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Subject: Borg-Warner Pressure Switches; Change in Switch Replacement Schedule

Gentlemen:

On March 20, 1997, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) provided a written report (NMP2L 1696) concerning a 10CFR21 reportable condition involving the subject switches. The corrective actions identified in that report included either the replacement of the affected switches with a different model switch or the replacement of the affected actuators with a different model actuator. Completion of the corrective actions was projected to be May 1, 1998. By subsequent letter dated April 29, 1998 (NMP2L 1775), NMPC revised the completion date for the Standby Gas Treatment System (GTS) actuator replacement to November 1, 1998, and the completion date for all corrective actions was revised to December 15, 1998.

Since identifying the issue on February 18, 1997 and submitting the initial report on March 20, 1997, NMPC has increased the maintenance and surveillance frequency of the affected switches. An initial calibration frequency of 18 months for the switches was established. Prior to identification of the problem, the switches were only adjusted when necessary during actuator preventive maintenance or when problems were experienced with the actuator. The switches that have passed initial calibration testing (switches not passing initial calibration are rejected) have proven reliable. Since establishing the 18 month calibration requirement, the switches have operated acceptably. As a conservative measure, NMPC has changed the calibration frequency from 18 months to 12 months.

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The increased maintenance and surveillance requirements have resulted in acceptable switch operation. NMPC does not believe the switches must be replaced to assure operability of the affected valves, however, NMPC may choose to replace the switches at some future date. NMPC believes this is an effective corrective action for the 10CFR21 reportable condition and considers this issue closed.

Very truly yours,



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