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Ms. Maureen Wylie
Chief Financial Officer
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Fee Exemption Request for NEI 14-10, Guidelines for Prioritization and Scheduling Implementation

Project Number: 689

Dear Ms. Wylie:

On November 14, 2014, NEI submitted guidance document NEI 14-10, *Guidelines for Prioritization and Scheduling Implementation*, for NRC review and endorsement (ML14325A681). The intent of the guidance is to provide a process that can be used by nuclear power plant licensees to characterize and prioritize regulatory and plant-identified actions at their facilities consistent with safety significance. The guidance supports the NRC's Risk Prioritization Initiative by providing a means to prioritize initial compliance and implementation dates for regulations and orders on a plant-specific basis for operating power reactors.

NEI requests that the NRC's review of NEI 14-10, Revision 0, and any future submissions of the guidance document be granted a fee waiver pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 170.11. The report meets the exemption requirement in 10 CFR 170.11(a)(1)(iii) in that it is "a means of exchanging information between industry organizations and the NRC...for the specific purpose of supporting ongoing NRC generic regulatory improvements or efforts." In this case, the generic regulatory improvement effort is the NRC's use of risk information under existing agency processes. The guidance supports increased regulatory efficiency of agency efforts to apply risk-informed decision-making in its review of relief requests such as licensee schedule exemption requests.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Butler", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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