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Docket No. 50-327/328

Mr. H. G. Parris
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Dear Mr. Parris:

SUBJECT: UPGRADED STANDARD TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (STS) BASES PROGRAM
(SEQUOYAH UNITS 1 & 2)

As you know, we initiated a program to upgrade the bases section of the STS during August 1977. We thank you for the support you have previously indicated for this program. The program has made only slight progress to date. However, based on informal contacts with staff members of one NSSS vendor, we understand renewed efforts are being made by this vendor and his affected utilities to implement this program. During these informal contacts, a concern was expressed regarding the applicability of license fees for amendments which may result from this upgrading program. In response to this concern, we have sought and obtained approval for exempting from fees, amendments in fee Classes I, II, and III which result directly from this upgrading program. We currently expect all amendments under this program to fall in one of these fee classes. We hope that this exemption from fees will provide additional incentive for the program. We are also notifying the reactor vendors of this fee exemption approval.

If you have any questions about the program or wish to discuss it further, please call Donald Brinkman at (301) 492-7306.

Sincerely,

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