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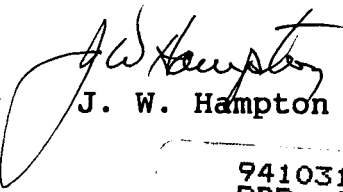
This letter is a supplement to the request for license amendment submitted in our letter dated December 8, 1993. This letter is intended to clarify our plans for periodic testing associated with the ECCW System suction supply to the Low Pressure Service Water (LPSW) System design basis. This subject was addressed in our letter dated September 8, 1994, but additional details have been requested during conversations with Mr. Len Wiens of the NRC.

During each refueling outage, we will establish ECCW System flow in the siphon flow mode. Data will be collected, and this data will be used to demonstrate operability of the ECCW System capability to supply suction to the LPSW system in a design basis accident.

It is not practical to perform this test at the worst case design basis conditions, such as at minimum lake level. We believe it is undesirable to test the LPSW pumps in the siphon flow mode at their design limits while the same LPSW pumps are required to be operable for an operating unit. Since it is not practical to reduce the lake level to its minimum level to perform the siphon flow test, the test will be performed at conditions other than worst case design basis conditions. It is not necessary that the LPSW pumps operate to verify the function of the siphon. Therefore, it is not our intention to align suction of the LPSW pumps to the siphon on every test. The test data will be reviewed and extrapolated to the design basis conditions to verify LPSW System operability.

If there are any questions about this, please contact David Patterson at (803) 885-3297 or David Nix at (803) 885-3634.

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