

December 13, 2005

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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE IMPACTS ON THE OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING
STATION, LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION (TAC NO. MC7624)

Dear Mr. Swenson:

By letter dated July 22, 2005, AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (AmerGen) submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the staff) an application pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 54 (10 CFR Part 54) to renew the operating license for Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. In the acceptance letter dated September 9, 2005, it was stressed that the schedule was ambitious and we stated that the NRC staff would make every effort to meet the goal. We requested that you inform the staff as early as possible should potential delays arise in your support of the schedule. The scoping and screening audit, and two public information meetings were completed on schedule. The Aging Management Program (AMP) audit was scheduled to be completed on October 7, 2005. Although the NRC team was on-site for five days, the lack of readily available information caused significant delays and resulted in the team not completing the audit.

During the end of the week briefing, you were advised of the difficulties encountered and were provided examples of areas needing additional information. In subsequent conversations between the NRC staff and AmerGen personnel, it became obvious that an additional visit would be needed to complete the AMP audit. The Aging Management Review (AMR) audit was scheduled to begin on November 7, 2005. This audit could not be completed on schedule due to failure to complete the prerequisite AMP audit.

Your letter dated November 11, 2005, indicated that your staff is ready to continue the audits. The dates of January 23, 2006 (AMP Audit) and February 13, 2006 (AMR Audit) have been accepted. However, any further delay will put the overall 22 month LRA review schedule in serious jeopardy.

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This information has been discussed with members of your staff and they have been advised of the seriousness of further delay. Please contact me if you need additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,

/RA P.T. Kuo for/

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