requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, as issued on March 27, 2009.

4.0 Conclusion for Part 73 Schedule Exemption Request

The staff has reviewed the licensee's submittals and concludes that the licensee has justified its request for an extension of the compliance date with regard to one specified requirement of 10 CFR 73.55 until May 28, 2010.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that pursuant to 10 CFR 73.5, "Specific exemptions," an exemption from the March 31, 2010, compliance date is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the requested exemption.

The long-term benefits that will be realized when the PBNP security modifications are complete justifies exceeding the full compliance date in the case of this particular licensee. The security measure for which PBNP needs additional time to implement is a new requirement imposed by March 27, 2009, amendments to 10 CFR 73.55, and is in addition to those required by the security orders issued in response to the events of September 11, 2001. Therefore, the NRC concludes that the licensee's actions are in the best interest of protecting the public health and safety through the security changes that will result from granting this exemption.

As per the licensee's request and the NRC's regulatory authority to grant an exemption from the March 31, 2010, deadline for the one item specified in Enclosure 1 of PBNP letter dated March 11, 2010, the licensee is required to be in full compliance with 10 CFR 73.55 by May 28, 2010. In achieving compliance, the licensee is reminded that it is responsible for determining the appropriate licensing mechanism (*i.e.,* 10 CFR 50.54(p) or 10 CFR 50.90) for incorporation of all necessary changes to its security plans.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, "Finding of no significant impact," the Commission has previously determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment [75 FR 14206; March 24, 2010].

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of March 2010.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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[DC/COL–ISG–017; NRC–2009–0380]

Office of New Reactors; Interim Staff Guidance on Ensuring Hazard-Consistent Seismic Input for Site Response and Soil Structure Interaction Analyses

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The NRC staff is issuing its Final Interim Staff Guidance (ISG) DC/COL–ISG–017 titled "Ensuring Hazard-Consistent Seismic Input for Site Response and Soil Structure Interaction Analyses," (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML100570203). This ISG supplements the guidance provided to the NRC staff in Sections 2.5 and 3.7 of NUREG–0800, "Standard Review Plan (SRP) for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants," March 2007, and DC/COL–ISG–01, "Interim Staff Guidance on Seismic Issues Associated with High Frequency Ground Motion in Design Certification and Combined License Applications," issued May 19, 2008 (ADAMS Accession No. ML081400293). The NRC staff issues DC/COL–ISGs to facilitate timely implementation of current staff guidance and to facilitate activities associated with review of applications for design certifications and combined licenses by the Office of New Reactors. The NRC staff intends to incorporate the final approved DC/COL–ISG–017 into the next revision of SRP Sections 2.5 and 3.7 and Regulatory Guide 1.206, "Combined License Applications for Nuclear Power Plants (LWR Edition)," June 2007.

Disposition: On August 31, 2009, the NRC staff issued the proposed ISG, DC/COL–ISG–017, "Ensuring Hazard-Consistent Seismic Input for Site Response and Soil Structure Interaction Analyses," (ADAMS Accession No. ML092230455) to solicit public and industry comment. The NRC staff received comments on the proposed guidance. This final issuance incorporates changes from the comments. The NRC staff responses to these comments can be found in ADAMS Accession No. ML100570289.

ADDRESSES: The NRC maintains ADAMS, which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. These documents may be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.* Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC Public Document Room reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by e-mail to *pdr.resource@nrc.gov.*

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agency posts its issued staff guidance in the agency external web page (*http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/isg/*).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of March 2010.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Notice of Issuance of Regulatory Guide

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Issuance and Availability of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.126, Revision 2, "An Acceptable Model and Related Statistical Methods for the Analysis of Fuel Densification."

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing a revision to an existing guide in the agency's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make