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Desc: Documents pertaining to allegation RI-2002-A-0113 and associated Office of Investigations Case No. 1-2002-0113 regarding a matter at Salem/Hope Creek. The documents requested include records from the Allegation Review Boards, correspondence between NRC and the licensee regarding the allegation and the OI investigation, and investigator notes/summaries. Recognizing that some of the requested documents may contain information with privacy/confidentiality issues, UCS asks that such information be redacted if possible so that the rest of the record(s) may be released.

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Waiver_Purpose: UCS has been following the safety culture problems at Salem/Hope Creek that prompted the NRC's letter of January 28, 2004, to PSEG CEO Jim Ferland. UCS acknowledged that prudent NRC action in our letter dated February 2, 2004, to the NRC Chairman and Commissioners. UCS attended the NRC public meeting on March 18, 2004, with PSEG on the safety culture matter. The

requested information relates to allegations of improper reaction to a worker raising safety concerns. While the OI investigation did not substantiate the allegation, the requested materials may provide UCS with better understanding of the controls and processes used by PSEG to handle employee concerns. We intend to apply this knowledge in subsequent reports and presentations on safety culture, both generically and on Salem/Hope Creek specifically.

Waiver_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: We expect that the requested materials will provide insights on the process used by PSEG to respond to concerns raised by the worker. During the NRC public meeting on March 18th, PSEG told the NRC that recent surveys determined the site's safety culture was below industry norms and the Employee Concerns Program was impaired. We seek further information on the extent and nature of the problems at PSEG.

Waiver_SpecificActivityQuals: We intend to use the requested materials primarily to monitor the NRC's efforts to restore a proper safety culture at Salem/Hope Creek. We have provided our views on this matter to the NRC in the past in both written and verbal format and intend to continue monitoring the situation and providing our views to the NRC as the need arises. We also intend to use the requested information to comment on the NRC's overall policy and practices for safety culture. For example, we participated in a recent NRC workshop conducted by the NRC's Office of Enforcement on best practices for safety-conscious work environment. The requested materials will better inform our thoughts on the do's and don'ts of SCWE. Combined, our efforts in this area will help plant workers and the public living around operating reactors if we can help the NRC improve its oversight of safety culture issues.

Waiver_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: The NRC sent a letter to PSEG on January 28, 2004, expressing concern about safety culture at Salem/Hope Creek. The requested materials - with the confidential information contained within appropriately redacted - will shed additional insight on the process used by PSEG to respond to worker concerns. Since both the company and the NRC have pointed to this area as a problem area, release of the requested materials will help the public better understand this component of the overall safety levels at Salem/Hope Creek. Absent this information, the public must attempt to extrapolate from available information on safety culture at Davis-Besse and Millstone and other sites.

Waiver_NatureOfPublic: The primary audience will be the reporters, activists, private citizens, elected officials, and NRC staff concerned with the Salem/Hope Creek plants. UCS has fielded several calls from this primary audience in the wake of the NRC's January 28, 2004 letter. This audience will likely remain interested in this subject until at least when the NRC announces its concerns about safety culture at Salem/Hope Creek have been resolved.

Our secondary audience is the public who have been monitoring the NRC's oversight of safety culture. For example, there was considerable interest in the NRC's safety culture inspections at Davis-Besse. UCS attempted to put this NRC effort in context by comparing/contrasting it to the efforts at Millstone, at South Texas Project, at Diablo Canyon, and at the Gaseous Diffusion Plants. The requested materials will expand our awareness of the NRC's efforts on safety culture so as to better serve this broader public interest.

Waiver_MeansOfDissemination: For the specific case of Salem/Hope Creek, UCS will continue to submit written letters to the NRC, to provide verbal comments during NRC public meetings, and to share our views with reporters, activists, and elected officials.

For the general case of NRC's oversight of safety culture, UCS will continue to provide written comments on how safety culture is handled within the reactor oversight process and to provide perspectives during NRC workshops and public meetings.

Waiver_FreeToPublicOrFee: UCS does not charge for information on this subject.

Waiver_PrivateCommercialInterest: None.
