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September 21, 1979

Mr. A. Schwencer, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 1
Division of Operating Reactors
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Schwencer:

Docket 50-305
Operating License DPR-43
IE Bulletin 79-06C

This letter confirms the following telecopy message which was transmitted to your office following our telephone conference call of Wednesday, September 19, 1979:

"Today, September 19, 1979, a telephone conference was held with members of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Inspection and Enforcement in regard to our response to IE Bulletin 79-06C, Item 1.B. As stated by Mr. S. Israel, Westinghouse Small Break LOCA Analysis indicates that tripping of a reactor coolant pump within the first ten minutes of a worst case small break LOCA results in peak clad temperatures remaining within 10 CFR 50.46 limits. The position of NRR management is that two operators are necessary within the control room to assure that in the event of small break LOCA the reactor coolant pumps are tripped. While we do not concur with the necessity for two licensed operators to assure a pump trip for a small break LOCA, we do now commit to provide two licensed operators within the vital area of the control room during high temperature operation with specific instructions to trip the reactor coolant pumps upon receipt of a safety injection signal until such time as automatic de-energization of the reactor coolant pump motors can be provided by design. As stated in the conference call, we understand

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that should one of the licensed control room operators become incapacitated for any reason the provisions of Technical Specification 6.2.2.b shall be deemed to apply and the event would not be considered a noncomformance. The above noted commitment is implemented as of today.

Very truly yours,



E. R. Mathews, Vice President
Power Supply & Engineering

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cc - Dir - Office of Inspection & Enforcement
U S Nuclear Regulatory Commission