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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2017, WITH NUCLEAR INDUSTRY CONCERNING MULTI-LICENSEE CONSOLIDATED LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUESTS (CAC NO. TM3112)

On February 8, 2017, a Category 2 public meeting was held between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and representatives of the nuclear industry at NRC Headquarters, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss an industry proposal regarding a new submittal process for license amendment requests (LARs). The proposed process would allow a group of licensees to submit a single LAR pertaining to multiple commercial nuclear reactor facilities.

The meeting notice and agenda, dated January 18, 2017, are available in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at Accession No. ML17033A053. A list of attendees is provided in the enclosure to this meeting summary.

Background

The Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group (PWROG) and Boiling Water Reactor Owners' Group (BWROG) have formed an industry working group to expand the use of shared industry resources for regulatory activities. The working group wants to leverage the existing Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF) traveler process in a manner that will lend efficiencies in the preparation of LARs for NRC review. The working group also wants to look for efficiencies that could be gained in the NRC staff review of LARs submitted using this new approach.

Meeting Discussion

The industry working group presented information as shown in the slides provided for the meeting (ADAMS Accession No. ML17045A094). The industry working group defined the following LAR submittal processes:

Plant-Specific

The current plant-specific LAR process whereby an individual licensee submits an LAR that requires plant-specific information.

Industry Coordinated

A process in which a group of licensees would coordinate the preparation of the format and content of an LAR application to adopt the same NRC-accepted generic change. The LARs would be submitted by licensees individually. The industry would coordinate with the NRC regarding submittal schedules and requested completion dates.

Multi-Licensee Consolidated

A new process in which a single LAR is submitted by a group of licensees to adopt an NRC-approved generic change. This would be similar to a fleet

submittal, except it would include more than one licensee. This process is intended for LARs with a model application that requires no plant-specific technical information to be submitted.

The industry working group stated that the intent of the proposed multi-licensee consolidated process would be to encourage more licensees to adopt NRC-approved TSTF travelers and to reduce fees associated with the NRC's review.

The NRC staff raised a number of potential issues regarding the multi-licensee consolidated process. The staff stated that fee billing would be difficult because of limitations on NRC's time and attendance system. Specifically, there would be a separate Cost Activity Code (CAC) for each docket such that fee billing is properly apportioned to each plant. However, since the time and attendance system only allows a minimum charge of 0.25 hours, a reviewer spending only a few hours each day would not be able to easily distribute hours evenly among the dockets.

The NRC staff stated that each request for additional information may need clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Specifically, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, all information collections imposed on ten or more non-Federal entities need to be reviewed and approved by OMB. In addition, issuance of amendments to multiple licensees might also need OMB review under the Congressional Review Act. The timeframe for OMB review could adversely affect the ability of the NRC staff to complete its review on a schedule that would support the licensee's requested completion date.

The NRC staff also explained how the multi-licensee consolidated process would be an administrative burden on the NRC staff and may not yield efficiencies in the review because of the time spent evaluating differences between the plants.

The industry working group also discussed the industry-coordinated approach for submittal of LARs. Under this approach, the industry would coordinate with the NRC on the front end to discuss schedule, plant differences, etc. The staff commended the industry on its efforts to gain efficiencies and strongly encouraged the use of the industry-coordinated approach to gain efficiency in NRC staff reviews. The industry working group stated that it will take feedback from this meeting back to a larger group of licensees and will decide on the best approach going forward.

Members of the public were in attendance. Public Meeting Feedback forms were not received.

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Enclosure:
List of Attendees

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MULTI-LICENSEE CONSOLIDATED LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUESTS

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Enclosure

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