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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S REVISED SCHEDULE FOR THE LICENSE RENEWAL REVIEW OF THE WESTINGHOUSE COLUMBIA FUEL FABRICATION FACILITY (ENTERPRISE PROJECT IDENTIFIER L-2017-RNW-0016)

Dear Ms. Malek:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has revised the schedule for its review of Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC's (WEC's) license renewal application for its Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility (SNM-1107) in Hopkins, South Carolina. By letter dated August 10, 2020 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession No. ML20217L372), the NRC staff established a schedule for the environmental impact statement (EIS) and anticipated publication of the final EIS in November 2021 and completion of the license renewal review in December 2021. The EIS schedule was based on the EIS process, as required by Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 51, "Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions," the status of the environmental review, and timely and high-quality responses to NRC's RAIs issued on November 3, 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20275A251). Additionally, the schedule considered Westinghouse's tentative due dates for key milestones (ADAMS Accession No. ML20202A678) in the Phase II Remedial Investigation Work Plan activities under the Consent Agreement with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).

WEC submitted its responses to the NRC staff's RAIs on December 18, 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20353A275) and, while the responses are complete, there are several RAI responses that refer to the Phase II Remedial Investigation Work Plan, which WEC is currently executing.

The enclosure to this letter provides the revised license renewal review schedule, including major milestones. The anticipated schedule can change depending on the findings of the ongoing technical review or other factors. Additionally, based on WEC's responses to the RAIs, information requested will be included in the Phase II Interim Report anticipated to be submitted to South Carolina DHEC in September 2021. Therefore, the Phase II Interim Report represents a risk to the final EIS schedule. The NRC staff anticipates reviewing the report and will determine impacts, if any, to the development of the EIS and next steps. Accordingly, the NRC

staff continues to encourage Westinghouse to keep the NRC staff informed of any changes to the Phase II Interim Remedial Investigation activities and schedule.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 2.390, "Public inspections, exemptions, requests for withholding," of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this communication will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room, or from the NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/readingrm/adams.html>.

If you have any questions regarding the license renewal review, please contact me at 301-415-8740 or via email at David.Tiktinsky@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Docket No.: 70-1151
License No.: SNM-1107

Enclosure:
Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC
Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility
Revised License Renewal Schedule

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**U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Revised License Renewal Schedule for the
Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC
Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility
Docket 70-1151
SNM -1107**

Milestone	Previous Date	Revised Date
Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and begin the scoping process published in the <i>Federal Register</i> (85 FR 46193)	July 31, 2020(A)	July 31, 2020(A)
End of 30-day scoping comment period	August 31, 2020(A)	August 31, 2020(A)
Issuance of NRC's Requests for Additional Information (RAIs)	September 2020(T)	November 3, 2020 (A)
WEC's Responses to NRC's RAIs	December 3, 2020 (T)	December 18, 2020(A)
Publication of Draft EIS ¹ for a 45-day comment period	April 2021(T)	June 2021(T)
Publication of the Final EIS	November 2021(T)	January 2022(T)
Licensing Decision and Record of Decision ²	December 2021(T)	February 2022(T)

(T) – Target
(A) - Actual

¹ The draft EIS anticipated publication date assumed a 30-day RAI response time.

² The NRC, per 10 CFR 51.100(a)(ii), must wait 30 days after publication of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's *Federal Register* Notice announcing that the issuance of the final EIS.