Board Staff Interrogatory #207

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Question(s):

a) ScottMadden stated that only nine nuclear operators responded to the survey for the Custom Nuclear Outage Benchmarking Study. The report then states that 19 CANDU plants, 19 Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) plants, and 9 Boiling Water Reactor plants participated in the study. Please confirm that all 47 nuclear plants are operated by one of the nine that participated in the study.

b) Considering this sample size in relation to the number of members in the EUCG Nuclear Committee, please comment on the appropriateness of using a sample size of nine nuclear operators for the Custom Nuclear Outage Benchmarking Study.

Response

The following responses were provided by ScottMadden:

a) ScottMadden can confirm that the nine nuclear operators who participated in the study operate all 47 nuclear plants (units).

b) ScottMadden recognizes that significant variability exists across nuclear operators in maintenance outage planning and execution. The responses to the Customer Nuclear Outage Benchmarking Study, which included three or more operators for each of the three technology types (BWR, CANDU, and PWR), nine (9) different operators, and 47 nuclear plants (units) in total, were sufficient and appropriate for the study.