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Gentlemen:

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
SURRY POWER STATION UNITS 1 AND 2
OPERABILITY OF STATION BLACKOUT DIESEL

Virginia Electric and Power Company informed the NRC in our letter dated March 17, 1992 (Serial No. 91-738A), that we would complete the implementation of our station blackout (SBO) modifications by the end of the 1996 Unit 2 refueling outage. The Unit 2 refueling outage was completed on June 6, 1996 and included the final bus tie-ins and testing of the Alternate AC (AAC) power source (i.e., SBO diesel and its associated equipment.) The AAC power source is now fully operable for responding to and recovering from a station blackout event for a four hour period as approved by the NRC in their Supplemental Safety Evaluation dated May 12, 1992. We are now in full compliance with 10 CFR 50.63.

No new commitments are intended as a result of this letter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

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