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**SUBJECT: WOLF CREEK GENERATING STATION – NOTIFICATION OF INSPECTION
OF TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION 2201/004, “INSPECTION OF
IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERIM CYBER SECURITY MILESTONES 1-7,”
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT 05000482/2015405) AND REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION**

Dear Mr. Heflin:

On October 5, 2015, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will begin an inspection of the Wolf Creek Generating Station cyber security program implementation, using the guidance in Temporary Instruction 2201/004, “Inspection of Implementation of Interim Cyber Security Milestones 1-7.” As previously discussed with members of your staff, the inspection will be performed to assess and verify that the cyber security program interim implementation milestones have been implemented in accordance with the regulatory requirements of 10 CFR 73.54 and NRC-approved cyber security plans and implementation schedules.

In accordance with 10 CFR 73.54, each nuclear power plant licensee was required to submit a proposed cyber security plan and implementation schedule for NRC approval. On February 28, 2011, NEI provided a revised “Template for the Cyber Security Plan Implementation Schedule” for the purpose of providing licensees with a generic template to aid in the development of their cyber security plan and implementation schedule. Based on the NRC review (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) ML110070348), the template was found acceptable to develop cyber security plans and implementation schedules.

With a variety of valid operational and technical issues, full implementation dates varied among the operating fleet of nuclear power reactors. The NRC staff worked with the nuclear industry to devise seven interim implementation milestones to ensure a level of protection against cyber security threats at each power reactor until full implementation of 10 CFR 73.54 is achieved. In its NRC-approved implementation schedule, each licensee committed to meet these seven interim milestones by December 31, 2012. These seven milestones are: (1) establishment of a cyber security assessment team (CSAT), (2) identification and documentation of critical systems

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and critical digital assets, (3) installation of protective devices between lower and higher security levels as described in the cyber security plan, (4) implementation of access control for portable mobile devices, (5) observation for and identification of obvious cyber-related tampering, (6) implementation of cyber security controls for critical digital assets that could adversely impact the design function of target set equipment, and (7) implementation and commencement of ongoing monitoring and assessment activities.

By letters, dated July 19, 2010 (ML102080329), April 1, 2011 (ML110970134), and April 14, 2011 (ML11116A086), Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation submitted license amendment requests that included a request for approval of the Wolf Creek Generating Station cyber security plan and implementation schedule. The NRC issued License Amendment 197 on June 27, 2011 (ML111990339) that specified the April 1, 2011, letter described the official Milestones 1-7 implementation schedule and the April 14, 2011, letter described the approved cyber security plan.

The inspection of the interim cyber security program at Wolf Creek Generating Station will be limited to the verification of implementation of Milestones 1-7. Milestone 8 will be inspected on a future date.

The schedule for the on-site inspection for Milestones 1-7 is as follows:

- Information Gathering Visit: September 15-17, 2015
- Milestone Inspection: October 5-9, 2015

The purpose of the information gathering visit is to: (1) obtain information and documentation needed to support the Temporary Instruction 2201/04 inspection; (2) become familiar with the Wolf Creek Generating Station cyber security program, personnel, and plant layout; and (3) arrange logistical details, such as office space, availability of knowledgeable staff, and to ensure unescorted site access privileges.

In order to assure an efficient inspection, we have enclosed a request for information describing documents needed to aid the inspectors in preparing for and conducting the temporary instruction inspection. These documents have been divided into four groups. The first group lists information necessary to aid the inspectors in planning for the inspection. It is requested that this information be provided to the lead inspector via mail or electronically by August 31, 2015, if possible. The second group also lists information and possible areas for discussion necessary to assist the inspectors during the inspection. It is requested this information be available during the information gathering visit (September 15-17, 2015). The third group of requested documents consists of those items that the inspectors will review, or need access to, during the inspection. Please have this information available by the first day of the on-site inspection week (October 5-9, 2015). The fourth group lists the information necessary to aid the inspectors in tracking questions and answers identified as a result of the inspection. It is requested that this information be provided to the lead inspector as the information is generated during the inspection. It is important that all of these documents are up to date and complete in order to minimize the number of additional documents requested during the preparation and the on-site portions of the inspection.

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Sincerely,

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