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Submittal of Technical Report ANP-10322P, "Qualification and Testing of the U.S. EPR Passive Autocatalytic Recombiner," in Support of the U.S. EPR Design Certification Application

Ref. 1: E-mail, Getachew Tesfaye (NRC) to Russell Wells (AREVA NP Inc.), "U.S. EPR Design Certification Application RAI No. 474 (5550), FSAR Ch. 6," March 8, 2011.

Ref. 2: E-mail, Getachew Tesfaye (NRC) to Dennis Williford (AREVA NP Inc.), "U.S. EPR Design Certification Application RAI No. 540 (6300, 6308, 6329), FSAR Ch. 6," March 22, 2012.

In References 1 and 2, the NRC provided requests for additional information (RAI) regarding the qualification and testing of passive autocatalytic recombiners (PARs) as part of the U.S. EPR design certification application. AREVA NP Inc. (AREVA NP) is submitting the enclosed Technical Report ANP-10322P, "Qualification and Testing of the U.S. EPR Passive Autocatalytic Recombiner," to address certain questions in References 1 and 2, and to provide a basis for the qualification of the AREVA NP PARs. ANP-10322P describes the test program for qualifying the AREVA NP PARs, which are used for hydrogen reduction following certain postulated accident scenarios. AREVA NP will incorporate this report by reference in the U.S. EPR Final Safety Analysis Report.

AREVA NP considers some of the material contained in the enclosed technical report to be proprietary. As required by 10 CFR 2.390(b), an affidavit is enclosed to support the withholding of the information from public disclosure. Proprietary and non-proprietary versions of the enclosure to this letter are provided.

If you have any questions related to this submittal, please contact Mr. Darrell Gardner by telephone at 704-805-2355, or by e-mail to darrell.gardner@areva.com.

Sincerely,

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Pedro Salas, Director
Regulatory Affairs
AREVA NP Inc.

Enclosures

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Docket No. 52-020

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1. My name is Gayle F. Elliott. I am Manager, Product Licensing, for AREVA NP Inc. (AREVA NP) and as such I am authorized to execute this Affidavit.

2. I am familiar with the criteria applied by AREVA NP to determine whether certain AREVA NP information is proprietary. I am familiar with the policies established by AREVA NP to ensure the proper application of these criteria.

3. I am familiar with the AREVA NP information contained in letter NRC:12:038, "Submittal of Technical Report ANP-10322P, 'Qualification and Testing of the U.S. EPR Passive Autocatalytic Recombiner,' in Support of the U.S. EPR Design Certification Application," and referred to herein as "Document." Information contained in this Document has been classified by AREVA NP as proprietary in accordance with the policies established by AREVA NP for the control and protection of proprietary and confidential information.

4. This Document contains information of a proprietary and confidential nature and is of the type customarily held in confidence by AREVA NP and not made available to the public. Based on my experience, I am aware that other companies regard information of the kind contained in this Document as proprietary and confidential.

5. This Document has been made available to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in confidence with the request that the information contained in this Document be withheld from public disclosure. The request for withholding of proprietary information is made in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390. The information for which withholding from disclosure is

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The information in the Document is considered proprietary for the reasons set forth in paragraphs 6(a), 6(b), 6(c) and 6(d) above.

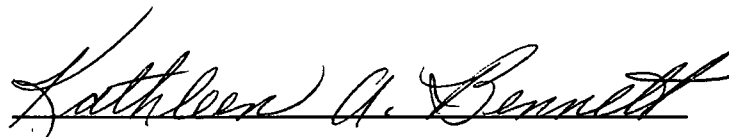
7. In accordance with AREVA NP's policies governing the protection and control of information, proprietary information contained in this Document has been made available, on a limited basis, to others outside AREVA NP only as required and under suitable agreement providing for nondisclosure and limited use of the information.

8. AREVA NP policy requires that proprietary information be kept in a secured file or area and distributed on a need-to-know basis.

9. The foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

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SUBSCRIBED before me this 14th
day of June 2012.

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Kathleen A. Bennett
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