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May 1, 1980

Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2 - INCORRECT VELAN VALVE WEIGHTS
USED IN SEISMIC PIPING ANALYSIS - NCR MEB 79-20 AND OFFICE OF
INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT (OIE) BULLETIN 79-04

The subject deficiency was initially reported to NRC-OIE Inspector
M. Thomas on May 22, 1979, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(e). This
deficiency addresses the Velan valve problem identified in OIE Bulletin
79-04. Interim responses were submitted March 31, June 22, and
November 13, 1979, and February 27, 1980.

The final resolution of this problem at Watts Bar has been further
delayed because of a conflict with more urgent analyses being made for
Sequoyah Nuclear Plant. We now expect to submit our final response to
OIE Bulletin 79-04 and NCR MEB 79-20 by August 8, 1980.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please get in touch
with D. L. Lambert at FTS 854-2581.

Very truly yours,

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