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SUBJECT: ADVANCED BOILING-WATER REACTOR DESIGN CERTIFICATION
RENEWAL APPLICATION — SAFETY EVALUATION WITH NO OPEN ITEMS
FOR SECTION 7.7.1.2.1, "CONTROL ROD GANGED WITHDRAWAL
SEQUENCE RESTRICTIONS"

Dear Ms. Catts:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is preparing a safety evaluation (SE) with no open items to supplement the final safety evaluation report associated with the staff's review of the advanced boiling-water reactor (ABWR) design that was documented in NUREG-1503, "Final Safety Evaluation Report Related to the Certification of the Advanced Boiling Water Reactor Design," and NUREG-1503, Supplement 1. This SE will document the staff's review of your application dated December 7, 2010, to renew the ABWR design certification.

The staff's SE for Section 7.7.1.2.1, "Control Rod Ganged Withdrawal Sequence Restrictions," is being provided to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Subcommittee to support a future meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee.

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Sincerely,

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