

November 20, 2007

Mr. Phillip Ray
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SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE COMBINED LICENSE
APPLICATION FOR BELLEFONTE, UNITS 3 AND 4, AND ASSOCIATED
FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE

Dear Mr. Ray:

On October 30, 2007, you tendered a combined license application (COLA) for two AP1000 advanced passive pressurized water reactors to be located at the existing Bellefonte facility near the town of Scottsboro in Jackson County, Alabama. However, due to technical difficulties associated with submitting your COLA into the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's ("NRC") Agencywide Documents Access and Management System, your COLA was officially tendered on November 7, 2007 for acceptance review purposes.

These plants are to be designated Bellefonte Units 3 and 4. In an October 30, 2007, letter you stated that you were submitting the COLA pursuant to the requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 52 and that the application incorporates, by reference, the AP1000 design in Appendix D to 10 CFR Part 52 and the Westinghouse Electric Corporation's application for amendment to portions of the Design Control Document (DCD) Revision 16, including Westinghouse Technical Report, APP-GW-GLR-134, "AP1000 DCD Impacts to Support COLA Standardization" (collectively referred to herein as AP1000 Revision 16).

The NRC staff acknowledges receipt of your application and plans to complete an acceptance review of the application. If the staff finds your application to be acceptable, we will docket the application. The staff plans to make its determination on acceptability for docketing by January 18, 2008. To the extent possible, the staff will communicate with you as issues arise during the acceptance review.

Enclosed is the notice that will be forwarded to the *Federal Register* to inform the public of receipt and availability of the subject application.

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The staff intends to publish a schedule for review of the Bellefonte 3 and 4 COLA within 30 days of completion of the acceptance review. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (301) 415-1132 or by email at jms3@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Office of New Reactors

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