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Michelle P. Catts, Senior Vice President
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**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO DIRECT
TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF VALLECITOS NUCLEAR CENTER LICENSES
AND CONFORMING LICENSE AMENDMENTS (EPID L-2023-LLO- 0002)**

Dear Michelle P. Catts:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has reviewed your application dated September 1, 2023 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML23244A247), as supplemented September 5, 2023 and October 20, 2023 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML23248A232 and ML23292A336 respectively), transmitting an application to transfer control of License Nos. DPR-1, TR-1, R-33, DR-10 and SNM-960 for the Vallecitos Nuclear Center from GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC (GEHA) to NorthStar Vallecitos, LLC (NorthStar Vallecitos). The application also requested the NRC issue conforming license amendments to reflect the direct transfer of these licenses from GEHA to NorthStar Vallecitos as well as to impose additional license conditions relating to the nuclear decommissioning fund for the purpose of providing decommissioning financial assurance for the licenses.

We have completed our acceptance review of your submittal and have identified no administrative omissions or deficiencies that would prevent us from proceeding with a detailed review. Your submittal has been assigned Enterprise Project Identification Number (EPID) L-2021-LLO-0002. Please reference this EPID number and Docket Nos. 50-18, 50-70, 50-73, 50-183 and 70-754 in any future correspondence associated with this request.

Please note that the NRC staff's technical review of your submittal may identify issues that require additional information. Based on our preliminary evaluation and projection of current review schedules, we anticipate completing our formal review by April 19, 2024. This date could change depending on the findings of our technical review, urgent assignments, or other factors. We will promptly communicate any significant changes to this schedule. In addition, the NRC staff estimates that completing the review of your submittal will require approximately 225 staff hours.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 2, "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) or from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me by telephone at (301) 415-6877 or via e-mail at william.allen@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



Signed by Allen, William
on 10/26/23

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