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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Harold R. Denton, Director

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC REVIEW OF GE'S PDA EXTENSION MATTERS

This letter is to request that the NRC staff perform an assessment review of General Electric Company's PDA extension submittal (Amendment 46 and 47 to the Nuclear Island GESSAR, Docket STN 50-447). The background pertaining to this request is summarized below.

On December 13, 1978 representatives of the General Electric Company met with members of the NRC staff to discuss matters relating to the GESSAR Standardization Programs, and the extension of PDA-1. GE expressed concern that the staff's detailed review of GE's PDA extension submittal (Amendments 46 and 47) would be deferred until such time that a utility applicant indicated it planned to reference the PDA. GE stated that the staff should grant unconditional extension of PDA-1 on the basis of GE's detailed assessments contained in Amendments 46 and 47. This would allow unencumbered use of the existing PDA and final resolution of items resulting from the staff's review at the FDA stage.

The staff noted that this proposal by GE was not consistent with the Commission's August 22, 1978 policy statement and, as a result, would require further review with the Commission. Further, it was pointed out that this activity could not be completed prior to the date on which PDA-1 expires. The staff did agree to examine the possibility of providing a technical assessment of GE's PDA extension submittal. This assessment would be prepared by DPM for approval by DSS and DSE, but would likely fall short of a formal safety evaluation.

On February 9, 1979 representatives of the General Electric Company met with you and the PDA extension review was again discussed. Since the last discussion, the staff issued to GE an administrative extension of PDA-1 for two additional years and, as expected, deferred review of GE's PDA extension submittal. GE explained the undesirable effects of having an administrative extension and sought to obtain agreement that the staff would begin their review of GE's extension submittal (regulatory preassessment package).

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This letter requests that the staff begin immediately to review GE's extension submittal and issue an acceptability statement in about three months (mid-June). We further request that fees associated with this review be included as part of the FDA review cost.

If you require any clarification of the matters discussed in this letter, please contact Mr. J. F. Quirk, (408) 925-2606.

Sincerely,

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