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January 15, 1981

~~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 - STEAM GENERATOR WATER LEVEL
REFERENCE COLUMN ERROR - NCR MEB 79-35 - SIXTH INTERIM REPORT

The subject deficiency was initially reported to NRC-OIE Inspector M. Thomas on July 6, 1979, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(e). Interim reports were submitted on July 30, 1979, June 20, 1980, August 22, 1980, and November 3, 1980. We expect to provide additional information by May 15, 1981.

Westinghouse and TVA have agreed on the use of microprocessors to provide temperature compensation for the level reference column errors caused by water density changes. The microprocessors will be furnished by Westinghouse; preliminary system drawings are to be supplied to TVA by January 16, 1981.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with D. L. Lambert at FTS 857-2581.

Very truly yours,

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L. M. Mills, Manager
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