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Subject:

Wednesday's SCE&G/Santee Cooper meeting

Attachments:

Nuclear Timelines--Project Management.docx; Nuclear Timeline-Bankruptcy.docx;

Securitization Assessment Nov 28 2016.doc.docx

Kevin,

This letter is sent to assist you in preparation for our meeting on Wednesday (11/30), as both our teams prepare for the joint Board meeting scheduled on December 5. We both share the strong desire to work as a team to see the Summer 2&3 Project successfully completed. This letter is offered in that spirit.

From Santee Cooper's perspective, there are 3 primary items we need to discuss on Wednesday. Candidly, the first two have become items of frustration for Santee Cooper, and have put me in an awkward position with my Board, who are insisting to know why no action has been taken. I asked Santee Cooper's team to prepare timelines which show when the items were raised and discussed. These timelines are written from Santee Cooper's perspective, and perhaps will provide insight to your team.

- 1. Increased project management expertise in large scale EPC construction.
- 2. Bankruptcy counsel.
- 3. Release of the Bechtel Report to the Cooperatives.

increased project management expertise in large scale EPC construction--We need to be prepared to discuss with our Board, after two years of requests and an affirmative commitment from you on more than one occasion, why this has not yet been done. The attached timeline is illustrative.

The formation of the CORB was SCANA's response to the Betchel Report and Santee Cooper's request for better Project oversight with large EPC experience. Based on the recommendations we heard at both CORB briefings, I am concerned that we learn critical information too late from an outside team that comes in quarterly for a few days, which should have been brought to our attention by our teams. The information we learned last week was very important and key to the effectiveness of our President's Meetings with WEC and Fluor.

As we discussed following the call, we must determine if our teams have the knowledge and expertise to glean this key information. If they do have the knowledge and expertise, then what are the reasons the information does not reach us? If they do not have the knowledge and expertise, what can be done to staff in such a manner to have this information available in a timely manner? I recommend that we move quickly to act on the CORB's recommendations and set specific timeframes for our team to implement.

Bankruptcy counsel—Bankruptcy expertise would significantly inform our team as we negotiate with WEC going forward. Our separate, collective and independent analysis suggests that the fixed price option offered by WEC is likely significantly less than the cost WEC will incur to complete the Project. This is the very reason that we selected the fixed price. Regrettably, we must anticipate WEC having financial difficulty completing the Project, particularly in a timely manner. We should consider all options available to us that will insure WEC lives up to our Agreement. Our strategies should contemplate potential bankruptcies for both WEC and Toshiba. Toshiba's weakened financial condition is an unfortunate development as WEC's guaranter that we must also consider.

After no action on our repeated requests on this topic, as indicated in the attached timeline, I asked our egal team to find bankruptcy counsel. When we advised the SCANA team of this and our recommendation, no response has been received. This issue is of such concern to the Santee Cooper Board (as the timeline shows this was brought up at our first joint Board meeting) that I further asked our legal team to conduct an assessment of the securitization of the Project in the event WEC is unable to finish. This is something that

would typically be undertaken by counsel with bankruptcy expertise. The securitization assessment is attached for your benefit. We will be prepared to discuss it further on Wednesday.

Release of the Bechtel Report to the Cooperatives—We are backed into a corner on this. Our largest customer, having learned of it through intervention in SCE&G's fixed price petition, demands a copy of the report. Our requests to your legal team to put some parameters around the disclosure has been met with the response that we should not release it. Not releasing this information will likely bring formal requests that will be an untenable position for both our companies.

We look forward to our discussion on Wednesday.

Thanks, Lonnie