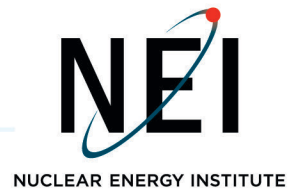


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Mr. William M. Dean
Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: Industry Initiative on Open Phase Condition, Revision 1

Project Number: 689

Dear Mr. Dean:

On October 9, 2013, NEI informed the NRC that the industry had formally approved an initiative to address the open phase condition in the off-site power circuits. Since that time, numerous discussions between the NRC staff and industry have occurred that have furthered our joint knowledge on the subject and have helped refine our direction. As a result of these discussions, we have established a clearer picture of the path forward which necessitates a revision to the industry initiative. To provide adequate time for implementation of the necessary modifications to the plant, we have revised the due dates for a few of the final actions. Specifically, we have established a due date of December 31, 2018, for the completion of the required modifications, associated monitoring, and UFSAR/Technical Specification changes. This represents an overall one-year extension in the due dates from the original initiative. We believe this date is consistent with the dates that the staff is considering to propose for a recommended interim enforcement policy associated with the open phase issue.

To this end, the industry's chief nuclear officers have voted to approve a formal revision to the open phase conditions initiative. A copy of the approved initiative revision is attached for your information.

The initiative is a formal commitment by the companies that operate nuclear power plants to follow a specific policy or plan of action. The initiative calls for a proactive plan and schedule for addressing potential design vulnerabilities to the open phase condition.


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If you or your staff have questions, please feel free to contact me or Chris Earls (cee@nei.org; 202.739.8078).

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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