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SUBJECT: PUBLIC MEETING WITH WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM  
ON NOVEMBER 14, 1996

This refers to the meeting open to public observation conducted on November 14, 1996, at the Region IV office in Arlington, Texas. This meeting was to discuss the progress made to date in the WNP-2 performance enhancement strategy and your self-assessment efforts. Attendees at the meeting are listed in Enclosure 1 to this letter.

The presentations of your staff impressed several conclusions on us. First, plant and personnel performance has improved during routine operations which continues a trend noted in the past. However, when confronted with challenges during plant operation, the performance of personnel still does not demonstrate the expected level of response to those challenges. Specifically, the performance of operations personnel during the startup from refueling outage R11 indicated problems with command and control when confronted with unique new situations during startup testing of the digital feedwater control and adjustable speed drive systems. We have noted in the past that followup on corrective actions did not always assure adequate implementation. We urge Supply System management and the Quality Assurance organization to reemphasize efforts to track and followup on planned corrective actions to ensure consistent performance improvement.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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