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Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff
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Mr. Secretary:

With regard to the proposed U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) amendment to the Code of Federal Regulations Title 10 Part 55 (10 CFR Part 55), "Operator License Eligibility and Use of Simulation Facilities in Operator Licensing" published as RIN 3150-AG40 in the Federal Register, Vol. 65, No. 128, on Monday, 03 July 2000, I am submitting this written status report and request for extension of time as chair of the American Nuclear Society (ANS) Working Group (WG) ANS-3.5 via e-mail and USPS mail.

The ANS-3.5 WG is an active writing group of ANS Standards Committee efforts. It has produced an effective Standard regarding the use of simulators in operator training in 1979 and has updated that Standard in 1981, 1985, 1993 and 1998. The group is currently organized under a consensus plan which includes a balance of membership interests, an openness to interests beyond the membership, and a consensus requirement for modification of its Standard or publication of its opinions.

The ANS-3.5 WG has become aware of the Rulemaking through our NRC participant and others,

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and has notified its current membership of the proposed amendment. Several comments received from individual members have been consolidated and distributed to the membership. However, due to the nature of the group and its need to meet in face-to-face assembly, there has not been an opportunity to reach consensus on any opinion regarding the NRC amendment. The next meeting of the group has been set for Wednesday 25 October 2000 through Friday 27 October 2000 at the AEP DC Cook Nuclear Station in Bridgman, Michigan.

As chair of the ANS-3.5 WG, I am requesting that the period for comments on the Rulemaking be extended at least ninety (90) days, in order for the group to deliberate toward reaching consensus which may include comments on support for the change as well as comments contrary to the change.

Please note that any submittals from the ANS-3.5 WG represent the comments of that group and its individual members only, and do not extend to their supporting organizations or to the overseeing committees of ANS.

Standardly yours,

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