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Subject: Westinghouse Owners Group  
Assurance that CROSSFLOW Technology, Installation, and  
Operation Maintain Design and Licensing Basis (Proprietary)

In June, 2004, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) ultrasonic flow measurement (UFM) Task Group published their conclusions following an intensive short term review of UFM technologies previously approved by the NRC for use in support of 10 CFR 50, Appendix K, Measurement Uncertainty Recapture (MUR) power uprates. The NRC UFM Task Group reports (one for each UFM vendor) raised several questions that could not be adequately resolved in the time frame allotted for the UFM technology review. In order to close out the unresolved questions, the NRC UFM Task Group recommended that the NRC issue a generic communication requiring licensees to provide information demonstrating that the UFM device being used is providing the intended accuracy. The NRC UFM Task Group also recommended that specific questions on system/piping configuration, instrument implementation, calibration configurations (laboratory to field), and maintenance also be addressed.

The Westinghouse Electric Company LLC (Westinghouse), the Advanced Measurement and Analysis Group, Inc. (AMAG) and the Westinghouse Owners Group (WOG) would like to take this opportunity to voluntarily provide the NRC with information regarding activities that will address the unresolved NRC UFM Task Group questions as they relate to the CROSSFLOW Ultrasonic Flow Measurement System. To this end, attached (Enclosure 1-P, Proprietary) for your use is a White Paper entitled "Assurance that CROSSFLOW Technology, Installation, and Operation Maintain Design and Licensing Basis".

Enclosure 2 contains:

1. One (1) copy of the Application for Withholding, CAW-04-1930
2. One (1) copy of Affidavit (Attachment to CAW-04-1930)
3. Proprietary Information Notice

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Enclosure 1-P contains information proprietary to Westinghouse. This classification is supported by an affidavit signed by Westinghouse, the owner of the information. The affidavit sets forth the basis on which the information may be withheld from public disclosure by the Commission and addresses with specificity the considerations listed in paragraph (b)(4) of 10 CFR Section .390 of the Commission's regulations. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the information which is proprietary to Westinghouse be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR Section 2.390. A non-proprietary version of the White Paper is provided in Enclosure 3.

Correspondence with respect to the Application for Withholding should reference CAW-04-1930 and should be addressed to:

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Sincerely,



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**Enclosure 2**

**Westinghouse Electric Company LLC**

**CAW-04-1930**

**Application For Withholding Proprietary  
Information From Public Disclosure**



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**APPLICATION FOR WITHHOLDING PROPRIETARY  
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

**Subject: Assurance that CROSSFLOW Technology, Installation, and Operation Maintain Design and Licensing Basis (Proprietary)**

**Reference: Letter, F. T. Schiffley, II (WOG) to USNRC Document Control Desk, "Assurance that CROSSFLOW Technology, Installation, and Operation Maintain Design and Licensing Basis (Proprietary)," WOG-04-622, December 10, 2004**

The application for withholding is submitted by Westinghouse Electric Company LLC (Westinghouse), a Delaware limited liability company, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b)(1) of Section 2.390 of the Commission's regulations. It contains commercial strategic information proprietary to Westinghouse and customarily held in confidence.

The proprietary material for which withholding is being requested is identified in the proprietary version of the subject report. In conformance with 10 CFR Section 2.390, Affidavit CAW-04-1930 accompanies this application for withholding, setting forth the basis on which the identified proprietary information may be withheld from public disclosure.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the subject information which is proprietary to Westinghouse be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR Section 2.390 of the Commission's regulations.

Correspondence with respect to this application for withholding or the accompanying affidavit should reference CAW-04-1930 and should be addressed to J. A. Gresham, Manager, Regulatory Compliance and Plant Licensing, Westinghouse Electric LCC, P. O. Box 355, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230-0355.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. A. Gresham', written over a horizontal line.

J. A. Gresham, Manager  
Regulatory Compliance and Plant Licensing

AFFIDAVIT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:

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COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY:

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared J. A. Gresham, who, being by me duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of Westinghouse Electric Company LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Westinghouse") and that the averments of fact set forth in this Affidavit are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief:

  
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J. A. Gresham, Manager  
Regulatory Compliance and Plant Licensing

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.

