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Attention: Chief, Information Management Branch
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Subject: Request to Reschedule the Review of GE Proprietary Licensing Topical Report
NEDC-33006P, "General Electric Boiling Water Reactor Maximum Extended
Load Line Limit Analysis Plus," January 2002

This letter is to request that the NRC reschedule the review of the Reference 1 MELLLA+ LTR to commence with the submittal of the new Stability LTR.

In January of 2002, GE submitted the MELLLA+ LTR (Reference 1) to the NRC. The existing MELLLA+ LTR does not explicitly address stability. As stated in the Reference 1 letter, there are generic BWR stability issues that have not been resolved (Reference 2) and are currently being addressed. The stability issues are recognized as important to the implementation of MELLLA+. Therefore, the MELLLA+ LTR review should be rescheduled.

On March 27, 2002 GE met with the NRC to present a new GE proposed technical solution for stability (Reference 3); this technical solution would apply to MELLLA+. At the same meeting, GE presented a schedule for submittal of a new LTR to document the technical stability solution by June 2002. The MELLLA+ LTR will be revised to utilize this stability solution. Therefore, GE requests that the NRC reschedule the review of the Reference 1 MELLLA+ LTR to June 2002.

GE will schedule a kickoff meeting coincident with the submittal of the Stability LTR and the revision of the MELLLA+ LTR.

If you have any questions about the information provided here please contact PT Tran at (408) 925-3348, or myself.

Sincerely,



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