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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING CHANGES TO
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In accordance with 10 CFR 50.30(b), your response must be executed in a signed original under oath or affirmation. Following receipt of the additional information, we will continue our evaluation of your license amendment request. As discussed with you, we understand that you intend to respond to this request for additional information within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-1128 or John Nguyen at 301-415-4007.

Sincerely,

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