  
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Sharon Fiori  
Notary Public

My commission expires: January 29, 2007

Notarial Seal  
Sharon L. Fiori, Notary Public  
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My Commission Expires January 29, 2007  
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- (1) I am Licensing Manager, Regulatory Compliance and Plant Licensing, in Nuclear Services, of the Westinghouse Electric Company LLC (Westinghouse), a Delaware limited liability company and as such, I have been specifically delegated the function of reviewing the proprietary information sought to be withheld from public disclosure in connection with nuclear power plant licensing and rulemaking proceedings, and am authorized to apply for its withholding on behalf of the Westinghouse.
  - (2) I am making this Affidavit in conformance with the provisions of 10 CFR Section 2.390 of the Commission's regulations and in conjunction with the Westinghouse application for withholding accompanying this Affidavit.
  - (3) I have personal knowledge of the criteria and procedures utilized by the Westinghouse in designating information as a trade secret, privileged or as confidential commercial or financial information.
  - (4) Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b)(4) of Section 2.390 of the Commission's regulations, the following is furnished for consideration by the Commission in determining whether the information sought to be withheld from public disclosure should be withheld.
    - (i) The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure is owned and has been held in confidence by Westinghouse.
    - (ii) The information is of a type customarily held in confidence by Westinghouse and not customarily disclosed to the public. Westinghouse has a rational basis for determining the types of information customarily held in confidence by it and, in that connection, utilizes a system to determine when and whether to hold certain types of information in confidence. The application of that system and the substance of that system constitutes Westinghouse policy and provides the rational basis required. Under that system, information is held in confidence if it falls in one or more of several types, the release of which might result in the loss of an existing or potential competitive advantage, as follows:
      - (a) The information reveals the distinguishing aspects of a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.) where prevention of its use by any of Westinghouse's competitors without license from Westinghouse constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
      - (b) It consists of supporting data, including test data, relative to a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.), the application of which data secures a competitive economic advantage, e.g., by optimization or improved marketability.
      - (c) Its use by a competitor would reduce his expenditure of resources or improve his competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing a similar product.
      - (d) It reveals cost or price information, production capacities, budget levels, or commercial strategies of Westinghouse, its customers or suppliers.
      - (e) It reveals aspects of past, present, or future Westinghouse or customer funded development plans and programs of potential commercial value to Westinghouse.
      - (f) It contains patentable ideas, for which patent protection may be desirable.
- There are sound policy reasons behind the Westinghouse system which include the following:
- (a) The use of such information by Westinghouse gives Westinghouse a competitive advantage over its competitors. It is, therefore, withheld from disclosure to protect the Westinghouse competitive position.
  - b) It is information which is marketable in many ways. The extent to which such information is available to competitors diminishes the Westinghouse ability to sell products and services involving the use of the information.
  - c) Use by our competitor would put Westinghouse at a competitive disadvantage by reducing his expenditure of resources at our expense.
  - (d) Each component of proprietary information pertinent to a particular competitive advantage is potentially as valuable as the total competitive advantage. If competitors acquire components of proprietary information, any one component may be the key to the entire puzzle, thereby depriving Westinghouse of a competitive advantage.

- (e) Unrestricted disclosure would jeopardize the position of prominence of Westinghouse in the world market, and thereby give a market advantage to the competition of those countries.
- (f) The Westinghouse capacity to invest corporate assets in research and development depends upon the success in obtaining and maintaining a competitive advantage.
- (iii) The information is being transmitted to the Commission in confidence and, under the provisions of 10 CFR Section 3.790, it is to be received in confidence by the Commission.
- (iv) The information sought to be protected is not available in public sources or available information has not been previously employed in the same original manner or method to the best of our knowledge and belief.
- (v) The proprietary information sought to be withheld in this submittal is that which is appropriately marked in , Enclosure 1-P to WOG-04-622, "Assurance that CROSSFLOW Technology, Installation, and Operation Maintain Design and Licensing Basis (Proprietary)," December 10, 2004, for submittal to the Commission and Application for Withholding Proprietary Information from Public Disclosure, to the NRC Document Control Desk. The proprietary information as submitted for use by Westinghouse is expected to be applicable in other licensee submittals in response to certain NRC requirements for justification of the application of the CROSSFLOW Ultrasonic Flow Measurement System.

This information is part of that which will enable Westinghouse to:

- (a) Validate CROSSFLOW Ultrasonic Flow Measurement System performance.
- (b) Support licensees in implementing the CROSSFLOW Ultrasonic Flow Measurement System within its approved accuracy limit.

