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Dr. Cecil O. Thomas, Chief
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

SUBJECT: XN-NF-734(P), "Confirmation of XN-3 Critical Power Correlation for 9x9 Fuel Assemblies"

Ref.: Letter, J.C. Chandler (ENC) to C.O. Thomas (NRC), dated November 23, 1983 (JCC:120:83)

Dear Dr. Thomas:

The referenced letter submitted the subject licensing topical report for generic review and approval. Justification for this review was that Exxon Nuclear intended to make 9x9 fuel a standard offering in the near future. This letter provides additional justification for the review of the subject topical report.

Exxon Nuclear has contracted with Commonwealth Edison Company to provide a full reload of 9x9 fuel for insertion into the Dresden Unit 3 core for Cycle 10 operation, which is expected to commence during the second quarter of 1985. The subject topical report is applicable to this reload.

Additional applications for Exxon Nuclear's 9x9 BWR fuel are currently being negotiated domestically and abroad. If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me, telephone (509) 375-8639.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. C. H. Berlinger (NRC)
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