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Dear Chairman Rosenthal and Drs. Kelber and Lam:

For the reasons stated in the enclosed letter being submitted by GPU Nuclear to the NRC Staff concurrently with this notification, GPU Nuclear is requesting Commission permission to withdraw its License Amendment Request No. 251, submitted April 28, 1999, which is the subject of the instant proceeding. By copy of this letter to the Service List, I am formally notifying Counsel for the Staff Ms. Marco and the NIRS representative Mr. Gunter as well of the GPU Nuclear decision, although I previously have informally apprised them first of the prospect of a change in Applicant's position on this request, and more recently of the actual decision to request permission to withdraw.

Respectively,

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Enclosure

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