Further this information has substantial commercial value as follows:

- (a) Westinghouse plans to sell the use of similar information to its customers for purposes of meeting NRC requirements for licensing documentation.
- (b) Westinghouse can sell support and defense of CROSSFLOW Ultrasonic Flow Measurement System performance within its approved accuracy limit.
- (c) The information requested to be withheld reveals the distinguishing aspects of a methodology which was developed by Westinghouse.

Public disclosure of this proprietary information is likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of Westinghouse because it would enhance the ability of competitors to provide similar technical evaluation justifications and licensing defense services for commercial power reactors without commensurate expenses. Also, public disclosure of the information would enable others to use the information to meet NRC requirements for licensing documentation without purchasing the right to use the information.

The development of the technology described in part by the information is the result of applying the results of many years of experience in an intensive Westinghouse effort and the expenditure of a considerable sum of money.

In order for competitors of Westinghouse to duplicate this information, similar technical programs would have to be performed and a significant manpower effort, having the requisite talent and experience, would have to be expended for developing the enclosed improved core thermal performance methodology.

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### **Proprietary Information Notice**

Transmitted herewith are proprietary and non-proprietary versions of documents furnished to the NRC in connection with requests for generic and/or plant-specific review and approval.

In order to conform to the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 of the Commission's regulations concerning the protection of proprietary information so submitted to the NRC, the information which is proprietary in the proprietary versions is contained within brackets, and where the proprietary information has been deleted in the non-proprietary versions, only the brackets remain (the information that was contained within the brackets in the proprietary versions having been deleted).

**Westinghouse Non-Proprietary Class 3**

**Enclosure 3 to WOG-04-622**

**Westinghouse Owners Group CROSSFLOW Task Force**

**Non-Proprietary White Paper**

**Assurance that CROSSFLOW Technology, Installation,  
and Operation Maintain Design and Licensing Basis**

**December, 2004**

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**Executive Summary**

Inadequate installation practices led to the use erroneous feedwater flow determinations by Ultrasonic Flow Measurement (UFM) systems at some operating plants and, when used, caused the plants to exceed licensed power. Similar problems have been found at other plants preparing to operate their systems. Although not safety issues, these events raised several concerns in the industry regarding the cause(s) of the problems and how utilities using UFM's could demonstrate defense-in-depth to avoid using incorrect feedwater flow measurements. This document presents information specific to the actions taken to understand and correct inadequate installation practices for CROSSFLOW UFM systems and to verify and use only correct feedwater flow measurements.

Utility members of the Westinghouse Owners Group (WOG) using CROSSFLOW systems have formed a Task Force (CTF) whose purpose is to support and participate in the issue resolution activities and, going forward, to benefit from effective communication of relevant operating experience. These utilities, along with support from Westinghouse Electric Co., LLC (Westinghouse), its technology partner and the CROSSFLOW system vendor, the Advanced Measurement and Analysis Group, Inc. (AMAG), have undertaken a comprehensive program to understand and resolve the installation practices that led to the determination of incorrect feedwater flow measurements. This program provides assurance that the CROSSFLOW technology remains valid, that the installation and use of CROSSFLOW systems are consistent with the design and licensing basis, and that lessons-learned and operating experience are widely and effectively communicated.

This document is presented in three sections that describe:

- CROSSFLOW Technical Basis, Licensing Basis and Independent Verification of Accuracy
- CROSSFLOW Installation and Application Consistent With the Design and Licensing Basis, and
- Operational Considerations to Assure that the Design and Licensing Basis are Maintained

The CROSSFLOW technical and licensing basis remains, as documented in the CROSSFLOW Topical Report (CENPD-397-P-A, Rev. 1) which includes the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Safety Evaluation (SE). A number of laboratory tests are in progress at this time whose goal is to further enhance the existing CROSSFLOW technical and licensing basis, including verification of techniques to develop flow profile correction factors in low Reynolds number laboratory conditions and to verify methods to remediate acoustic signal contamination from interfering with measurement accuracy. Independent corroboration of CROSSFLOW performance has been accomplished through detailed comparisons of CROSSFLOW and ASME flow section measurements and on-going plant specific corroboration includes the use of several independent plant parameter measurements (e.g., 1<sup>st</sup> stage HP turbine pressure, valve position, feedwater heater temperature).

