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SUBJECT: Responds to IE Bulletin 79-060, Item 1.8 per 790919 telcon re number of operators necessary in control room to assure pump trip for small break LOCA. Util commits to two licensed operators, effective 790919.

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September 19, 1979

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TO: Mr. A. Schwencer, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 1
Division of Operating Reactors

Today, September 19, 1979 a telephone conference was held with members of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Inspection and Enforcement in regards to our response to IE Bulletin 79-06C Item 1.8. 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 10CFR50, 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 instruction 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 motor can be provided by design. As stated in the conference call, we understand 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 nonconformance. The above noted commitment is implemented as of today.

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