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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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February 20, 1997

LICENSEE: Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company

FACILITY: Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 12, 1997, MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF
MAINE YANKEE ATOMIC POWER COMPANY

On February 12, 1997, pursuant to notice, the NRC staff met with representatives of Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company (the licensee) and Entergy Nuclear, Inc. (ENI) at NRC headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, to discuss the pending management services agreement between the licensee and ENI. The meeting was closed due to the proprietary nature of the information to be discussed. The list of attendees is provided as Attachment 1.

Background

In a Commission meeting on February 4, 1997, Maine Yankee indicated that its Board of Directors had approved on January 28, 1997, a draft management services agreement with ENI. By letter dated February 6, 1997, Maine Yankee informed the staff of its plans for management changes at the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station. In its letter, Maine Yankee concluded that neither the management services agreement nor specific planned management changes would require prior NRC approval. It stated that "Maine Yankee unequivocally remains the operating licensee for the Maine Yankee plant, with ultimate authority and control over, and responsibility for, safe plant operation and regulatory compliance. This relationship is clearly established in the management services agreement between Maine Yankee and Entergy." The licensee stated what it felt were ten important provisions of the agreement that establish the relative roles of Maine Yankee and ENI. Among these was a provision that the licensed operators in the Maine Yankee control room will remain solely employees of Maine Yankee and that management personnel provided under the agreement are subject to the direction of the Maine Yankee Board and serve at the pleasure of the Maine Yankee Board.

Meeting with Licensee

On February 12, 1997, representatives of the Office of the General Counsel and the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation met with representatives of Maine Yankee and ENI to better understand the draft agreement and its potential impact on Maine Yankee. Based on its reading of the draft agreement and discussions with the representatives of Maine Yankee and ENI, the staff did not disagree with the licensee's conclusion that no NRC approval is required prior to execution of the agreement. The agreement was executed on February 13, 1997.

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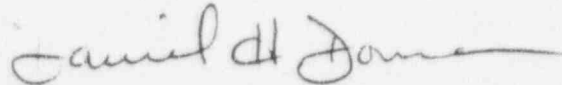
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The agreement executed on February 13, 1997, is a short-term agreement. The licensee anticipates execution of a long-term agreement in several months. The licensee agreed to brief the staff on any significant changes to the licensee organization during implementation of the agreement. The licensee also agreed to brief the staff when the long-term agreement has been developed.



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