Confirmation that existing CROSSFLOW systems are installed consistent with the design and licensing bases has been accomplished through a comprehensive review of

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currently installed systems. This re-validation activity included a detailed review of meter installation locations meeting the design criteria relative to feedwater piping layouts and each plant has verified operation consistent with the assumptions used for the uncertainty calculations at the time of CROSSFLOW commissioning. Westinghouse has communicated the current baseline validation review status to the NRC. Operational considerations to assure that CROSSFLOW application is consistent with design and licensing bases include comparison of measurements with other plant parameters, use of in-situ CROSSFLOW measurements, and adherence of the application to stated plant specific operating limits, interface, surveillance and maintenance requirements. Improvements are under development for the achievement of better accuracy, such as more rigorous testing for, and eliminating as necessary, any effects from acoustic signal contamination. These new and improved methods will be available for implementation in all CROSSFLOW installations.

CROSSFLOW users are provided with comprehensive source documents that include guidance and specific instructions on operations, maintenance, troubleshooting, alarms, acceptance limits, surveillance and trending. In addition, the WOG CTF is developing a User Guideline that will include up-to-date information on CROSSFLOW technology, use and application, operations experience, operations management and references to the applicable source documents.

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**1.0 Purpose**

This document provides information on the CROSSFLOW Ultrasonic Flow Measurement (UFM) System technology verification, application and control to preclude its use in situations that could cause plants to exceed their licensed power level. It is also expected that this information will support the NRC with closure of several findings regarding CROSSFLOW that were reported by the Ultrasonic Flow Meter (UFM) Task Group (Reference 1). This document is presented in three sections that provide a description of:

- CROSSFLOW Technical Basis, Licensing Basis and Independent Verification of Accuracy
- CROSSFLOW Installation and Application Consistent With the Design and Licensing Basis, and
- Operational Considerations to Assure that the Design and Licensing Basis are Maintained

This document describes how lessons learned from the evaluation of recent CROSSFLOW issues are being used to enhance the installation baseline for current as well as future CROSSFLOW users. The document also describes how the accuracy of CROSSFLOW measurements are substantiated by independent data sources and how the rigor and defense-in-depth of procedures from which plant operations are managed minimize the potential for use of any inappropriate measurements to minimize the potential for plants exceeding licensed power levels.

**1.1 Introduction**

Four operating plants inadvertently used the erroneous feedwater flow measurements in a manner that resulted in plant power exceeding their licensed power levels. Another plant preparing to use CROSSFLOW was unable to complete the commissioning process upon discovery that their measurements were effected by signal contamination. As a result, this plant had to withdraw a license amendment request to use CROSSFLOW for an Appendix K Margin Uncertainty Recapture (MUR) power uprate and delay their re-submittal until the measurement problems are resolved. These occurrences, and similar problems experienced by utilities using UFM systems offered by another vendor raised concerns by the NRC and by the Institute for Nuclear Power Operations (INPO). While these occurrences of not recognizing and using erroneous feedwater flow measurements are not safety significant, it was concluded by Westinghouse / AMAG that additional work would be undertaken in the verification and validation of CROSSFLOW installations and operation in order to demonstrate reasonable assurance that plants using CROSSFLOW would not exceed their licensed power level.

The cause(s) of the creation and use of erroneous CROSSFLOW feedwater flow measurements is the subject of a comprehensive investigation by Westinghouse / AMAG . Two Technical Bulletins (TBs) and a Nuclear Safety Advisory Letter (NSAL) have been issued to alert CROSSFLOW users about these issues and how to monitor their CROSSFLOW systems for changes that fall outside of the acceptable operating range and to use the systems in accordance with the assumptions

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for which the systems were originally installed and commissioned. The apparent causes of the erroneous flow measurements were due to inadequate installation practices that did not recognize either the influence of hydraulic effects from feedwater piping configurations that were not accounted for and/or acoustic signal contamination effects that were not identified and corrected. An installation procedure revision has already been implemented to increase the degree of rigor required in the installation process. In addition, ongoing testing and analysis are expected to fully determine the cause(s) and define the appropriate corrective action(s) that can be applied at the specific plants effected as well as provide lessons learned that can enhance the installation baselines and operation of all CROSSFLOW systems.

The longstanding CROSSFLOW Users Group (est. August 2000) was migrated to a CROSSFLOW Task Force (CTF) under the Westinghouse Owners Group (WOG) in May 2004 to take advantage of an existing and proven infrastructure. Through the WOG, a more effective forum for Westinghouse / AMAG to communicate their findings to CROSSFLOW users and for user experience and observations to be communicated to Westinghouse / AMAG was established.

