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Dear Ms. Warren, Ms. Hameister, Ms. Rabe, Ms. D'Arrigo, Ms. Schneekloth and Ms. Haight:

SUBJECT: DOE/NYSERDA Proposed Dialogue on Phase 1 Studies Recommendations and Climate Change

References: Letter, Barbara Warren, et al. to Lee Gordon and Moira Maloney, "Climate Guidance for Phase 1 Studies, November 2012," dated March 4, 2013

Letter, Barbara Warren, et al. to Dr. B. John Garrick, Dr. Chris Whipple, Dr. James Clarke, and Dr. Kristin Shrader-Frechette, dated March 8, 2013

Thank you for your continued interest in the Phase 1 Studies process. We are writing in response to both your letters as referenced above. Your March 8, 2013 letter expressed concern that the agencies have not offered an opportunity for dialogue on the Phase 1 Studies recommendations that you provided in March 2011. We would like to schedule a meeting in the near future to allow an opportunity for a thorough discussion regarding your

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recommended studies to ensure there is no misunderstanding of either your recommendations or the responses we have provided to date.

Both the March 4 and March 8, 2013 letters expressed concerns with the Climate Change Guidance that was developed following the August 2012 Climate Change Workshop. We believe that we would benefit from having direct dialogue on these issues as well, to ensure we have a common understanding of the concerns and our respective viewpoints.

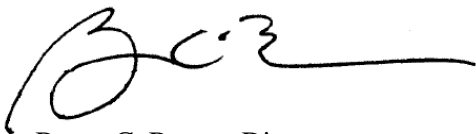
Your March 4, 2013 letter also expressed a concern that the Climate Change Guidance has suggested a three-phased process; your letter states:

"The second foundation question has created three phases – Phase 1, Phase 2 Decision-making and Phase 2 decommissioning or long term stewardship. Why have the Agencies created three phases? While it is obvious that a ten year Phase 1 is no longer possible, the adoption of a three phase approach would have to be presented to the public and discussed. At this time it is still our understanding that all of the needed studies in order to make decisions about Phase 2 facilities will be completed in Phase 1."

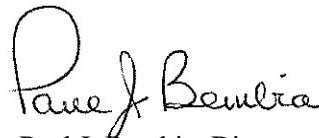
Your understanding, as reflected in the last sentence of your above comment, is correct; phased decisionmaking includes only two phases. The agencies intend to complete studies during Phase 1 Decommissioning (which is currently ongoing) to support decommissioning decisions for the remaining facilities. Phase 2 Decisionmaking is not a separate phase.

Thank you once again for your input; we look forward to meeting with you to discuss your comments and recommendations in more detail. We will be contacting you in the near future to schedule this discussion.

Sincerely,



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