February 28, 2007

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper Chairman, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Committee on Environment and Public Works United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your support of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) budget request for Fiscal Year 2007. I appreciate your time and attention in considering the resources needed for the NRC's anticipated increased workload and the related hiring goals. With Congress' recent decision on the Continuing Resolution, the NRC will now be able to move ahead with all needed activities to accommodate these new challenges as well as to continue our mission to protect public health and safety.

The Commission looks forward to working with you and your staff as this session continues.

Sincerely,

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