The information presented in this report summarizes the joint undertaking of activities in the following key areas relative to CROSSFLOW:

- The validation process used to ensure that plant specific CROSSFLOW installations are consistent with the design and licensing basis.
- How independent data sources were used to verify CROSSFLOW accuracy.
- Rigor in operating procedures to clearly recognize and minimize use of erroneous CROSSFLOW data.
- Verification of method(s) to detect and remediate acoustic signal contamination.
- Analysis of piping configurations to quantify effects on flow profile shape, stability and the need for attaining plant-specific flow profile corrections.
- Improved rigor of hydraulic laboratory test equipment, procedures for attaining correction factors, based on plant-specific piping configurations, as required.
- Activities of the WOG CTF to support improved communication of lessons learned.

**2.0 CROSSFLOW Technical Basis, Licensing Basis and Verification of Accuracy**

**2.1 CROSSFLOW Technology and Licensing Basis**

The technology basis for CROSSFLOW is described in the CROSSFLOW Topical Report, CENPD-397-P-A, Revision 1 (Reference 2). This report also contains the NRC SE approving use of the CROSSFLOW system for support of Appendix K MUR power uprates.

The CROSSFLOW system is based on the recognition of turbulent flow eddy patterns that exist in the flowstream and measuring the time it takes for the eddies to pass through a known distance. The flow profile can effect the feedwater flow determination due to perturbations created by flow through the feedwater piping (e.g., elbows, T-fittings, Y-fittings, valves, etc.) upstream of the point of CROSSFLOW installation

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location. Some upstream piping configurations can create rotational flow known as 'swirl' that has a predictable effect on the eddy patterns. [

] <sup>a,c</sup> Corrections for swirl are accomplished by constructing a plant specific scale model of the pipe configuration in a hydraulic test facility and taking CROSSFLOW measurements to compare to measurements without the influence of flow swirl through the configuration. Alternatively, in-situ calibration provides another method to correct for the influence of swirl.

Acoustic effects introduced from plant equipment (e.g., piping vibrations, pumps, regulating valves, etc.) are determined from a frequency spectrum scan (FSS) and its subsequent analysis. If signal contamination is present, at a level that can affect the meter, it can be removed from the CROSSFLOW signal by use of an appropriate filtering technique. The removal of signal contamination eliminates the potential for bias in the CROSSFLOW feedwater flow determination.

The investigation into the CROSSFLOW performance issues has not uncovered any information that invalidates CROSSFLOW's underlying cross-correlation technology, its design basis implementation or its licensing basis. The investigation into the installation and use of CROSSFLOW at these plants and, in conjunction with feedback of operating plant experience from other CROSSFLOW users, resulted in Westinghouse issuing the following vendor notices:

- Technical Bulletin TB- 03-6, , "CROSSFLOW Ultrasonic Flow Measurement System Flow Issues" September 5, 2003
- Nuclear Safety Advisory Letter NASL-03-12, "CROSSFLOW Ultrasonic Flow Measurement System Flow Signal Interference Issues" December 5, 2003
- Technical Bulletin TB-04-4, "Information Regarding Recent CROSSFLOW Measurement System Performance Observations" February 12, 2004

These notices informed CROSSFLOW users of the performance issues and provided recommendations for assessing the acceptability of continued CROSSFLOW operation on a plant specific basis. The conclusion to date is that CROSSFLOW technology supports operation within the intended accuracy as described in CENPD-397-P-A, Rev. 1 (Reference 2) provided that plant conditions are consistent with assumptions in the plant specific uncertainty analysis.

In order to ensure that the design and licensing bases are maintained in the implementation of CROSSFLOW the sensitivity to operating plant changes has been and continues to be carefully evaluated. The potential issues addressed in the Technical Bulletins and the Nuclear Safety Advisory Letter is the subject of efforts being performed by Westinghouse / AMAG, and the utilities, including the activities of the WOG CTF.

An important aspect of the technology is correction of flow profiles that are different than those experienced during plant specific baseline installation. This is evaluated by one or

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a combination of methods including in-situ calibration, hydraulic scale model testing and computational fluid dynamics (CFD) analysis. The test program currently underway (described in more detail later in this report) is intended to supplement existing information and enhance the rigor of the hydraulic scale model testing and the means for detecting and remediating correlated noise (i.e., acoustic signal contamination).

