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Subject: FW: SEIS issuance dates for Dewey Burdock

Mr. Woodward –

Staff has asked me to respond to your questions regarding the schedule for the Dewey-Burdock ISR project environmental review. The staff is required to update the ASLB monthly regarding the status of its reviews of license applications when there is an adjudication. These updates represent a good-faith estimate by the staff of when their reviews may be completed based on the information available at that time. Unfortunately, there is no set deadline for updating the website, and we acknowledge that the Dewey-Burdock schedule posted there has not been kept current. We are in the process of updating that, though you may still find that the website schedule may not be updated as often as the ASLB.

On what you call the “questionable schedule” provided to the ASLB for the Dewey-Burdock review: This is an estimate, and as in any licensing review, is subject to change. For example, if we receive a large number of public comments on the draft SEIS once it is issued, we may need more time to complete the final SEIS. We do hope this process can be completed faster than previous SEIS reviews. You may recall that we published the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for ISR projects, and the first three SEIS reports for specific applications that tiered off this GEIS did encounter some delays. We’ve had extensive discussions with EPA and other stakeholders regarding their comments on the three SEISs, which have helped us improve our environmental review process. Along with our experience in preparing the earlier reports, we hope these developments will help make this and future reviews more efficient.

Regards,

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Subject: SEIS issuance dates for Dewey Burdock

Ms. Jehle,

Thank you for your prompt response.

I recently posted a story on my website regarding the estimated SEIS issuance dates from your 7/1/11 report to the ASLB and the NRC’s application review webpage for Dewey-Burdock. Who would you suggest I contact at the NRC regarding the questions I raise in my story?

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