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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ATTN: Document Control Desk Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Subject: Withdrawal of University of Illinois Topical Report, "University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign High-Temperature Gas-Cooled Research Reactor: Fuel Qualification Methodology," IMRDD-MMR-23-01-NP, (ML23038A242)

By letter dated February 7, 2023 (ML23038A241), the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) submitted the Topical Report (TR), "University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign High-Temperature Gas-Cooled Research Reactor: Fuel Qualification Methodology," (ML23038A242) to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for acceptance and review. Ultra Safe Nuclear Corporation (USNC) has determined the need to revise aspects of the report that are material to the staff's review to address recent updates to the Micro Modular ReactorTM (MMRTM) fuel design. To support an effective and efficient NRC staff review, UIUC respectively withdrawals the referenced TR. An update to the TR will be submitted as soon as practical to enable the staff to continue its review. A submittal date of the updated Fuel Qualification Methodology TR will be provided in the coming weeks.

Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to Caleb Brooks at csbrooks@illinois.edu or (217) 265-0519.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on July 27, 2023.

Sincerely,

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