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Dear Mr. Taylor:

RE: UPGRADED STANDARD TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (STS) BASES PROGRAM

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 NSSF vendor, we understand renewed efforts are being made by this vendor and his affected utilities to implement this program. Recently, 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 affected utilities of this fee exemption approval.

We would appreciate hearing from you within the next few weeks regarding the status of the arrangements you have worked out thus far. This information would be most helpful to us and would enable us to better formulate a schedule for accomplishing the upgrading of the STS bases - a project that I know you agree would be beneficial to all parties concerned.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian K. Grimes".

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