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Sincerely,

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Docket Nos: 50-498 and 50-499

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AGENDA

STPNOC will describe its experience in the implementation of each of the exemptions issued as part of the "Special Treatment" action dated August 3, 2001 (ML011990368). STPNOC will describe: (a) brief overview of exemption, (b) the implementation process including selection of in-scope structures, systems and components, (c) changes in reliability of structures, systems, and components as a result of selection process, and (d) need for corrective action, for each of the following exemptions:

10 CFR Part 21.3

10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.49(b)

10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.55a(f)

10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.55a(g)

10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.55a(h)(2)

10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.59

10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.65

10 CFR Part 50, Appendices A (General Design Criteria 1, 2, 4, and 18), and B

10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J (including the apparent reduction in local leak rate testing and associated decision process)

10 CFR Part 50, Sections 50.34(b)(10) and b(11), 10 CFR Part 100, Appendix A, Sections V1.(a)(1) and V1(a)(2)

Results of STPNOC self-assessment of "Special Treatment" exemption, implementation, and corrective actions taken.

Discussion of STPNOC comments concerning the 10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.69 rulemaking as they relate to "Special Treatment" exemptions.

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