**2.2 Providing reasonable assurance of proper CROSSFLOW  
installation/application (e.g., use of corroborating information)**

CROSSFLOW operates in an environment in which other plant parameters can provide reasonable corroboration of its results. Although not an all inclusive list, some examples are:

- Secondary Plant Feedwater Flow Venturis
- ASME Flow Elements or Sections (where present)
- Secondary Plant Power-Dependent Parameters
- In-Situ Comparison With an Additional CROSSFLOW Meter
- Comparison with turbine vendor heat balance.

The WOG CTF recently provided the NRC a detailed comparison of ASME flow element / section data to CROSSFLOW data obtained at the Kewaunee station (Reference 3). Although ASME flow element / section and other plant instrumentation may not be as accurate as CROSSFLOW, a statistical comparison of independent data provides a means to reasonably substantiate the CROSSFLOW design and licensing basis. In WCAP-15689-P, Rev. 1 (Reference 4), Westinghouse provided a number of flow measurement comparisons between CROSSFLOW and plant venturi instruments that had been recently calibrated, de-fouled or independently verified from chemical tracer tests. These comparisons provide reasonable assurance of the design and licensing basis of the CROSSFLOW system.

Secondary plant power dependent parameters can also be used to provide reasonable assurance that CROSSFLOW has been installed properly and that it continues to perform properly and in a manner that is consistent with other plant parameter indications. These parameters can be used as independent reasonableness checks or combined in a statistical manner to compare with the CROSSFLOW measurement. The statistical methods can also be developed into an independent check on the UFM measured flow. For example, trending of several independent parameters can lead to early detection if one parameter is drifting.

If the CROSSFLOW measurements are beyond designated plant specific setpoints, the operator has information available to indicate that intervention is required and is provided an opportunity for corroboration against other power dependant parameters. For plants whose CROSSFLOW system is linked to the plant computer, operators receive an alarm in the Control Room. Attention to CROSSFLOW computer information displays is required to fully assess the condition. Depending on the nature of the condition the plant computer (when so linked) can automatically take the CROSSFLOW system offline or a determination can be made if there is an unusual plant transient that could have impacted CROSSFLOW in which case the CROSSFLOW system can be manually taken offline until the reason for the alert is understood and corrected if

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necessary. For CROSSFLOW systems not linked to the plant computer, a manual calculation can be performed at the CROSSFLOW computer through comparison of the CROSSFLOW measured data and plant data and CROSSFLOW measurement performance checks provided directly on the local CROSSFLOW computer screen (e.g., standard deviation, data rejection rate, etc.).

Although not an all inclusive list, examples of independent parameters that can be used to corroborate changes in measured feedwater flow are provided in the following table:

Problem	Symptom	Confirm
Measured FW flow lower than actual	Higher than expected MWe generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Higher 1<sup>st</sup> stage pressure</li> <li>- Higher HP exhaust pressure</li> <li>- Throttle valve further open</li> <li>- Higher final FW temperature</li> <li>- Increased FW pump driver amps or steam flow</li> </ul>
Measured FW flow higher than actual	Lower than expected MWe generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lower 1<sup>st</sup> stage pressure</li> <li>- Lower HP exhaust pressure</li> <li>- Throttle valve further closed</li> <li>- Lower final FW temperature</li> <li>- Decreased FW pump driver amps or steam flow</li> </ul>

Guidance for the actions described above will be included in a User Guideline that the CTF is developing (see Section 4.6).

**2.3 Current On-going Activities to Strengthen the Approach to Plant Specific Scale Model Testing**

**Velocity Profile Correction Factor Test**

Tests are currently being conducted at the National Research Council Canadian Hydraulic Center (NRC-CHC) in Ottawa, Canada and the Alden Research Laboratory (ARL) in Worchester, Massachusetts. The purpose of these tests is to enhance the hydraulic scale model test methodology for determination of a velocity profile correction factor for atypical feedwater system piping geometries. The NRC-CHC test series has been completed and testing has now moved to the ARL facility. Specific improvements are anticipated in the following areas:

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Westinghouse / AMAG plans to share the results of these tests with the NRC once completed and the final test reports are written.

