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Re: Nine Mile Point Unit 2
Docket No. 50-410
NPF-69
TAC No. 71686

Gentlemen:

Generic Letter 88-14, dated August 8, 1988, requested information regarding the design, operation, and maintenance of the Nine Mile Point Unit 2 (NMP2) Plant Instrument Air System. In a letter (NMP2L 1193), dated April 1, 1989, Niagara Mohawk responded that a program to provide the requested information had been established and would be conducted in three (3) phases and that a final report would be issued in January 1991.

Our April submittal and commitment date for a final report were based upon an original planned outage start date in March 1990. However, subsequent to our April submittal, Niagara Mohawk deferred the Nine Mile Point Unit 2 outage by six months. Therefore, actions planned during the outage were also deferred, since these actions were believed to require system walkdowns or testing which could be performed only during an outage. This letter is submitted to notify you that the final report will be delayed and to provide a status of our program.

Phase I has been completed and the results reported in our April 1, 1989, letter. The results of the Phase I analyses verified that the NMP2 air systems (Instrument Air, Diesel Starting Air, and Nitrogen Gas Systems) meet or exceed design and operational bases and requirements, and that the quality of air supplied by the NMP2 air systems meets or exceeds manufacturers' requirements for air users and air-operated components. Phase I activities did not identify any safety-related problems with the air systems.

The purpose of Phase II of the program is to evaluate industry recommendations and potential air system improvements. To date, no deficiencies have been identified which indicate that there are any safety concerns with the system. However, there have been recommendations made which may improve system availability. These are continuing to be evaluated as part of Phase II. Our evaluations will be completed by September 1991. This is consistent with our original plan and time frame for completing the system evaluations based on the completion of the first Unit 2 refueling outage.

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Phase III of the plan involves the implementation of corrective actions (actions deemed necessary to ensure compliance with design or operational requirements, of which none have been identified to date) and system improvements identified in Phases I and II. There are some improvements which have been made to date. In addition, there are others which must be evaluated relative to priority of other plant issues. Niagara Mohawk is not able at this time to commit to what enhancements will be made. However, after Phase II is completed in September 1991, we will provide to you a schedule for the improvements which are planned for the system.

Our summary report, including evaluations completed in Phase II and the referenced schedule for the planned improvements, will be submitted by December 31, 1991.

Very truly yours,

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

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C. D. Terry, being duly sworn, states that he is 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.

C D Terry

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of New York and County of Onondaga, this 11th day of January, 1991.

Diane R. Kimball
Notary Public in and for
Onondaga County, New York

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