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Comments on Petition for Rulemaking by Westinghouse Electric Company LLC, on 10 CFR 50, Appendix G, Fracture Toughness Requirements (65 Fed. Reg. 6044, February 8, 2000)

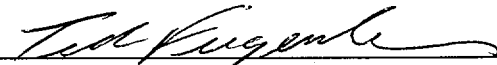
This letter provides the North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation (North Atlantic) response to the request for comment on the Petition for Rulemaking for 10 CFR 50, Appendix G, Fracture Toughness Requirements. Notice of the opportunity to comment was published in the Federal Register (65 Fed. Reg. 6044, February 8, 2000).

North Atlantic has reviewed the comments submitted separately by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on behalf of the nuclear energy industry and endorses those comments. North Atlantic believes that the petition provides the technical basis that the reactor pressure vessel temperature requirements are overly conservative and can be eliminated.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Mr. James M. Peschel, Manager - Regulatory Programs, at (603) 773-7194.

Very truly yours,

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