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July 29, 2020

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SUBJECT: REVISED MILESTONES OF LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR

BYPRODUCT MATERIALS LICENSE SUA-1475, UNITED NUCLEAR

CORPORATION CHURCH ROCK MILL SITE

Dear Mr. Hauer:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff received General Electric's (GE) September 24, 2018 request to amend byproduct materials license SUA-1475 for the United Nuclear Corporation Church Rock Mill Site in Gallup, New Mexico (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession number ML18267A235). General Electric provided supplemental information by e-mail dated December 21, 2018 (ADAMS Accession Number ML18360A424). In its amendment request, GE requested NRC approval of revision to its reclamation plan to construct a repository for non-11e.(2) byproduct material mine waste on the 11e.(2) byproduct material tailings disposal area at the Church Rock Mill Site.

The NRC staff prepared an initial schedule for its review of this amendment request. That schedule was based on several assumptions, including timely (i.e., within 90 days) and high-quality applicant responses to the NRC staff's requests for additional information (RAIs).

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Based on delays in receipt of portions of the responses to the RAIS has caused the NRC to revise its initial schedule for the NRC staff review is as follows:

| NRC Milestones | Projected Completion date |
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| Safety review RAIs – Group 1 | May 2019 |
| Safety review RAIs – Group 2 | July 2019 |
| Environmental review RAIs | August 2019 |
| Safety Evaluation Report | July 2020 September 2020 |
| Draft Environmental Impact Statement | July 2020 October 2020 |
| Final Environmental Impact Statement | August 2021 |
| Complete Concurrence Process with appropriate Federal and State entities. | December 2021 |
| Issue Amendment Decision | January 2022 |

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC's ADAMS. The ADAMS database is accessible from the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-6103.

Sincerely,

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Division of Decommissioning, Uranium Recovery and Waste Programs

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

Docket No.: 40-8907 License No.: SUA-1475 L. Hauer 3

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