to and address such matters, should they arise.

If you have any further questions or need additional information, please contact me or Maureen Wylie, CFO, at (301) 415-7322.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristine L. Svinicki".

Kristine L. Svinicki