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Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: AP1000 Licensing

Dear Mr. Collins,

Since January 2001, Westinghouse has been pursuing a pre-certification review of the AP1000. We understand that this review is expected to be completed in February 2002.

In parallel with the pre-certification review, Westinghouse has been preparing an AP1000 Design Control Document. Subject to the successful completion of the pre-certification review, Westinghouse plans to submit an application for Design Certification of the AP1000 by 2002. As you proceed with your resource planning for next year, please include resources to review the AP1000 Design Certification application starting in the second quarter of 2002. At some time in the next couple of months, I plan to schedule a meeting with you to discuss the process by which we estimate the cost and the schedule of the AP1000 Design Certification Review. At that time, we can also review the status of the pre-certification review. At this stage, my objective is to confirm for the purposes of your NRC staff resource planning that we plan to submit a Design Certification application by the end of March 2002.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Cummins, Director
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