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Mr. Donald P. Dise Vice President - Engineering c/o Miss Catherine R. Seibert Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation 300 Erie Boulevard West Syracuse, New York 13202

Dear Mr. Dise:

SUBJECT: OPERATOR WORKSHOP: TMI-2 LESSONS LEARNED TASK FORCE FINAL REPORT (NUREG-0585) RECOMMENDATION 1.4(5)

The NRC has initiated a program for operator shift personnel workshops, as referenced in the above subject, for operating reactors and applicants for licenses. The first workshop was held in Chicago on December 8 and 9, 1981, and was successful in providing informative feedback from plant operators in the Region III area. As you may be aware, the workshops are to provide an opportunity for exchange of information on operating experiences between the NRC staff and utility shift operating personnel on areas such as safety concerns related to shift operations, impact of licensing on shift activities and personnel, and recommendations on changes in reactor regulation that would improve safety.

We are currently planning our second workshop to include those plants in the Region I area. Our tentative plans are to hold the meeting March 16 and 17, 1982 in Boston, Massachusetts. The Division of Human Factors Safety (DHFS) is responsible for this project and has contracted with Battelle-Pacific Northwest Laboratories to conduct and coordinate the workshops. The purpose of this letter is to solicit your support for these workshops by providing attendance by one or preferably two licensed shift personnel for the Boston meeting. Participation in the workshop is voluntary both on the part of the utility and the operator.

The topics to be covered at this workshop are:

- Validity of Licensing Exams
- Role and Function of the STA/Shift Engineer
- Use of Generic Simulators in Training
- Overtime Rules and Regulations

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In order to finalize our plans for the Boston meeting, it is requested that you advise us by February 26th of your plans to participate. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact your licensing project manager or the NRC technical contact, J. J. Persensky, (301) 492-8349.

Sincerely,

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Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director Division of Licensing

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