

### UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

June 13, 2023

Mr. Peter Hastings Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Quality Kairos Power LLC 707 W Tower Ave Alameda, CA 94501

SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION FOR THE KAIROS POWER LLC CONSTRUCTION PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE HERMES NON-POWER TEST REACTOR (EPID NO. L-2021-NEW-0011)

Dear Mr. Hastings:

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed the safety evaluation (SE) for the Kairos Power LLC (Kairos) construction permit application for the Hermes non-power test reactor. Kairos's application was submitted in two parts by letters dated September 29, 2021 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML21272A375) and October 31, 2021 (ML21306A131).

The enclosed SE is provided to Kairos for information and will be submitted to the Commission in preparation for the mandatory (uncontested) hearing. The SE has also been made public (ML23158A268). The NRC staff issuance of this SE does not constitute a commitment to issue the construction permit.

Sincerely,

Signed by Shams, Mohamed on 06/13/23

Mohamed Shams, Director Division of Advanced Reactors and Non-Power Production and Utilization Facilities Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-7513

Enclosure: As stated

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