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SUBJECT:REPLY TO A NOTICE OF VIOLATIONREFERENCE:REPORT NO: 70-1151/2007-202

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Westinghouse Electric Company herein provides formal response to your letter of August 29, 2007, regarding your inspection of the Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility during the period of July 30-August 3, 2007.

Appendix A provides our response to the violation of NRC requirements specified in the Notice of Violation.

I hereby affirm that the statements made in this response are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Ralph Winiarski of my staff at 803-647-3173.

Sincerely,

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY

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Attachments: Appendix A

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### APPENDIX A

#### WESTINGHOUSE RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION

A.1 The following information is provided in response to the violation described in your August 29, 2007 letter.

#### A.1.a ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE VIOLATION

The violation is correct as stated in the Notice of Violation.

## A.1.b REASON FOR THE VIOLATION

The reason for the violation is human error. Three flexible pipe sections were improperly stored on drums containing fissile material in the Integrated Fuel Burnable Absorber (IFBA) pellet archive room contrary to posted requirements that restricted moderating materials from being stored in the area.

### A.1.c CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS ACHIEVED

Upon discovery, the moderating material was removed, and Redbook #10646 was entered to document the issue and the immediate corrective actions taken. In addition, maintenance management reviewed the issue with their personnel to reinforce procedure adherence with the NCS posting requirements and the use of human performance error prevention tools.

# A.1.d ACTIONS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE

WEC implemented a new Criticality Safety Evaluation (CSE) for the area, CSE-16-G on September 27, 2007. This CSE analyzed moderating material in close proximity to the storage array, and the analysis eliminated the need for the administrative control that was violated.

# A.1.e DATE WHEN FULL COMPLIANCE WILL BE ACHIEVED

Full compliance was achieved on August 1, 2007, when the flexible pipe sections were removed from the storage area.

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