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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 7735 Old Georgetown Road Bethesda, Maryland

Attention: Assistant Director for Export/Import and International Safeguards

Washington Office

Arlington, VA 22202

1745 Jefferson Davis Highway

Gentlemen:

Subject: Application for Validated Export License

Enclosed is Form NRC 7, our application for export license to allow sale of our remote ultrasonic inspection system to the Republic of Argentina. Our proposed sale is to the Comision Nacional De Energia Atomica (CNEA) and is for their use on the Atucha Nuclear Plant.

The Energy Systems Group of Rockwell International provided a technical and cost proposal in response to a request from CNEA and apparently was the successful bidder. We were recently notified through our Argentime representative that CNEA wants Rockwell to provide this equipment for their requirement.

The inspection system consists of a control and data acquisition console which controls the operation of remote ultrasonic sensors which locate flaws in the otherwise inaccessible welded areas of reactor pressure vessels and their associated piping. The system is designed to provide periodic inspections which, in the United States, are required by various government regulations. Although Argentina does not have the same requirements, most foreign countries follow the U.S. lead on nuclear plant operations and safety requirements.

Rockwell International has sold two of these systems to the Taiwan Power Company and has sold one to the U.S. Government through the Aerojet Nuclear Company. We also have one company-owned system that is used to provide the inspection service to U.S. and foreign companies if they require it.



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We have enclosed, with our Form NRC-7 application, a four-page brochure which describes our system and will be pleased to provide additional information if you require it. Please do not hesitate to call me on (213) 341-1000, Extension 2045 for any additional information.

Very truly yours,

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Marketing Representative Energy Systems Group

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Enclosures