

April 30, 2013

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REVIEW OF PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR OWNERS GROUP (PWROG) TOPICAL REPORT WCAP-17100-P/NP, SUPPLEMENT 1, REVISION 0, "PRA [PROBABILISTIC RISK ASSESSMENT] MODEL FOR THE WESTINGHOUSE SHUTDOWN SEAL: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR ALL DOMESTIC REACTOR COOLANT PUMP MODELS" (TAC NO. MF0552)

Dear Mr. Nowinowski:

By letter dated January 15, 2013 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML13023A242), the PWROG submitted for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review Topical Report (TR) WCAP-17100-P/NP, Supplement 1, Revision 0, "PRA Model for the Westinghouse Shutdown Seal: Supplemental Information for All Domestic Reactor Coolant Pump Models." The NRC staff has performed an acceptance review of WCAP-17100-P/NP, Supplement 1, Revision 0. We have found that the material presented is sufficient to begin our comprehensive review. The NRC staff expects to issue its request for additional information by September 20, 2013, and issue its draft safety evaluation by February 21, 2014. The NRC staff estimates that the review will require approximately 300 staff hours including project management time. The review schedule milestones and estimated review costs were discussed and agreed upon through an email exchange between Chad Holderbaum (PWROG Project Manager) and the NRC staff on April 24, 2013.

Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. You did not request a fee waiver; therefore, NRC staff hours will be billed accordingly.

As with all TRs, the safety evaluation will be reviewed by the NRC's Office of the General Counsel (OGC) to determine whether it falls within the scope of the Congressional Review Act (CRA). During the course of this review, OGC considers whether any endorsement or acceptance of a TR by the NRC amounts to a rule as defined in the CRA. If this initial review concludes that the SE, with its accompanying TR, may be a rule, the NRC will forward the package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for further review and consideration. Any review by OMB would impact the schedule for the final issuance of the SE.

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If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Jonathan G. Rowley at (301) 415-4053.

Sincerely,

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