**2.4 Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)**

**Screening tool for evaluating the need for a scale model test**

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**3.0 Validation of CROSSFLOW Installation and Application Consistent With  
Design and Licensing Basis**

**3.1 CROSSFLOW Baseline Installation Criteria**

CENPD-397-P-A, Rev. 1 (Reference 2), and CROSSFLOW Project Process Procedure, PP-PS-04-3 Rev. 01 (Reference 5) provide the technical basis by which CROSSFLOW is installed. In addition, the procedure identifies the required plant information necessary to identify, evaluate and validate potential installation locations. The CROSSFLOW System Field Installation Procedure, AMAG\_INS\_FS\_001 (Reference 6) provides details of the meter's physical hardware installation process and the measurements taken during the CROSSFLOW system installation and validation process. The following guidelines are used during this evaluation:

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**3.2 Current Installations**

**Checked for Signal Contamination**

Each plant with an operating CROSSFLOW system has had a frequency spectrum scan (FSS) and analysis for signal contamination performed. The analysis consisted of reviewing the FSS acquired through the AMAG DIAGNOSE software. The FSS was then reviewed by AMAG personnel to determine if the FSS indicated the existence of correlated noise that would cause the CROSSFLOW meter to provide biased results. All plants, except those in which the performance issues were identified, were found to be free of adverse signal contamination.

**Re-Validation of Current Installations**

The lessons learned from recent CROSSFLOW issues led to a comprehensive review of domestic and international installations (in progress) by Westinghouse / AMAG and CROSSFLOW users to assure that the installations meet the baseline engineering installation criteria. Westinghouse reported the results to date from this baseline re-validation effort in an October 19, 2004 letter to the NRC (Reference 7).

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Westinghouse / AMAG have issued draft re-validation reports for each domestic CROSSFLOW installation that is, or is preparing to operate and have provided those draft reports to the individual utilities for review and comment. In a June 18, 2004 letter to the NRC (Reference 8), Westinghouse / AMAG expressed confidence that reasonable assurance existed that current CROSSFLOW installations were performing properly and within the design and licensing bases. Following the technical portion of the current re-validation activity, Westinghouse / AMAG found that, with the exception of three installations that require further validation work, this assurance is maintained. Two of the three CROSSFLOW installations that require further validation work are not currently operating and have undertaken programs to address the re-validation questions before they are returned to service. The CROSSFLOW system at the third installation is currently operating, however, the utility has confirmed that the plant is being operated well below its licensed thermal power limit, due to other unrelated constraints. As noted in Reference 7, Westinghouse / AMAG have re-enforced the recommendations in the CROSSFLOW related Technical Bulletins and Nuclear Safety Advisory Letter with the utility that is currently operating their CROSSFLOW system, for which further validation work is needed.

Each re-validation report includes a re-statement of the plant assumptions that applied to the plant specific CROSSFLOW uncertainty calculation. The utilities were requested to verify, using their in-house processes, that they were operating their plants within the parameters established in the uncertainty calculation and after consideration of the vendor notification recommendations. A positive affirmation that this had been accomplished by each participating WOG CTF utility was provided in a June 8, 2004 WOG letter to the NRC (Reference 9).

**3.3 Improved Installation Procedures for Future Applications****Revised installation process procedure to incorporate new information and lessons learned.**

Section 3.2 discusses an enhancement to the CROSSFLOW installation procedures based on lessons learned from recent performance issues. Such enhancements will be captured in these and other procedures, as appropriate, on an on-going basis to ensure that operating experience is routinely considered in future applications. In addition, if there are lessons learned from operating experience that are pertinent to current operations, this information will be communicated at WOG CTF meetings and documented in CROSSFLOW notices, as appropriate. Currently, the WOG CTF is proving to be an effective forum for communications among users, the NRC and industry organizations such as the Institute for Nuclear Power Operations (INPO).

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Developing new software to detect and alert users to signal contamination  
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**Lessons learned may be applied to current installations**

The following is a list of items affected by lessons learned over the last several months:

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**4.0 Operational Considerations to assure that Design and Licensing Bases are Maintained**

**4.1 Troubleshooting**

CROSSFLOW Troubleshooting and Maintenance instructions can be found in detail in the System User's Manual.

