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Subject: **NEI PETITION FOR RULEMAKING, DOCKET PRM-70-7**

Dear Secretary:

This letter is to express Combustion Engineering, Inc.'s support for the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) petition for rulemaking concerning integrated safety assessment (ISA) and the associated backfitting provision.

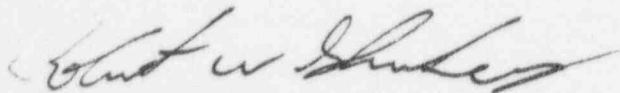
We were actively involved in the process leading to the request that NRC amend its regulations to require uranium fuel fabrication licensees to use integrated safety assessment, or an acceptable alternative, to confirm that adequate controls are in place to protect public health and safety. We believe that this is the best approach to assuring the continued safe operation of our facilities

We were also actively involved in drafting the request for a backfitting provision to ensure that future modifications to licenses issued pursuant to 10 CFR Part 70, as a result of new regulatory requirements, are based on public health and safety considerations and are appropriately cost-justified.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process.

Cordially yours,

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