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Subject: Request for Extension to Comment on the Proposed Collection of Information re Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage Contingent Cost Allocation (DOE-HQ-2014-0021; RIN 1990-AA39)

Dear Ms. Angelini:

On behalf of the commercial nuclear industry, the Nuclear Energy Institute, Inc. (NEI)¹ appreciates the U.S. Department of Energy's ("DOE" or the "Department") decision to hold a public workshop on the proposed collection of information² related to the DOE notice of proposed rulemaking on the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage Contingent Cost Allocation. We found the workshop this morning very useful. However, the workshop's discussion also highlighted the number and complexity of issues raised by DOE's CSC Data Collection Form. We therefore write to formally request that the Department extend the public comment period on the Data Collection Form until at least November 3, 2016. That extension will enable NEI to interact with members and facilitate the preparation of more informed and detailed comments.

¹ NEI is responsible for establishing unified nuclear industry policy on matters affecting the nuclear energy industry, including regulatory, financial, technical, and legislative issues. NEI members include all companies licensed to operate commercial nuclear power plants in the United States, nuclear plant designers, major architect/engineering firms, fuel cycle facilities, material licensees, and other organizations and individuals involved in the nuclear energy industry.

² See U.S. Department of Energy, Notice and request for comments, "Proposed Agency Information Collection," 81 Fed. Reg. 51193 (Aug. 3, 2016); U.S. Department of Energy, Notice of public workshop, "Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage Contingent Cost Allocation," 81 Fed. Reg. 51140 (Aug. 3, 2016).

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Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne W. Cottingham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right from the end of the name.

Anne W. Cottingham

cc: Stephen Croley, Esq., General Counsel, Department of Energy
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