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> Mr. A. Giambusso Directorate of Licensing U. S. Atomic Energy Commission Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Giambusso:

161 My January 11, 1974 letter to you indicated, in part, that it was our intent to submit for review a program for performing periodic verification of the response time of sensors in the reactor protection systems within six months after issuance of our operating license.

During these past months, this very difficult subject has had our continuing attention. We have made studies, reviewed literature and participated in industry committees. We have also attempted to ascertain the progress being made by other utilities in this regard. To date, a satisfactory program has not been developed.

In addition to our efforts, we understand that IEEE-338-1971, "Trial-Use Criteria for the Periodic Testing of Nuclear Power Generating Station Protection Systems", is being revised to include criteria for such sensor response time testing.

It remains our intent to submit for your review a program for the verification of sensor response time as soon as a suitable program is available. Hopefully, this will be embodied in the revised IEEE-338-1971, "Trial-Use Criteria for the Periodic Testing of Nuclear Power Generating Station Protection Systems." In any event, we intend to pursue actively a solution to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Charles W. Sandford

Executive Vice President



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