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Attention: Meena Khanna

Subject: PROJECT NO. 704 – BWRVIP Response to Draft Technical Evaluation Report on BWRVIP-14-A (Evaluation of Crack Growth in BWR Stainless Steel RPV Internals)

References: Letter from J.T. Beckham, Jr. (BWRVIP Chairman) to Document Control Desk (NRC), "BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Evaluation of Crack Growth in BWR Stainless Steel RPV Internals (BWRVIP-14), EPRI Report TR-105873, March 1996," dated March 18, 1996.

The BWRVIP provided the NRC with an informal copy of the draft report "BWRVIP-14-A: BWR Vessels and Internals Project, Evaluation of Crack Growth in BWR Stainless Steel RPV Internals" for review prior to publication. The NRC asked Dr. Bill Shack at Argonne National Laboratory (ANL) to review the report. Dr. Shack provided a summary of his comments to the BWRVIP during a BWRVIP-NRC staff meeting held in Washington on August 24-25, 2004. Enclosed are one copy of the draft ANL Technical Evaluation Report and five copies of the BWRVIP response to the report's major conclusions and recommendations.

Please note that the enclosed document contains EPRI proprietary information. Therefore, the request to withhold the BWRVIP-14 report from public disclosure transmitted to the NRC by the reference letter identified above also applies to the enclosed document.

If you have any questions on this subject, please contact George Inch (Constellation Energy Group, BWRVIP Assessment Committee Chairman) by telephone at 315.349.2444.

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