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Reference: PLA -4999, R. G. Byram to USNRC, "Response for Additional Information Related to Generic Letter 96-06," dated November 9, 1998.

PP&L letter, PLA -4999, R.G. Byram to USNRC, "Response for Additional Information Related to Generic Letter 96-06," dated November 9, 1998 states that PP&L, Inc. (PP&L) "... is continuing to evaluate a modification to the drywell cooling system sump line penetrations, consistent with current NRC interpretation of ASME code design guidance. As part of this evaluation, we are using recently released Regulatory Guide 1.174, "An Approach For Using Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Risk Informed Decisions on Plant Specific Changes to the Licensing Basis," to establish the risk significance of this modification. Our current plan is to complete this evaluation in the second quarter of 1999."

The purpose of this letter is to document that our risk assessment will require additional time to complete. PP&L suspended performance of any substantial work on this assessment pending NRC feedback on our initial risk informed proposal (on a different subject) under the new guidance. Our intent was to confirm that our approach was consistent with NRC's expectations for such submittals. NRC feedback was initiated in April, and continued in subsequent discussions. As a result, PP&L commits to submit our risk assessment no later than August 3, 1999. This was discussed with Mr. V. Nerses, our Sr. Project Manager, in telecons with PP&L on June 23 and June 29, 1999.

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Sincerely,

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