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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR WESTINGHOUSE COLUMBIA FUEL FABRICATION FACILITY LOCATED IN RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (DOCKET NUMBER: 70-1151)

Dear Patrick Donnelly:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed the final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC's (WEC) license renewal application to renew its special nuclear material (SNM) license SNM-1107 to continue to operate its Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility (CFFF) in Richland County, South Carolina for an additional 40 years. The NRC staff will shortly publish a *Federal Register* (FR) Notice of Availability (NOA) to advise the public that the FEIS is publicly available from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/readingrm/adams.html>. The FEIS is located at ML22201A131. In addition, the NRC staff plans to make hard copies of the FEIS available to the public at several public libraries in the vicinity of the site.

The NRC staff's recommendation in the FEIS is that the WEC's license to possess and use special nuclear material at the CFFF should be renewed for a term of 40 years from the date the NRC approves the renewal. This recommendation is based on (i) the WEC license application, which includes the Environmental Report and supplemental documents, and WEC's responses to the NRC staff's requests for additional information; (ii) the NRC staff's consultation with Federal, State, tribal, and local agencies, and input from other stakeholders, including members of the public; (iii) the NRC staff's independent review; and (iv) the NRC staff's assessments provided in the FEIS.

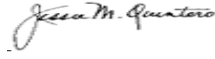
After the NRC files the FEIS with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the EPA will publish a separate NOA of the FEIS in the FR. In accordance with title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Section 51.100(a)(1)(ii), the NRC must wait 30 days after publication of the EPA's NOA before it can make a licensing decision. The NRC anticipates making a licensing decision in September 2022.

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Should you have any questions concerning the FEIS, please contact Stacey Imboden at 301-415-2462 or via email at [Stacey.Imboden@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacey.Imboden@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,



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