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**NRC Bulletin 88-10, Nonconforming Molded-Case Circuit Breakers
Change In Commitment**

Gentlemen:

By letters dated April 3 and 24, 1989, we responded to the requirements of the subject bulletin as requested by your staff. As stated in our response we have removed from station stores suspect circuit breakers (CB) identified as a result of the bulletin. The bulletin required us to either test CBs in our station stores and remove the CBs that failed the test, or if desired, consider the CBs as failed and remove them from station stores without testing. We chose the latter option and removed these CBs from station stores and placed them in a holding area for the required time period. They are currently available to the NRC upon request. This action removed a large number of CBs from our warehouse stores that were purchased for safety related applications. These CBs (particularly Westinghouse CBs) were also used in non-safety related applications when needed, thereby depleting not only our safety related CB stores but our non-safety related CB stores. Maintaining only safety related CBs for most Westinghouse type breakers was strictly an economic consideration at the time. As a result of new criteria and the difference in the cost of purchasing safety related CBs as opposed to purchasing non-safety related CBs, our inventory strategy is being reevaluated.

Subsequently, we have also implemented actions required by the NUMARC Initiative regarding non-safety-related molded case CBs. Our station stores of non-safety related CBs were inspected using the inspection criteria provided by this program. Unlike the NRC Bulletin regarding safety related CBs, we identified very few suspect non-safety related CBs.

However, as a result of the NRC Bulletin and the increased time period it now takes to purchase CBs (safety related and non-safety related), we now have a shortage of non-safety related CBs (particularly at our McGuire plant). Therefore, as discussed with Mr. J.C. Stone of NRC NRR on July 14, 1989, we plan to inspect the safety related CBs removed from our station stores as a result of the NRC Bulletin using the inspection guidelines provided by the NUMARC Initiative.

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CBs identified as suspect will continue to be held for NRC until April 3, 1990 as requested by your bulletin, and the CBs that pass the inspection will be placed in station stores to be used in non-safety related applications. These inspection results will be documented.

By completing the above actions we will have removed all suspect safety related molded case CBs identified by Bulletin 88-10, and all suspect non-safety related CBs identified by the NUMARC initiative.

If you have any other questions, please contact S.E. LeRoy at 704-373-6233.

Very truly yours,



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