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Mr. James H. Taylor Manager, Licensing Babcock & Wilcox Company Nuclear Power Generation P. O. Box 1260 Lynchburg, Virginia 24505

Dear Mr. Taylor:

SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF BAW-10119P

We have completed our evaluation of Babcock & Wilcox Topical Report BAW-10119P, "Power Peaking Nuclear Reliability Factors." We have determined that BAW-10119P is acceptable for reference to describe the methods used by B&W to determine the reliability associated with its nuclear calculations. A summary of our evaluation is enclosed. In our letter of December 20, 1977, we approved your request to withhold BAW-10119P from public inspection pursuant to 10 CFR Part 2.790

If our criteria or regulations change, such that our conclusions concerning BAW-10119P are invalidated, we will notify you and provide you with an opportunity to revise and, if you desire, resubmit this report for our review.

We request, that within three months, you issue a revised version of BAW-10119P and a non-proprietary version incorporating this letter and your responses to our requests for additional information.

Sincerely

Steven A. Varga, Chief Light Water Reactors Branch No. 4 Division of Project Management

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Enclosure: As stated

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