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Subject: BWR Owners' Group Program on Motor-Operated Valve (MOV)
Periodic Verification
BWROG Project Number 691

Reference: (1) BWROG Letter 97080, TJ Rausch (BWROG) to USNRC Public Document Room, "BWROG Program on Motor-Operated Valve Periodic Verification", dated July 30, 1997.
(2) USNRC Safety Evaluation Report: Joint Owners' Group Program on Periodic Verification of MOVs Described in Topical Report NEDC-32719 (Revision 2), dated October 30, 1997.
(3) JOG PV-NRC Meeting, April 19, 2000

Attention: Bob Pulsifer, BWROG Project Manager
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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission

The purpose of this letter is to redefine the start date of Phase 2 of the Joint Owner's Group (JOG) Periodic Verification (PV) program. BWROG letter dated July 1997 (Reference 1), transmitted the subject Licensing Topical Report to the NRC in response to Generic Letter 96-05. The NRC then issued a favorable Safety Evaluation Report dated October 1997 (Reference 2) to the Boiling Reactor Water Owners' Group (BWROG).

The JOG PV Program (Reference 1) described the duration of Phase 2 (dynamic testing) as being 5 years in duration with the period defined as March 1997 to March 2002. These dates were based on the final development date of the JOG PV Program Document and a JOG-proposed 5-year Phase 2 testing period. As discussed at the April 19, 2000 meeting (Reference 3), the JOG redefined the Phase 2 start date as October 1997, based on the date of issuance of the NRC SER (Reference 2). Consequently, the JOG-proposed 5-year Phase 2 testing period end date will then be redefined as October 2002.

The BWROG believes it is appropriate to redefine the starting and end dates of Phase 2 without revision to the program document based on no change to the overall proposed program. During the April 19, 2000 meeting (Reference 3), the NRC concurred and requested each participating Owners' Group submit a letter identifying the redefined Phase 2 period in lieu of making a Licensing Topical Report change.

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This letter redefines the starting and end dates for Phase 2 of the JOG PV Program, but does not alter any existing licensee JOG PV Program commitments with the NRC.

If you have any questions regarding the attached, please contact the undersigned or Brian Bunte (ComEd), Chairman of the BWROG-VTRG Committee at (630) 663-3824.

Regards,



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