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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
ATTN: Mr. R. W. Reid, Chief  
Operating Reactors Branch #4  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Subject: Arkansas Nuclear One - Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-313  
License No. DPR-51  
Reactor Building Purging During  
Normal Operation

(File: 1510)

Gentlemen:

In response to your request dated October 26, 1979, the following is provided.

Arkansas Power and Light Company is investigating the cost-benefit of a purge valve operability verification program that would meet your "Guidelines for Demonstration of Operability of Purge and Vent Valves". Until such time that we have initiated such a program and are in compliance with your interim position delineated in the attachment to your October 26, 1979 letter, we will maintain the Arkansas Nuclear One - Unit 1 purge isolation valves closed whenever the reactor is not in a cold shutdown or refueling mode.

Further, the information requested in your letter of November 2, 1979 will be provided at that time.

Yours very truly,

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