



May 4, 2016

The Honorable Susan Rice
National Security Advisor to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Rice,

Reports of the potential elimination of the position of Director of Nuclear Energy Policy on the National Security Council has prompted me to write. I ask in the strongest possible terms that you maintain this vital and important position to help ensure the levels of inter-agency coordination and access to global markets necessary to keep American civil nuclear energy technology relevant and competitive.

NuScale Power is the leading U.S. developer of small modular reactor technology. Our design is the only one taking advantage of the Department of Energy's cost-share funding to support licensing and commercialization. As you know, there are other national governments that are far more engaged in promoting their technologies, many of which are based on those developed in America, and opening up international markets.

The Director of Nuclear Energy Policy must continue to help focus and coordinate our efforts to keep U.S. technologies like NuScale in the game. The specific authorizations needed under current rules to discuss NuScale technology are multi-agency efforts. An independent voice of advocacy is needed to remain competitive.

Our system of Section 123 agreements are the main vehicle American industry relies upon to open up the \$400 billion market for small modular reactors worldwide. The recent reauthorization of the 123 Agreement with China is a clear example where credible advocacy and support at the highest levels is often needed to preserve our competitiveness and the 20,000 to 45,000 jobs the relationship is credited with supporting. In my view, the potential for small modular reactors like NuScale makes these impacts even larger and more important.

Additionally, India's ratification of the Convention on Supplementary Compensation on Nuclear Damages received vigorous support from the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.S. State Department, Commerce and the U.S. nuclear energy industry. Moving closer to a global nuclear liability regime allows U.S. vendors, potentially NuScale included, to move forward with projects in one of the largest growth markets for new and advanced nuclear energy projects.

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U.S. commercial nuclear engagement brings U.S. standards for safety, security, quality and accountability to nations and organizations around the world. The Director of Nuclear Energy Policy is essential to keeping U.S. industry in the room and at the table. We need this role now more than ever.

I would be pleased to meet with you and discuss these issues further. I urge you to consider this matter seriously and thoughtfully.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. L. Hopkins', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John L. Hopkins, CEO
NuScale Power, LLC

Cc: Honorable John F. Kerry. Secretary of State.
Honorable Ernest Moniz. Secretary of Energy.
Honorable Penny Pritzker. Secretary of Commerce.