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SUBJECT: Forwarding of TSTFs

PROJECT NUMBER: 689

Dear Dr. Beckner:

Enclosed for NRC consideration is the following NEI Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) Traveler:

- TSTF-359, Revision 6 – Proposed changes to LCO 3.0.4, Mode Change Restrictions (risk-informed technical specification initiative 3)

This revision makes the following changes from the Draft Revision 6 previously provided to NRC:

1. Corresponding changes from the resolution of eight comments provided by NRC on December 17, 2001, and discussed in our December 19, 2001 meeting, have been incorporated as discussed at the meeting.

2. LCO 3.0.4c is added to clarify that LCO 3.0.4 only applies to values and parameters, and

3. Clarification is provided that LCO 3.0.4 allowances may not be applied to those systems and components on the individual owners groups tables without prior NRC review and approval as a plant-specific change.

The NRC's summary of the December 19, 2001 meeting states that the owners groups will provide a revised analysis for the new system tables. All system tables have been revised in accordance with the discussion at the meeting. This final TSTF includes a revised assessment for the WOG and the B&WOG. The BWROG and CEOG did not revise their assessments because it was determined these were already comprehensive with respect to the revised bases table.

Please contact me at (202) 739-8081 or Biff Bradley at (202) 739-8083, if you have any questions or desire further communication regarding these recommended changes.

Sincerely,

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