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SUBJECT: GENERAL ELECTRIC-HITACHI: TRIENNIAL UPDATE OF DECOMMISSIONING
FUNDING PLAN AND COST ESTIMATES FOR THE VALLECITOS NUCLEAR
CENTER

Dear Scott P. Murray:

This is in regard to your letter dated March 30, 2022, (Agencywide Document Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession Number ML22089A087) transmitting General Electric-Hitachi's (GEH) Vallecitos Nuclear Center (VNC) updated Decommissioning Funding Plan (DFP) following GEH's previous triennial update dated March 2, 2022 (ML21305A872).

The March 30, 2022, DFP update was submitted in response to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff letter dated March 2, 2022 (ML21305A872), in which you were informed of the NRC staff's approval of the VNC's, March 6, 2020, DFP triennial update (ML20066J977), and supplemental information letters. In its letter, the NRC staff also requested GEH to, in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 70.25(e)(1)(iv) and (v), within 30 days of the date of the letter, provide an updated copy of the March 2020 DFP, Certification of Financial Assurance (CFA), and executed financial assurance instruments, including an updated Schedule A to its Standby Trust Agreement, to cover the full amount of the NRC-approved decommissioning cost estimate. GEH provided the Surety Bond Rider duplicate originals by letter dated March 23, 2022 (ML22084A578), and the updated DFP, Revision 5, by letter dated March 30, 2022 (ML22089A087). The updated DFP included GEH's updated CFA. The NRC staff conducted and completed a review of the March 23 and 30, 2022, submittals and determined that GEH provided the requested documents in response to the March 2, 2022, NRC staff letter.

Based on subsequent discussions with you, and a review of the March 30, 2022, DFP update submittal, the NRC staff determined that, in accordance with the requirements in 10 CFR 70.25(e)(2), this submittal represented GEH's next DFP update after the previous submittal dated March 6, 2020. Therefore, the NRC staff has concluded that a detailed technical review of Revision 5 of the DFP is necessary. The NRC staff is currently conducting an acceptance review of your submittal and will promptly inform you, in writing, of the results of this review, including whether additional information is needed, the technical review schedule, and its associated cost estimates.

In accordance with 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) or from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The PDR is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Osiris Siurano-Perez at 301-415-7827, or via email to Osiris.Siurano-Perez@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



Signed by Lav, Samantha
on 06/16/23

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