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**QUESTIONS RELATED TO
SALEM UNITS 1 & 2 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION (TS) CHANGES
TO ALLOW USE OF
THE BEACON POWER DISTRIBUTION AND MONITORING SYSTEM (PDMS)
BASED UPON WCAP-12472-P-A**

- 1) The Insert A and Insert B changes to the TS are written so that above 25% thermal power the Beacon PDMS, if operable, must be utilized. Why aren't the changes written so that use of either the PDMS or the incore detectors is optional? Unit 2 SR 4.2.4.2 change is written as an option.
- 2) Unit 2 TS 3/4.3.1 is changed, and not a comparable unit 1 TS. What is the difference between units 1 and 2 that does not necessitate a similar change in unit 1 TS?
- 3) The applicable manufacturing and measurement uncertainties discussed in SR 4.2.2.3 are to be specified in the COLR, rather than listed in the TS as they are now. Why are they to be specified in the COLR; do they vary from cycle to cycle?