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It is unacceptable that the NRC is even considering this effort by an intending license applicant to manipulate the licensing procedure in its favor.

A dangerous precedent would be set if the NRC allows LES to manipulate the licensing procedure in this way. It is highly improper for the NRC to allow a potential license applicant to define the parameters of licensing considerations, in effect, calling for prejudgment in their favor. This violates NRC's own licensing regulations, undermines even the pretense of objectivity in the agency's licensing activities, and calls into question the ability of the NRC Commissioners to be a dispassionate appeals body for Atomic Safety and Licensing Board actions.

I believe that the comment period on these white papers be extended to at least 90 days. The allotted period is insufficient, if meaningful public participation is the goal, especially given the breadth of issues dealt with in the white papers, difficulties in accessing these documents, and the level of controversy surrounding the LES proposal.

Sincerely,

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