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David Hochschild, Chair
California Energy Commission
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Dear Chair Hochschild:

I received your letter of September 10, 2019, and echo the sentiments expressed therein. I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and discuss the issues concerning the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) oversight of its various licensees in the State of California. Please rest assured that the safety and security of the power reactors and the other NRC licensees in your state that possess and use radioactive materials is the highest priority of both this agency and me personally.

The NRC is the *de jure* safety regulator for the entities that we license. I understand completely that those entities also interface with the California Energy Commission and other State agencies in a manner that ensures the safe, secure, and efficient use of radioactive materials. For this reason, I agree wholeheartedly that an open and collaborative relationship between government agencies will work to the benefit of everyone. I am committed to transparent and timely communications in support of such a relationship.

Mr. Bill Maier, the Regional State Liaison Officer on my staff, will continue to keep both Dr. Cochran and you appropriately informed of events, initiatives and developments in the NRC, and with our licensees in California. Please feel free to reach out to Mr. Maier with any questions or concerns you wish to bring to the NRC's attention. You may reach him by telephone at 817-200-1267 or by e-mail at bill.maier@nrc.gov. Alternatively, you may contact me directly at 817-200-1225 or scott.morris@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,


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