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Attention: Mr. F. Schroeder, Acting Director Division of Systems Safety

> Mr. D.G. Eisenhut, Assistant Director Division of Operating Reactors

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF A REVISED PROCEDURE FOR CALCULATING HOT

CHANNEL TRANSIENT A CPR

General Electric has recently completed qualification of a revised computer program for determination of transient critical power ratios. This program represents an improvement in the existing SCAT (Single Channel Analysis of Transients) Program. These improvements afford additional users' convenience, as well as providing a model better capable of handling high pressurization rate conditions. A discussion of the modifications is contained in the attachment to this letter.

General Electric has completed the technical portion of the quality assurance process for implementation of this new thermal-hydraulic model as part of the methodology for evaluation of transients. The remaining documentation items are expected to be completed in July, 1979, and upon their completion the new version of the code will be used to establish operating limits for all core wide transient analyses.

If you have any questions regarding this transmittal, I would be pleased to review the information with you or your staff.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment

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