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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3
Revised Commitments for N-1 Loop Operation

In a letter dated January 12, 1998,⁽¹⁾ Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) informed the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of our intent to remove the option of N-1 Loop Operation from the licensing bases for Millstone Unit No. 3. This decision was based on Millstone Unit No. 3 never needing or utilizing N-1 Loop Operation, including not completing procedure modifications necessary to allow N-1 Loop Operation.

In the January 12, 1998, letter NNECO notified the NRC of our intent to integrate necessary licensing bases changes to the facility Technical Specifications, Final Safety Analysis Report, and plant procedures into the effort to convert Millstone Unit No. 3 Technical Specifications to the content and format of NUREG 1431, Revision 1.

NNECO has re-evaluated the schedule for this effort and has chosen to delay activities associated with the conversion of Millstone Unit No. 3 Technical Specifications to the content and format of NUREG 1431, Revision 1 until such time as the divestiture of Millstone Nuclear Power Station is complete.

Attachment 1 lists NNECO's new commitments for Millstone Unit No. 3 with respect to N-1 Loop Operation.

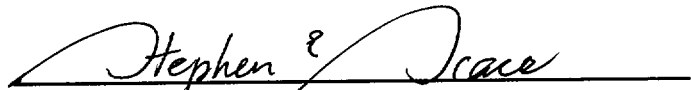
⁽¹⁾ John P. McElwain letter to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Modification of Licensing Bases for N-1 Loop Operation," dated January 12, 1998.

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If the NRC Staff should have any questions or comments regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. Ravi G. Joshi at (860) 440-2080.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephen E. Scace", written over a horizontal line.

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Attachment (1): List of Regulatory Commitments

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Attachment 1

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3

List of Regulatory Commitments

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The following table identifies actions committed to by NNECO in this document.

Number	Commitments	Due
B18145-01	NNECO will integrate the effort required to address removal of the option to operate in N-1 loop operation in the Technical Specifications, Final Safety Analysis Report, and plant procedures into the effort to convert Millstone Unit No. 3 Technical Specifications to NUREG 1431, Rev 1.	December 15, 2002
B18145-02	Until completion of the conversion program to NUREG 1431, Rev. 1, references to N-1 Loop Operation in the Millstone Unit No. 3 Licensing Bases will be retained but not updated.	December 15, 2002