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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region IV  
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Subject: Arkansas Nuclear One - Unit 2  
Docket No. 50-368  
License No. NPF-6  
IE Bulletin 79-13  
(File: 2-1510.1)

Gentlemen:

As committed in our July 12, 1979, letter we will perform the inspections required by IE Bulletin 79-13, Item 1, on Arkansas Nuclear One - Unit 2, after the completion of power ascension testing. We request a 90-day extension to complete the above mentioned inspections. Our bases for this request are as follows:

1. A 90-day extension would allow us to complete power ascension testing without shutting down to perform the subject examinations. The requested extension allows for some expected delays in testing.
2. As described in our July 27, 1979, letter to Mr. Darrel Eisenhut, the feedwater nozzle-to-pipe welds received a 100% radiography inspection after fabrication. In addition, all feedwater system welds received a preservice inspection in accordance with Section XI during July 1977.
3. The ANO-2 feedwater system has experienced a very limited number of thermal cycles due to the plant still being in power ascension testing.
4. We do not believe that the subject cracking is generic to Combustion Engineering plants and do not feel the urgency implied in a 90-day reporting period is necessarily applicable in this case.

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Yours very truly,

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