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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
Laser Welded Sleeving (LWS) Weld Width

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Westinghouse Electric Company letter NSBU-NRC-00-5966 (February 29, 2000) to the NRC described the resolution of laser weld width issues associated with their steam generator tube sleeve repair methodology. This resolution included adoption of a criterion requiring an average weld width of 21 mils, with welds having a lesser width to be subject to an engineering disposition process. Through this process special considerations could allow infrequent acceptance of welds with average widths as small as, but not less than, 19 mils.

As recommended by Westinghouse, Southern Nuclear Company (SNC) commits to implementation of this additional weld width criterion on a forward-fit basis for Farley Nuclear Plant (FNP) Units 1 and 2. Please note, however, that installation of replacement steam generators is now in progress at FNP Unit 1 and is scheduled for Unit 2 at the next refueling outage. Accordingly, SNC has no plans for installation of additional sleeves at FNP.

Respectfully submitted,

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