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Mr. Harold R. Denton Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Harold:

On January 15, 1980, representatives of Babcock & Wilcox met with members of the I&C Branch to discuss the Staff's review of the B&W reactor protection system, RPS-II. We were pleased to meet with the consultants and present an overview of the RPS-II design. We now understand that this review, being performed in conjunction with TVA's Bellefonte application, is being subcontracted to outside consultants in order to reduce the Staff's workload. We are concerned to learn, however, that the Staff is considering review of the RPS-II specifically for use on the Bellefonte plant and not as a generic review applicable to other follow-on plants as well.

Information required for the review of the RPS-II is presented in topical report BAW-10085 and referenced by the Bellefonte FSAR. BAW-10085 was originally submitted in 1974 and has received considerable Staff review already. Responses to requests for information resulting from review efforts to date have been included in BAW-10085. To avoid needless duplication of effort for both the Staff and B&W, it is recommended and requested that the remaining review work be performed on the basis of a generic application of the RPS-II topical report and that this review be completed on a schedule compatible with the Bellefonte licensing activity. I would appreciate your views regarding the feasibility of maintaining the original Staff plan to review RPS-II for generic application.

Very truly yours,

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