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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE AUGUST 19, 2014, PUBLIC TELECONFERENCE
MEETING TO DISCUSS OPEN ITEMS AND OUTSTANDING
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RESPONSES
RELATING TO THE NUCLEAR INNOVATION NORTH AMERICA,
LLC., SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT, UNITS 3 AND 4, COMBINED
LICENSE APPLICATION

On August 19, 2014, a Category 1 public teleconference was held between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and representatives of Nuclear Innovation North America, LLC. (NINA). The meeting notice was issued on July 30, 2014, and was documented in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System under accession number ML14211A355. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the status of the remaining open items and outstanding request for additional information (RAI) responses related to the NINA Combined License Application. A list of attendees is provided as an enclosure.

The following topic were discussed, followed by its outcome:

Financial Qualification Exemption Request:

During the July 22, 2014, public meeting with NINA, the NRC staff discussed some of the general financial issues that are necessary to be included in the review of the exemption request. This included the escalation factor to be used in the construction cost; the time lag between construction and the loan guarantee, and the loan guarantee funding expiration date, if any. NINA does not have an update on these issues but shared with the NRC staff, that the cost escalation factor could be based on the Bureau of Economic Analysis – Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator for Non-Residential Structures used by the NRC staff in contention CL2, or the Handy Whitman Index for Public Utility Construction Cost or Handy Whitman All Steam and Nuclear Index, which were used by the intervener. The staff did not have any opinion on any of these indices but emphasized that whatever escalation factor is used, it needs to be consistent and verifiable. Any escalation factor that is developed privately and available only to NINA will not be desirable.

It was agreed that in the future, when staff questions are developed and the responses are more suitable for a detailed discussion, a face-to-face meeting during the open item call can be arranged.

The staff also shared with NINA that the current plan is to issue the final Safety Evaluation Report by March 31, 2015. This will be a challenging schedule for both the NRC staff and NINA because any RAI's issued on this subject are expected in November/December. However, advanced copies of any draft RAI will be provided to NINA for discussion to allow acceleration to complete the responses.

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