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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S REVISED SCHEDULE FOR THE LICENSE RENEWAL REVIEW OF THE WESTINGHOUSE COLUMBIA FUEL FABRICATION FACILITY (ENTERPRISE PROJECT IDENTIFIER L-2017-RNW-0016)

Dear Ms. Malek:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has revised the schedule for its review of Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC's (WEC's) license renewal application for its Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility (License SNM-1107) in Hopkins, South Carolina. By letter dated January 28, 2021 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession No. ML21026A062), the NRC staff established a schedule for the environmental impact statement (EIS) and anticipated publication of the final EIS in January 2022, and completion of the license renewal review in February 2022.

The license renewal schedule has been delayed by 1 month based on internal and external factors. The unanticipated additional time that was necessary for WEC to submit clarifications to its RAI responses, which were originally submitted on December 18, 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20353A275), to provide additional information regarding potential license conditions and commitments, which were submitted on April 6, 2021 (ADAMS Accession No. ML21102A069), impacted the EIS schedule. NRC also had to adjust its resources based on workload and prioritization.

The enclosure to this letter provides the revised license renewal review schedule, including major milestones. The anticipated schedule can change depending on the findings of the ongoing technical review or other factors. Additionally, based on WEC's responses to the RAIs, information requested will be included in the Phase II Interim Report anticipated to be submitted to South Carolina DHEC in September 2021. Therefore, the Phase II Interim Report represents a risk to the final EIS schedule. The NRC staff anticipates reviewing the report and will determine impacts, if any, to the development of the EIS and next steps. Accordingly, the NRC staff continues to encourage Westinghouse to keep the NRC staff informed of any changes to the Phase II Interim Remedial Investigation activities and schedule.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 2.390, "Public inspections, exemptions, requests for withholding," of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this communication will be available electronically for public inspection in

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the NRC Public Document Room, or from the NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/readingrm/adams.html>.

If you have any questions regarding the license renewal review, please contact me at 301-415-8740 or via email at [David.Tiktinsky@nrc.gov](mailto:David.Tiktinsky@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Docket No.: 70-1151  
License No.: SNM-1107

Enclosure:  
Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC  
Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility  
Revised License Renewal Schedule

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**U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Revised License Renewal Schedule for the  
Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC  
Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility  
Docket 70-1151  
SNM -1107**

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Previous Date</b>	<b>Revised Date</b>
Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and begin the scoping process published in the <i>Federal Register</i> (85 FR 46193)	July 31, 2020(A)	July 31, 2020(A)
End of 30-day scoping comment period	August 31, 2020(A)	August 31, 2020(A)
Issuance of NRC's Requests for Additional Information (RAIs)	November 3, 2020 (A)	November 3, 2020 (A)
WEC's Responses to NRC's RAIs	December 18, 2021 (A)	December 18, 2020(A)
Publication of Draft EIS <sup>1</sup> for a 45-day comment period	June 2021(T)	July 2021 (T)
Publication of the Final EIS	January 2022(T)	February 2022 (T)
Licensing Decision and Record of Decision <sup>2</sup>	February 2022 (T)	March 2022 (T)

(T) – Target  
(A) - Actual

<sup>1</sup> The draft EIS anticipated publication date assumed a 30-day RAI response time, and no additional clarifications.

<sup>2</sup> The NRC, per 10 CFR 51.100(a)(ii), must wait 30 days after publication of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's *Federal Register* Notice announcing that the issuance of the final EIS.