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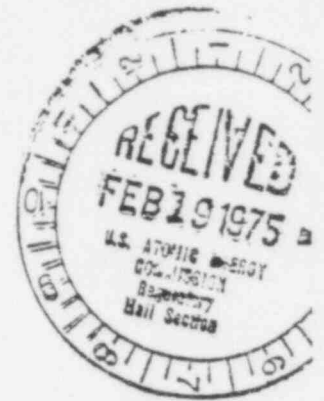
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Mr. George Lear, Chief
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20545



Dear Mr. Lear:

Confirming telephone conversations with Messrs. David Jaffe and Robert Bottimore of NRC Staff, the six utility companies who either own or have contracted for Babcock & Wilcox NSSS have agreed to pursue a joint review, along with B&W, of the Babcock & Wilcox Standard Technical Specifications (B&W-STs).

Although the seven companies involved have already commenced their review of the B&W-STs and are working, initially, to the schedule attached to your letter to Metropolitan Edison Company dated January 9, 1975, the utility companies believe it would be very desirable to meet with the NRC to discuss concerns we have about the B&W-STs. It is my understanding that Mr. Jaffe has arranged such a meeting for 1:30 P.M., February 24, 1975, at the Phillips Building in Bethesda. I have assured Mr. Jaffe that I will provide a list of the items the utility companies would like to discuss at this meeting no later than February 19, 1975.

In general, the purpose of the meeting will be to discuss:

1. The schedule for the review; and,
2. General concerns utility companies have regarding the B&W-STs.

With reference to the first item, it is our understanding that the schedule forwarded by your letter of January 9, 1975, is not consistent with the schedule for Davis-Besse Station for which Toledo Edison Company has an Operating License application pending. Referring to the second item, it appears that a number of the requirements in the draft B&W-STs will have a substantial impact on operational and administrative requirements for the operating plants. We are very concerned that we do not have imposed upon us requirements which do not contribute to safety, and/or which are completely inappropriate in terms of existing plant designs just for the sake of uniformity of technical specifications.

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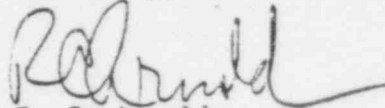
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I am not, at this time, able to give you a more definitive listing of these concerns because we have not had an opportunity to jointly develop them. The utilities will be meeting as a group on February 18 to develop our suggested agenda for the meeting with NRC on February 24.

Because of the nature of the subjects to be discussed at the meeting on February 24, we request that yourself and Mr. Schwencer attend the meeting and, if at all possible, Mr. Giambusso be available for at least a portion of the meeting. The utility companies feel that this meeting is very important for the purpose of gaining a proper understanding on the part of all parties as to the background and the purpose for Standardized Technical Specifications. We anticipate that a candid discussion of some of the generic concerns at this meeting will greatly expedite the resolution of comments during the course of the review.

Sincerely,



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