A System User's Manual is provided to enable the user to provide basic troubleshooting of the CROSSFLOW system. Troubleshooting instructions include system descriptive information and diagrams, sequenced troubleshooting guidelines, and problem statements and resolutions. These guidelines provide the user with the initial troubleshooting steps. More difficult problems are referred to the appropriate Westinghouse / AMAG representatives. Troubleshooting is also emphasized in the CROSSFLOW training classes. During the class, troubleshooting operations are reviewed with the participants and corrective actions are discussed which include access to the necessary software screens, the self checks that the system provides the user

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and access to AMAG specialists to address questions. It is necessary for the user to be fully aware of the limitations of the CROSSFLOW system and when to seek assistance. Vendor support is readily available to utilities to aid in diagnosing system problems.

Included in the vendor notifications, discussed previously, are recommendations that users be cognizant of other plant instrumentation that can indicate a potential problem with CROSSFLOW. Any anomalous trends should be researched and, as necessary, brought to the attention of Westinghouse / AMAG if it is suspected that the system is outside of its design parameters. If such a situation cannot be resolved, the CROSSFLOW system should be taken out of service until the problem is corrected. [

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**4.2 System/Data Monitoring and Maintenance**

As discussed previously, it is important to monitor and trend CROSSFLOW output and compare it with other system parameters that can indicate inconsistencies in parameter trends.

Plant-specific maintenance, calibration and surveillance actions are included in the CROSSFLOW system documents that are provided to each user. The list below provides examples of typical system maintenance, calibration and data monitoring activities. This is not all-inclusive list and may not apply to plant specific installations and use, as stated:

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#### **4.3 Alarm limits**

The WOG CTF CROSSFLOW User Guideline that is being developed (see Section 4.6) will provide recommendations to CROSSFLOW users on CROSSFLOW system alarms, both critical and non-critical, and the actions to take upon receipt. Various utilities already incorporate the vendor alarm recommendations into their plant procedures. Utility experience with respect to alarms and procedures will be captured in the user guideline.

#### **4.4 Changing system alignments**

Normally the feedwater system components are aligned for near 100% power operations when the CROSSFLOW system is initially installed and commissioned. This alignment is documented in the uncertainty calculation for newly commissioned plants. The re-validation activity discussed above for existing installations documented the conditions for which the CROSSFLOW uncertainty calculation remains valid. Westinghouse / AMAG guidance provided in these reports, and consistent with communications in the recent vendor notices, states that any deviation from the assumptions that support the uncertainty calculations may affect the operation of the CROSSFLOW meter.

The CROSSFLOW system should not be used in other configurations without additional monitoring of the plant and the CROSSFLOW system to ensure the response is consistent with the design basis installation measurements. These configuration changes can be in the form of significant reactor power reductions (e.g.,  $\geq 5\%$ ), alignment alterations (e.g., feedwater heater bypass) or component changes (e.g., rotation of feedwater pump combinations, component maintenance or replacement). CROSSFLOW and other plant parameters should be monitored to obtain reasonable assurance that there are no adverse effects introduced due to configuration changes.

#### **4.5 Frequency spectrum checks (initial and periodic follow-ups)**

Each plant was checked at the time of installation or rechecked during the re-validation of the installation baseline if the original records were unavailable to assure that the FSS

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did not indicate an adverse noise signature. Noise can be present or be introduced to the system as a result of piping / system vibration, through equipment changes, including wear, and changes in response to piping configuration, valve, alignment, or other system modifications. The WOG CTF CROSSFLOW User Guideline will provide utility guidance that periodic FSSs for signal contamination be performed to assure that external noise is not being introduced that could bias CROSSFLOW results.

This guidance will recommend that changes to the feedwater pumps, including maintenance that could impact the noise signature, changes to the valves including major position changes and intrusions into the feedwater system for inspection or modification be considered for performance of new FSSs. A new FSS should be performed following any of the changes noted above, or at other intervals consistent with vendor recommendations. FSS records should be retained for comparison to previous scans to help determine if there have been any significant changes.

**4.6 Considerations to be a major focus and an integral part of the WOG  
CROSSFLOW User Guideline**

The WOG is currently preparing a comprehensive User Guideline to assist the operator or systems engineer to evaluate, diagnose, trend and use the output from CROSSFLOW. The intent of the guidelines are to 1) assist the utility in evaluating it's current operating procedure(s) or to develop enhanced procedures, 2) provide a consistent industry process of data evaluation and 3) to assure that industry events are considered and included in each plant's operating procedures.

The following is an initial outline of subject material that is being considered for the User Guideline. Depending on the CROSSFLOW system at each plant and the potential interface with the plant computer, the implementation of the Guideline will vary from plant to plant.

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