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Improved Standard Technical Specification (ISTS) Implementation

Dear Mr. Russell:

On June 27 and 28, the Single Unit Boiling Water Reactor licensing managers met to discuss Improved Standard Technical Specification (ISTS) implementation; and in particular, the possibility of optimizing costs through the use of grouped plant submittals. All participants viewed this meeting to be productive and successful. We gained an appreciation of the benefits of going to ISTS and we can see significant value in making group submittals. We also recognized that there are complexities and plant specific requirements that may preclude us from taking full advantage of a group submittal, but we are continuing to meet and working together to try to overcome them.

One of the reasons that the meeting was successful was the effective participation of Mr. Christopher Grimes. Mr. Grimes' participation at this meeting exemplified your vision of early licensee/regulator interaction to achieve the best mutually beneficial solution. His enthusiasm and commitment to the ISTS Program were obvious; his suggestions to optimize the cost and minimize NRC review schedule impact were very useful and well thought out.

We all believe that Mr. Grimes' constructive approach to this important effort will be very beneficial in reaching our mutual goal of improving nuclear plant safety and reliability.

Sincerely,

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