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Re: Indian Point Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2 and Unit 3
Docket Nos. 50-247-LR/50-286-LR; ASLBP No. 07-858-03-LR-BD01

Dear Judges McDade, Wardwell, and Kennedy:

I submit this letter to further report on the issue that I encountered last night with the Electronic Information Exchange (EIE) and on the steps I have taken this morning to hopefully avoid a recurrence of the issue.

When my computer was qualified for EIE in 2011, I elected Firefox as the internet browser to interact with the EIE. NRC EIE staff explained that for Firefox to effectively interact with the EIE an older version of Firefox, namely Version 3.6, must be used. Over the past year, I have endeavored to retain Version 3.6 of Firefox on my computer and avoid any upgrades to other versions of Firefox. Sometime after my last EIE filing in this proceeding and despite my efforts to avoid upgrades, the Firefox browser on my computer changed to Firefox Version 12. That version, however, is not compatible with the EIE.

Last night after I had uploaded the SOP (NYS000371) and updated Exhibit List (NYSR12001) and was completing the fourth and last step, the EIE sent a plug-in program to my computer for the e-signature. That plug-in, however, was incompatible with Firefox Version 12, and that incompatibility prevented me from completing the fourth and last step of the EIE filing process. As a result of that problem, I e-mailed the submissions to the ASLB and the parties.

At approximately 8:45 this morning, the State also filed NYS000371 and NYSR12001 along with revised certificates of service via the EIE from another EIE-qualified computer in this office.

In addition, today with the assistance of the NRC EIE help desk, I identified the source of the problem and, with the assistance of the OAG IT department, expunged Firefox Version 12 from my computer and obtained and installed Firefox Version 3.6.28. After the installation of Version 3.6.28, both groups also worked to reestablish the operation of my digital signature. I very much appreciate their efforts.

It is my hope that today's installation of Firefox Version 3.6.28 will prevent such issues arising in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed (electronically) by

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