# **Smartly Leveraging Past Work**

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### **GEH Rich History of Nuclear Innovation**

**Proven success turning vision into commercial-scale reality, on time and on budget** 



67 reactors licensed in 10 countries





### **BWRX-300 Small Modular Reactor**

- 10<sup>th</sup> generation Boiling Water Reactor
- Leverages U.S. NRC licensed ESBWR
- Design-to-cost approach
- Significant capital cost reduction per MW
- World class safety
- Capable of load following
- Ideal for electricity generation and industrial applications, including hydrogen production
- Constructability integrated into design
- Licensing interactions in the U.S. and Canada
- Operational by 2028





### **Simplicity Drives Cost Reduction**

### **ESBWR**



### BWRX300

### Systems/components eliminated:

- Suppression Pool
- GDCS Pool
- Safety Relieve Valves & Spargers
- Depressurization Valves
- BiMac (core catcher)

### Systems/components simplified:

- Passive Containment Cooling (PCCS)
- Containment (use of SC)
- Boron injection
- Security (built into design)
- Turbine
- Generator (air cooled)

>50% building volume reduction/MW >50% less concrete/MW



## **Utilizing proven technology**

PROVEN COMPONENTS, PRIOR TESTING, AND OPERATIONAL HISTORY GREATLY ACCELERATE DEPLOYMENT

#### Dryer

Same features as ABWR\* and ESBWR ... Same as upgrades for existing fleet ... Size nearly identical to KKM\*\*

#### **Steam separators:**

Same as ABWR\* and ESBWR ... Similar to others in the BWR fleet

#### **GNF2 fuel:**

>19,000 bundles delivered ... Utilized by ~70% of BWR fleet

#### **Control rod blades:**

Same as ABWR\* ... Longer than ESBWR ... Almost identical to latest design for BWR fleet

### BWR<mark>X</mark>300

#### **Reactor pressure vessel:**

Same material and fabrication processes as ABWR\*, ESBWR and many of the BWR fleet ... Diameter almost identical to KKM\*\*

#### Chimney:

Uses ESBWR and Dodewaard\*\*\* technology ... Simplified

#### Fine motion control rod drives: Same as ABWR\* and ESBWR

\* ABWR fleet has combined 22+ years of operating experience | \*\* Kernkraftwerk Mühleberg (KKM): 355 MWe BWR/4 in operation since 1972 | \*\*\* Dodewaard: 58MWe natural circulation BWR, 1969 ~ 1997



## Defense in depth ... safety by intelligent design



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## **BWRX-300 US Licensing Approach**

- Utilize ESBWR DCD and LTRs for analytical methods, testing bases and fundamental operational characteristics
- Utilize licensing and operational history of GNF2 fuel
- Reduce licensing risk with LTRs
  - RPV Isolation and Overpressure Protection, final SER Nov 2020
  - Containment Performance, final SER Jan 2021
  - Reactivity Control, final SER Jan 2021
  - Containment Evaluation Method, RAIs underway
  - Advanced Civil Construction and Design Approach, Acceptance Letter Mar 2021
- Part 50 for first unit(s) in US
- Part 52 potentially after first unit(s)



### **International Markets**

- Strong interest internationally ... need for fleets in late 2030s
- Europe carbon tax
- Desire for commonality
  - ✓ ASME Section III

  - Regulators starting to working together ... NRC/CNSC/ONR, NRC outreach to other countries, initial joint reviews
  - Standard safety assessment framework ... IAEA guidelines
  - Standardized license submittals and approvals



### **Questions?**

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