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Subject: **GEH Proposed Resolution of Item # 4 - Maximum Groundwater Level of NRC Suggested U.S. Advanced Boiling Water Reactor Design Changes**

References:

1. Letter from R.E. Kingston, GEH to USNRC, Subject: ABWR Standard Plant Design Certification Renewal Application Design Control Document, Revision 5, Tier 1 and Tier 2, December 7, 2010.
2. Letter from USNRC to Jerald G. Head, GEH, Subject: GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy – United States Advanced Boiling-Water Reactor Design Certification Renewal Application, July 20, 2012.
3. Letter from Jerald G. Head, GEH, to USNRC, Subject: Response to NRC Letter: GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy – United States Advanced Boiling-Water Reactor Design Certification Renewal Application (July 20, 2012), September 17, 2012.

GEH submitted a Design Certification Renewal application for the U.S. Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR) in Reference 1 pursuant to the requirements of Subpart B, "Standard Design Certifications," of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 52, "Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants."

In Reference 2, the NRC suggested design changes to address issues that the agency considered to be regulatory improvements or changes that could meet the 10 CFR 52.59(b) criteria. In addition, the NRC requested that GEH implement the Fukushima Near-Term Task Force recommendations contained in SECY-12-0025, "Proposed Orders and Requests for Information in Response to Lessons Learned from Japan's March 11, 2011, Great Tohoku

Earthquake and Tsunami,” dated February 17, 2012. Collectively, these items are termed the “28-item backfit list”.

In Reference 3, GEH responded to Reference 2 and committed to address the “28-item backfit list”.

In public and private meetings the NRC held with GEH on May 7th, 2015, GEH reviewed the closure plan for the “28-item backfit list” for those items that GEH would not receive any additional Requests for Additional Information. During that meeting, Item #4 of the “28-item backfit list” was discussed and GEH’s approach was found to be acceptable by the staff.

Please find GEH’s proposed resolution to Item #4 of the “28-item backfit list” transmitted in Reference 2. Enclosure 1 contains the complete response, while Enclosure 2 contains the Design Control Document markups associated with this response.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Hugh Upton at 408-314-8499.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Sincerely,



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Commitments: No additional commitments are made in this response.

Enclosures:

1. GEH Response to Item #4 - Maximum Groundwater Level
2. GEH Response to Item #4 - Maximum Groundwater Level - ABWR DCD DRAFT Revision 6 Markups

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