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Re: Answers to Your Questions Regarding Contention Utah H

Dear Ms. Curran:

Regarding the two questions identified in your letter of earlier this afternoon, I have consulted with Holtec International and have ascertained the following answers to your two questions. I have included the questions from your December 7, 1999 letter for reference.

Question 1: We can't read the ZIP disk (attachment 2 of your November 30, 1999, letter) because we don't have the FLUENT code. We need to confirm that the material included in attachment 3 (ASCII text versions of all the case and data files for the EHT model identified in attachment 2) is a complete and accurate transcription of the information on the ZIP disk. In other words, is the information on the disk and the computer printout identical?

Answer 1: The paper copies included in attachment 3 are a complete and accurate transcription of the files on the ZIP disk. The FLUENT program has a command called "line print" that translates binary information into ASCII text. The case and data files on the ZIP disk, which are in binary format, were read into the FLUENT program and the "line print" command was used to translate each binary file into ASCII text.

Question 2: Holtec provided us with input and output data for temperatures of 100 degrees and 125 degrees, but did not provided any input or output for the design ambient temperature of 80 degrees. We need to clarify whether or not Holtec performed the analysis using a temperature input of 80 degrees. If so, please provide us with the input and output data for the analysis.

Answer 2: Holtec did not evaluate the EHT model for a temperature input of 80 degrees Fahrenheit. The model was evaluated for both 100 degrees Fahrenheit and 125 degrees Fahrenheit. Because these two higher temperature cases bound the design basis temperature of 80 degrees Fahrenheit, the 80 degrees Fahrenheit case was not explicitly analyzed.

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The extension arrangement you have requested in your letter, whereby you would give us an answer by the end of the day tomorrow as to whether you will maintain your request for the FLUENT software package, is acceptable to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William R. Hollaway", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

William R. Hollaway