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Ms. Cherish K. Johnson
Chief Financial Officer
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Reconsideration of Industry Fee Exemption Request for Review and Endorsement of Industry Submittals of Guidance Related to Fuel Fragmentation Relocation and Dispersal Issues

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Framatome, Inc. (Framatome) is providing this letter in support of the NEI fee exemption request to the NRC to cover activities associated with reviewing and providing feedback on background document EPRI Report 3002018457, "Alternative Licensing Approaches for Higher Burnup Fuel" under 10 CFR 170.11(a). Framatome has been an active participant in industry meetings and is very supportive of the approach being addressed in the EPRI report that will be a critical component of our plans to address fuel fragmentation, relocation, and dispersal (FFRD).

While Framatome is developing multiple strategies to address FFRD in order to deploy high burnup fuel as part of our overall risk mitigation strategy, the EPRI risk-informed approach is of great interest and will be adopted if approved.

This letter contains no NRC commitments.

If you have any questions related to this information, please contact me by telephone at (434) 832-3945, or by e-mail at Gary.Peters@framatome.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Peters".

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