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Docket Nos. 50-280 ←
and 50-281

Mr. W. P. Woodman
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Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107

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Dear Mr. Woodman:

Your letter dated August 20, 1979 requested a response from me about statements appearing in newspaper articles that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) is requesting a refund from VEPCO and that the NCUC is considering taking over VEPCO's distribution system in North Carolina. You also stated that you did not understand why VEPCO has not been permitted to go back on line (presumably Surry Unit 1 which was shut down for seismic reevaluation of certain piping systems).

In regard to the refund and takeover of VEPCO's distribution systems in North Carolina, you should contact the North Carolina Utilities Commission, Public Staff, 430 Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602. This matter is not under the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The Surry Unit 1 power plant was shut down as a result of my March 13, 1979 Order which required VEPCO to reanalyze certain safety-related piping systems which had been analyzed using inappropriate computer codes. This reanalysis has been completed and my Order dated August 27, 1979 lifted the suspension of operations related to the seismic question, pending modifications to some piping supports. These modifications have been completed. However, there has been a concern by NRC, separate from the shutdown Order, of the acceptability of anchor bolts for piping supports. VEPCO, up until now, has not been able to document the adequacy of these bolts. I expect this problem to be resolved in the next two or three weeks.

Thank you for your letter. If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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Original Signed by
H. R. Denton

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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