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Docket No. STN 50-480

Mr. Tom M. Anderson, Manager Nuclear Safety Department Westinghouse Electric Corporation P. O. Box 355 Nuclear Center - Bay 415 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230

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Dear Mr. Anderson:

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF APPROVAL TERM FOR PDA-3

The Commission's August 22, 1978 policy statement on standardization includes a provision for any Preliminary Design Approval (PDA) that had been previously issued for three years to be extended for two additional years. This provision applies to PDA-3 issued for the RESAR-41 application.

As set forth in the policy statement, each application for a PDA extension will be subject to an as essment of the design with respect to the Category I, II, III and IV matters approved for implementation since the regulatory requirements cutoff date for that PDA.

These matters were identified in a staff letter, R. Boyd to T. Anderson, dated November 9, 1978. Your response to these matters was provided in Amendments 24 and 25 to the RESAR-41 application transmitted by letters T. Anderson to S. Varga, and T. Anderson to C. J. Heltemes, Jr., dated November 15, 1978 and December 27, 1978 respectively. In our letter of November 9, 1978, we noted that our review of your responses to these matters would be to determine if they were complete. We also noted that if we could determine that your responses were complete, we would administratively extend PDA-3 for two additional years, subject to later staff acceptance of your proposed resolution for the applicable Category II, III and IV matters.

Based on our review of Amendments 24 and 25 to the RESAR-41 application, we conclude that your responses to the PDA extension review matters are complete. Accordingly, we have amended PDA-3 to reflect the new expiration date, December 31, 1980. We have also included as part of the amendment to PDA-3 a condition that resolution of the applicable Category I, II, III and IV matters is required for any utility-applicant referencing the RESAR-41 design in a construction permit application filed after December 31, 1978. We will initiate such a review as soon as we are informed by a utility-applicant that it intends to reference the RESAR-41 design. Such a review would be scheduled for completion prior to the tendering of the utility application. Copies of Amendment No. 1 to PDA-3, and a related notice which is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication are enclosed for your information and use.

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We will advise you of the Commission's decision whether a fee will be associated with the technical review of the applicable Category I, II, III and IV matters, as discussed above, as soon as it becomes available.

If you require any clarification of the matters discussed in this letter, please contact the staff's assigned licensing project manager.

Sincerely,

Roger S. Boyd , Director Division of Project Management

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 1 to PDA-3

2. Federal Register Notice