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Mr. Marvin Fertel  
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Dear Mr. Fertel:

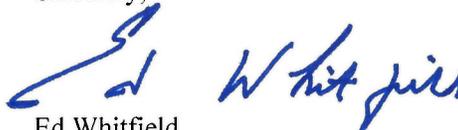
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Power on Friday, April 29, 2016, to testify at the hearing entitled "H.R. 4979, the Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Act of 2016 and H.R. \_\_\_\_\_, Nuclear Utilization of Keynote Energy Policies Act."

During the hearing, Members asked you to provide additional information for the record, and you indicated that you would provide that information. Descriptions of the requested information are provided in the attached document. The format of your responses should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose request you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the request you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that request in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these requests with a transmittal letter by the close of business on June 9, 2016. Your responses should be mailed to Will Batson, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [Will.Batson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Will.Batson@mail.house.gov).

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Ed Whitfield  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Energy and Power

cc: The Honorable Bobby Rush, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy and Power

Attachment

## **Additional Questions for the Record**

### **The Honorable Ed Whitfield**

1. Your testimony notes that a number of existing power plants may enter the decommissioning process in the near future. First, is the existing decommissioning process safe and does it protect public health and environment?
  - A. How would a revised decommissioning process increase efficiency?
2. Your testimony raises the point that corporate support costs result in additional costs to licensees and, in turn, ratepayers. What are some options to reduce this financial burden without just shifting the costs to the American taxpayers?
3. Your testimony notes the trend in length of time for NRC to review and act upon license applications. How does that increased time impact the applicant and what are the economic ramifications of this trend?

### **The Honorable Michael Doyle**

1. Mr. Fertel, Congress limited the portion of the NRC's FY 2016 budget allocated to corporate support (which constitutes the bulk of NRC's mission support costs) to roughly one-third (34 percent) of the agency's total budget. Is it your position that this level is still too high and that Congress should take further action to bring the NRC's overhead costs in line with other federal agencies?
2. The COO of your organization recently testified before EPW in the Senate and explained that NRC review fees for operator reactor license renewals have increased annually at a rate of almost 17% since 2000. Could you explain the impact this has on nuclear facilities?
  - A. Do you think this draft legislation could help address those issues?