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The Honorable John F. Ahearne
Chairman
United States Nuclear Regulatory
Commission
1717 H Street, N.W.
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Dear Chairman Ahearne:

Recent remarks attributed in the trade press to the NRC, both at the Commission and staff level, suggest a different perspective than I believe is generally held within the industry on the need for nuclear power over the next two decades and beyond. This raises the question of whether industry plans are based on a different set of assumptions than are being used by the NRC in its forward planning.

We are convinced that the future demand for central station electric power will necessitate an early resurgence of nuclear power plant orders. Further, we believe that the NRC should have access to the information on which this industry premise is based.

Accordingly, we request an opportunity to meet with you and the other members of the Commission to discuss the future of nuclear power. We believe it would be helpful if Executive Director for Operations William J. Dircks and Nuclear Reactor Regulation Director Harold R. Denton could hear the discussion.

The purpose of such a meeting would be to share with you some of the non-proprietary information that is being used by the supply side of the industry in anticipation of its belief that nuclear must play a major role in the future generation of electric power in this country. The NSSS vendors are continuing to make financial and manpower commitments to this end.

Subject to scheduling the meeting on a mutually satisfactory date in late November or early December, we would plan to invite Mr. Gordon Hurlbert, President of the Power Systems Company of Westinghouse Electric Corporation and an AIF director, to be our principal spokesman. He would be joined

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