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Subject: Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS for the License Renewal of the Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility for Public Comment

Good afternoon,

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has published for public comment the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC's (WEC) request to renew its operating license for the Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility (CFFF) in Hopkins, South Carolina, for an additional 40 years. The DEIS provides the NRC staff's evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed license renewal, including analyses of potential impacts to historic properties.

The NRC staff appreciates your interest in the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 review. Section 3.9 of the DEIS discusses the NRC staff's impact evaluation on historic and cultural resources. In its license renewal application, the WEC did not request changes to its licensed operations or construction of buildings and structures that would result in significant land disturbances. The WEC has established site-wide procedures with the goal of avoiding and minimizing impacts on historic and cultural resources in the conduct of all ground-disturbing activities including those being conducted as part of the implementation of the Consent Agreement executed with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Additionally, the WEC has proposed to conduct a cultural resource survey within the CFFF site to identify historic properties in a manner that would further avoid or minimize potential impacts. A qualified professional would perform the survey. The WEC is coordinating with the South Carolina SHPO. Based on its review and as discussed in Section 3.9 of the DEIS, the NRC staff does not anticipate that the proposed renewal of the WEC's license to continue to operate the CFFF for an additional 40 years would affect historic properties.

The DEIS is publicly accessible from the NRC's ADAMS using ADAMS accession number ML21209A213. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/readingrm/adams.html>. Additionally, the DEIS can be accessed using the following link: <https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML2120/ML21209A213.pdf>, and from the NRC webpage for the WEC's CFFF at <https://www.nrc.gov/info-finder/fc/westinghouse-fuel-fab-fac-sc-lc.html>.

The NRC is requesting comments on the DEIS, during the 45-day public comment period, which opened with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Notice of Availability published in the Federal Register on August 6, 2021 (86 FR 43236). The NRC's notice providing instructions on how to submit comments also appeared in the August 6, 2021, Federal Register (86 FR 43277). The NRC staff also plans to conduct a virtual public meeting on August 26 to receive comments on the DEIS. The meeting information is available in the NRC's Federal Register Notice.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-0930 or via email at Diana.Diaz-Toro@nrc.gov.

Thank you and have a nice weekend.
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