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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Attn: S. B. Hosford, Task Manager (A-2) Engineering Branci Division of Operating Reactors Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

REF: B&W-1538, Rev. 1 "Assumptions, Methodology and Acceptance Criteria Report for Asymmetric LOCA Loads Evaluation" transmitted in letter of July 16, 1979, J. H. Taylor, B&W to S. B. Hosford, NRC

Dear Sir:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Units 1 & 2 (TMI-1 & TMI-2)

Operating License Nos: DPR-50: TMI-1 & DPR-73: TMI-2

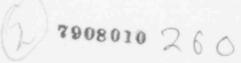
Docket Nos: 50-289: TMI-1 & 50-320: TMI-2

In response to the NRC letter dated January 25, 1978, we as a participant of the B&W 177 FA Owners Group, have been pursuing a multi-phased program to evaluate the effect of asymmetric LOCA loads.

By letter dated May 18, 1979 (GQL 0697), you were advised of the results of Phase I of our analysis. Also included in that letter was an outline for Phase II. The termination date for Phase II, at that time, was identified as mid-March, 1980.

Please be advised that the NRC required analyses subsequent to the accident at TMI-2, have occupied the time of key B&W personnel. This has resulted in a delay in the Phase II program completion. The new completion date is July, 1980. As was discussed with you earlier this year, seismic loads will not be combined with LOCA loads during Phase II of our analysis.

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If you desire to review the progress of Phase II and/or have any questions concerning the extended schedule completion, a meeting can be scheduled for August 8, 1979 at the Babcock and Wilcox Company office in Lynchburg, Virginia. At that time, if you wish, we can also review with you B&W 1538, Rev. 1, transmitted by the reference letter. That document outlines the methodology and assumptions applicable to our Phase II program.

Please advise Mr. Lou Lanese, GPU, if you desire the meeting on August 8, 1979.

Sincerely,

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