

July 24, 2015

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RE: *Georgia Power Co., et al. v. Westinghouse Electric Power Co., et al.*,
No. 1:12-cv-00167-JRH-JEG (S.D. Ga.);
NRC File No. TR-14-06

Dear Mr. Estes;

The Office of the General Counsel has received your letter dated June 17, 2015 requesting that the NRC review and reconsider the redactions for deliberative process privilege that were made in seven (7) documents the agency produced in response to the subpoena in this case. The Office of the General Counsel has reviewed the documents designated in your letter and has consulted with the appropriate NRC Staff. Upon review, we have concluded that the material redacted from these documents was appropriately designated as being protected by the deliberative process privilege. Release of that material would have a chilling effect on future communications between the NRC Staff and its contractors. Accordingly, we have decided not to release any additional information contained in these documents.

We understand that you intend to subpoena certain NRC employees for depositions and that you would like to interview some of them to determine whether they possess information relevant to the case. Please advise Mr. Charles E. Mullins of this Office of your availability and he will discuss these matters with you. You may reach Mr. Mullins at (301) 415-1618 or at charles.mullins@nrc.gov by email.

Sincerely,

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