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RE:	Nine Mile Point Unit 1	Nine Mile Point Unit 2
	Docket No. 50-220	Docket No. 50-410
	<u>DPR-63</u>	<u>NPF-69</u>

Subject: *30 Day Response to Generic Letter 97-04, "Assurance of Sufficient Net Positive Suction Head for Emergency Core Cooling and Containment Heat Removal Pumps"*

Gentlemen:

On October 7, 1997, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued the referenced Generic Letter (GL) regarding an issue which may have generic implications for Emergency Core Cooling System pumps. The GL required, within 30 days, a written response indicating (a) whether or not the requested information will be submitted, and (b) whether or not the requested information will be submitted within the requested time period. By this letter, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) is providing the required 30-day response.

NMPC is participating in a newly-established BWR Owners' Group (BWROG) effort which has the objectives of reviewing current BWR industry net positive suction head (NPSH) calculational methodology and recommending a consistent approach for licensee 90-day responses to the GL. It is expected that the information in the 90-day response will provide assurance to the Staff that NPSH issues are being adequately addressed. The BWROG has established dialog with the Staff prior to the issuance of the GL and plans to continue that interaction so that the Staff's concerns related to NPSH issues are appropriately considered. NMPC intends to provide a 90-day response to the GL considering the recommendations resulting from the BWROG NPSH Committee.

Very truly yours,

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In the Matter of)

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation)

Nine Mile Point Unit 1)

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Subscribed and sworn before me,
in and for the State of New York
and the County of OSWEGO,
this 6th day of November, 1996

My Commission expires: May 31, 1998


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