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To: Allison Fisher
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Subject: Re: Request to postpone August 14th public meeting

I am responding to your correspondence of August 6, 2007, to Mr. William Borchardt, which requested that the NRC delay the August 14, 2007, public outreach meeting on the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Combined License Application. I am leading the NRC team for that meeting. We intend to hold the meeting as described in the NRC's meeting notice and press release. The purposes of this public meeting are to: (1) share information about combined licenses that may eventually authorize construction and operation of a new nuclear power plant, (2) explain what the NRC does during the review of a combined license application (COLA), and (3) describe how interested members of the public may participate in the regulatory process.

Our goal is to schedule each public outreach meeting in close proximity to the submission of the combined license application. We also seek to coordinate our public outreach meetings with the availability of local officials. The UniStar and Constellation partial COLA was submitted on July 13, 2007. Our public outreach meeting date facilitates a public meeting with the Calvert County Board of Commissioners on the morning of August 14. Finally, for a meeting such as this, we have to plan well in advance for a facility of sufficient size close to the site.

You and members of your organizations are welcome to attend our August 14th meeting. Future public meetings, including meetings near the site, will provide additional opportunity for public involvement on the details of the application. For instance, you may obtain the latest on regulatory developments, including the status of the Commission's draft policy statement on conduct of new reactor activities, at our website, www.nrc.gov. Our lead project manager, Larry Burkhart, and public affairs officer, Scott Burnell, are available to answer any questions you may have about NRC processes and the subject COLA.

While the Commission's Draft Policy on Conduct of New Reactor Licensing Proceedings describes the timing of the Notice of Hearing which provides an opportunity for formal public participation in an NRC proceeding on an application for a license for a new reactor, it does not relate to or affect the rest of the information that we will discuss at the meeting. Accordingly, the statement's draft status is not a reason to delay this or other public outreach meetings. The NRC intends to continue to conduct these meetings consistent with the proposed timing of submission of COLAs.

I would appreciate it if you would forward this email to the signatories of the letter attached to your August 6th correspondence so that they are aware that we plan to hold the meeting as scheduled.

Again, we appreciate your interest in new reactor activities and look forward to speaking with you about NRC processes.

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