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Subject: SNM License Renewal Application for Vallecitos Nuclear Center (VNC)

Reference:

- 1) NRC License SNM 960, Docket 70-754
- 2) Letter, D. W. Turner to Director NMSS, Revised License Renewal Application, 4/8/11
- 3) Letter, R. Johnson to S. P. Murray, Acceptance for Review: VNC License Renewal Application and Decommissioning Funding Plan, 10/31/11
- 4) Letter, J. H. Sulima to A. McFadden, Request for Additional Information, Set 1, VNC License Renewal Application, 4/3/12
- 5) Meeting – GE Hitachi and NRC, Vallecitos Nuclear Center Licensing Topics, 6/4/12
- 6) Letter, B. Reilly to A. McFadden, Request for Additional Information, Set 2, VNC License Renewal Application, 6/6/12

Dear Ms. Silva:

We have received the requests for additional information (RAIs) regarding the SNM 960 renewal application (References 4 and 6). As we discussed during the public meeting on June 4, 2012 GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy (GEH) is pursuing options to modify the SNM license and are developing a license activity consolidation plan using the current VNC agreement state license. This plan is scheduled to be completed in the next several weeks and will allow us to provide an updated SNM 960 license renewal application for NRC review. As also discussed during the June 4 meeting, we will review the RAIs to assess those that will inform our licensing activity consolidation plan.

As a result, GEH requests that NRC review of the application submitted on April 8, 2011 be temporarily suspended until a revised application is submitted.

Please contact me on (910) 819-5950 if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

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