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Dr. Roger J. Mattson, Director Division of Systems Safety Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

Subject: Submittal of Generic ATWS Information

Dear Dr. Mattson:

This letter is in confirmation of telephone conversations between Dr. W. E. Burchill of Combustion Engineering and Mr. A. Thadani of your staff relative to submittal of generic ATWS information.

My letter of May 1, 1979 indicated that Combustion Engineering would plan to submit a report on the ATWS mitigating capability of nuclear power plants using our NSSS on or about June 1, 1979. In light of recent events and requests for information by the NRC, we have deemed it prudent to continue to divert substantial resources to these important matters. It is my understanding that the Atomic Industrial Forum has discussed with the NRC the possibility of establishing a revised schedule for submittal of generic ATWS information on behalf of all PWR vendors. We support such a concerted approach by the AIF and believe that, in view of the relative significance of the ATWS issue, the AIF and the Staff can agree to a realistic and reasonable schedule. At the conclusion of those discussions, Combustion Engineering will provide you with confirmation of a revised submittal date consistent with the agreed schedule.

Very truly yours,

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