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SUBJECT: TSPA-VIABILITY ASSESSMENT PEER REVIEW PANEL REPORT FIRST  
INTERIM LETTER REPORT

Dear Dr. Brocum:

Thank you for your letter of July 7, 1997, transmitting a copy of the First Interim Letter Report of the Total System Performance Assessment - Viability Assessment Peer Review Panel. The document has been distributed to the NRC staff for their information. If staff have questions or comments, we will raise them in other already scheduled interactions, such as the planned October Technical Exchange on TSPA-VA.

Sincerely,

[Original signed by:]

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