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Subject: How Correction of TS Page 3.3.1-5 Will Proceed (**TAC MD7551 and MD7552**)

Jim, Mike, Keith:

Recall that in the 12/17/07 letter transmitting Amendment No. 300 (for Unit 1) and 283 (for Unit 2) to you I said that the administrative error in TS 3.3.1 (i.e., page 3.3.1-5) is not addressed in the amendment. Now I have completed my review of documents in ADAMS and determined that the wording error in CONDITION Q ("3.a, 3.b" instead of "3") cannot be considered an inadvertent administrative error, or typo. Thus, Page 3.3.1-5 cannot be simply corrected by letter, and must be corrected by an amendment. My reasoning is as follows.

By letter dated 8/10/05 you requested an amendment to TS Table 3.3.1-1, "Reactor Trip system Instrumentation." This application proposed to remove Function 3.b, High Negative Rate, from Table 3.3.1-1, thus making Function 3 into a single entity. Presumably, the application could have asked for a revision of CONDITION Q on Page 3.3.1-5 to do the same, changing "3.a, 3.b" into "3." However, this was not done and the amendment was issued as the application requested on 2/10/06 (Amendment No. 293 for Unit 1 and 275 for Unit 2). On such basis, not revising Page 3.3.1-5 is not an "inadvertent error."

By letter dated 9/15/06 (ADAMS Accession No. ML062710309), I&M requested an amendment to permit use of the installed bypass test capability for the RTS and ESFAS instrumentation, as well as making the correction to Page 3.3.1-5. We issued the amendment for the RTS and ESFAS bypass testing on 12/17/07 (Amendment No. 300 for Unit 1 and 283 for Unit 2), and stated in the letter transmitting the amendment that "the administrative error in TS 3.3.1 Condition Q is not addressed in the amendment." We did that because if correction of Condition Q were included in the amendment, we would have to first issue an environmental assessment for the correction part of the amendment, thus delaying issuance.

The amendment to correct Page 3.3.1-5 will be covered by the above TAC numbers. The target date is projected to be early 2008.

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