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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Mr. L. Raynard Wharton Mail Stop 7E1
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Subject: Meeting with Triconex Corporation on November 17, 2000 Regarding Progress on NRC Review of TRICON Qualification, NRC Project 709

Dear Mr. Wharton:

We appreciated the opportunity meet with you and the other NRC personnel involved in the review of the TRICON qualification. We consider that the meeting was a useful exchange regarding the generic qualification of digital controllers for safety-related applications, including the EPRI perspective, the NRC review process, and the needs of the nuclear industry.

As discussed during our meeting, the industry's need for modern, high quality systems to replace obsolete equipment is growing rapidly. Triconex believes that NRC's review and acceptance of the TRICON qualification will be of great benefit to the industry and the public, providing a safety system platform of unmatched reliability.

Triconex is now in discussions with many owners of nuclear power plants and research reactors regarding the replacement of existing systems with TRICON-based systems. These include Millstone 2, Vogtle, Oconee, LaSalle, and Prairie Island in the U.S., and others abroad. At many of these plants, a critical factor in proceeding with design activities is completion of the NRC's Safety Evaluation Report. Consequently, we request that you complete your review expeditiously and with a high priority consistent with the near-term needs of these plants.

Triconex has provided you with all the TRICON qualification documents, starting in March 2000, and is committed to fully supporting your review as we move forward.

Sincerely,

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