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AREVA NP Inc. Meeting with NRC on MOX Fuel Database: Benchmarking Overview

A meeting between AREVA NP Inc. (AREVA NP) and the NRC was held on October 16, 2012 in Rockville, MD to discuss the MOX fuel database and operational experience. Enclosed is a copy of the proprietary and non-proprietary viewgraphs presented at the meeting.

AREVA NP considers some of the material contained in the attachment 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.

If you have any questions related to this submittal, please contact Ms. Gayle Elliott, Product Licensing Manager by telephone at 434-832-3347 or by e-mail at gayle.elliott@areva.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pedro Salas', written over a horizontal line.

Pedro Salas
Director, Regulatory Affairs
AREVA NP Inc.

Attachments

1. Proprietary and Non-Proprietary Viewgraphs for the NRC Meeting on MOX Fuel Database: Benchmarking Overview
2. Notarized Affidavit

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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 the presentation "MOX Project: Codes & Methods Development," dated October 16, 2012, 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

requested qualifies under 10 CFR 2.390(a)(4) "Trade secrets and commercial or financial information".

6. The following criteria are customarily applied by AREVA NP to determine whether information should be classified as proprietary:

- (a) The information reveals details of AREVA NP's research and development plans and programs or their results.
- (b) Use of the information by a competitor would permit the competitor to significantly reduce its expenditures, in time or resources, to design, produce, or market a similar product or service.
- (c) The information includes test data or analytical techniques concerning a process, methodology, or component, the application of which results in a competitive advantage for AREVA NP.
- (d) The information reveals certain distinguishing aspects of a process, methodology, or component, the exclusive use of which provides a competitive advantage for AREVA NP in product optimization or marketability.
- (e) The information is vital to a competitive advantage held by AREVA NP, would be helpful to competitors to AREVA NP, and would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of AREVA NP.

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



SUBSCRIBED before me this 5th
day of October 2012.



Kathleen A. Bennett
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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 8/31/2015
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