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SUBJECT: Forwards draft initial prototype test program for MSIVs per 861015 meeting on const deficiency rept.Program will confirm correlation between across-seat & between-seat leak testing methods.

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October 17, 1986 (NMP2L 0914)

Ms. Elinor G. Adensam, Director BWR Project Directorate No. 3 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 7920 Norfolk Avenue Washington, DC 20555

Dear Ms. Adensam:

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Re: Nine Mile Point Unit 2 <u>Docket No. 50-410</u>

During a meeting with the NRC Staff on October 15, 1986, Niagara Mohawk indicated that we would incorporate several specific commitments in our final report on the Construction Deficiency related to the excessive leakage of the Main Steam Isolation Valves. These commitments are supplementary to those already identified in our interim report on this problem. In addition to providing this information in the final report, which is scheduled to be submitted on October 22, 1986, we have decided to explicitly identify and provide these commitments prior to the completion of the final report to assist the Staff's review and evaluation. Specifically, these commitments are related to leak testing of the Main Steam Isolation Valves, after the Main Steam Isolation Valve full isolation test, and the provisions to be included in the initial prototype testing of these valves.

The initial prototype testing program will be conducted on a valve with a ball surface, seal ring spring configuration and actuator which reflect the actual valves installed in Unit 2. This test program will confirm the correlation between across-the-seat and between-the-seat leak testing methods. Finally, the test report will address the confirmation of the valves' acceptability for the first operating cycle. This test report will be provided to the NRC within 45 days of the completion of the prototype testing. A milestone schedule for the prototype testing will be included in the final 50.55(e) report. The latest draft of the initial prototype test program is attached to this letter, and Niagara Mohawk will continue to keep the NRC informed of the further development of this program.

Very truly yours,

C. V. Mangan Senior Vice President

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# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of ) Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation )

Docket No. 50-410

(Nine Mile Point Unit 2)

## AFFIDAVIT

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<u>C. V. Mangan</u>, being duly sworn, states that he is Senior Vice President of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation; that he is authorized on the part of said Corporation to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the documents attached hereto; and that all such documents are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of New York and County of  $\underline{Anandaga}$ , this  $\underline{172}$  day of  $\underline{Araber}$ , 1986.

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My Commission expires: CHRISTINE AUSTIN Notary Public in the State of New York Qualified in Onondaga Co. No. 4787687 7 Commission Expires March 30, 1987

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# NMP-2 MAIN STEAM ISOLATION VALVE (MSIV) INITIAL PROTOTYPE TEST PROGRAM

## I. Valve Configuration to be Tested

The valve configuration to be tested will duplicate to the maximum extent practical the valve and actuator configuration at NMP-2. Specifically, the test configuration will include a full scale MSIV and a hydraulic actuator which is functionally identical to the installed actuator. Features to be included are the modified force spring pack; a new or recoated ball (equivalent to the balls to be installed); and reference design Stellite seat rings, packing, thrust washer, bearings and other internals. Actuator components will be essentially identical to the installed actuator; the structural support is expected to be somewhat less rigid than the NMP-2 seismic support arrangement.

#### II. <u>Test Conditions</u>

Test conditions will duplicate to the extent practical normal plant operating and test conditions. Specifically, prototype test conditions will include:

- \* Ambient pressure and temperature conditions
- Normal operating pressure and temperature conditions
- Steam flow rates consistent with facility limitations
- Technical Specification leak test conditions

## III. <u>Test Objectives</u>

The primary objective of the prototype test program is to verify the operability of the MSIV and actuator design and materials installed in NMP-2 for at least one operating cycle under anticipated normal operating and test conditions. This will include:

- \* Verification of the mechanical integrity of the valve and actuator for the expected operating and test cycles.
- \* Demonstration of valve leak tightness for the expected valve duty cycles.
- Demonstration of the ability to close the valve within Technical Specification limits under normal operating pressure and temperature steam conditions.

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Verification of the conservatism of the between-the-seat leak test method as an alternative to across-the-valve seat leakage tests.

A second objective of the prototype test program is to provide baseline data for evaluation of (1) the long term suitability of the valve and (2) potential design and material improvements.

# IV. Test Scope

Details of specific tests to be performed are under development by NMPC. It is expected that the prototype tests will include the following types of tests:

- Cyclic operation tests which simulate the expected valve duty cycle, e.g., ambient condition cyclic tests, valve closure time tests, partial closure surveillance tests under normal steam conditions and full closure tests at high steam flow rate at operating pressure and temperature.
- Valve leak tests duplicating in-plant Type C leak tests. Tests would be performed periodically during the valve cyclic tests to monitor the effect of wear/degradation on valve leak rate. Tests will include across-the-valve pressurization and between-the-seats pressurization. Leakage of other valve seals will also be monitored.
- \* Periodic disassembly and examination of critical components of the valve and actuator during the test program.

The test valve, actuator and facility will be instrumented to allow monitoring of valve and actuator performance. Additionally, test instrumentation may be installed to investigate specific phenomena as considered appropriate. Special instrumentation requirements will be included in the test plan.

# V. <u>Schedule</u>

The schedule for initial prototype testing is based on availability of the test valve and actuator and a suitable test facility. At present, the anticipated schedule is as follows:

- Procurement of test valve in progress. Delivery expected by January 1, 1987.
- Procurement of test valve actuator arrangements being finalized to obtain an actuator from a cancelled power plant. Expect delivery by January 1, 1987.

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- Identification and preparation of test facility in progress.
  Expect to complete facility in time to support tests starting in February, 1987.
- \* Testing to be performed in the February-March, 1987 time frame with the objective of completing initial prototype tests by April 1, 1987.

# VI. Reporting

Reporting milestones include:

° Test plan

\* Final report of tests 🐇

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