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SUBJECT: WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY, LLC – REVISED SCHEDULE FOR RENEWAL REVIEW OF MATERIALS LICENSE SNM-1107 (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 (CFFF) in Hopkins, South Carolina. The attached revised schedule reflects the NRC's decision to re-open and extend the public comment period for the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the license renewal of the CFFF. The draft EIS comment period was originally scheduled to close on September 20, 2021 *Federal Register* ([86 FR 43276](#)). After careful consideration of requests from external stakeholders to extend the draft EIS comment period, the NRC decided to re-open and extend the comment period for an additional 60 days. The draft EIS comment period closed on November 19, 2021 ([86 FR 53694](#)).

The NRC staff now plans to publish the final EIS in April 2022, the safety evaluation report, and the licensing decision after the Record of Decision is published by early June 2022. The EIS schedule is 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," and the status of the ongoing environmental review and Westinghouse's Phase II Remedial Investigation (RI) Work Plan under the Consent Agreement with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. As stated in previous schedule letters, the execution of the RI Work Plan represents a risk to the EIS schedule. The NRC staff continues to encourage Westinghouse to keep the NRC staff informed of any changes to the RI activities and schedule.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 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>.

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

**Docket 70-1151
License 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)	November 3, 2020(A)	November 3, 2020 (A)
WEC's Responses to NRC's RAIs	December 18, 2020 (A)	December 18, 2020(A)
Publication of Draft EIS ¹ for a 45-day comment period	July 2021(A)	July 2021(A)
Publication of the Final EIS	February 2022 (T)	April 2022(T)
Licensing Decision and Record of Decision ²	March 2022(T)	June 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 the issuance of the final EIS.