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ATTN: Mr. Robert A. Purple, Chief

Dear Sir:

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Letter to Wisconsin Public Service from Mr. R. A. Purple dated October 15, 1975

The referenced letter requested a review of the design bases for the reactor vessel support system for the Kewaunee Plant. The purpose of the review was to determine if certain transient loads were considered in the system's design.

The reactor vessel support loads were evaluated considering jet forces. This evaluation was performed employing the analysis methods available at the time of design.

The transient differential pressure in the annular region between the vessel and the shield wall was not considered in the design of the reactor vessel supports.

The analysis methods have been substantially modified in recent years as the state of the art advanced. The methods for analysis of asymmetric loads applied to a pressure vessel and its internals are a recent development and were not available at the time of the Kewaunee Plant's design. Therefore, the transient differential pressure across the core barrel within the reactor vessel was not considered in the design of the reactor vessel supports.

Very truly yours,

E. W. James, Senior Vice President Power Supply & Engineering E. W.

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