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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

We all appreciated the chance to discuss with you on July 21 our plans for siting a nuclear power plant in central Virginia. Your letter of August 11, 1978 in which you provided supplementary information after our meeting was most helpful.

We believe that the site selection program which we are now conducting meets Section 9.2 on Alternative Sites in the Draft Environmental Standard Review Plans (NUREG 0158).

We read with interest Recommendations 3 and 6 of NUREG 0292 "Nuclear Power Plant Licensing: Opportunities for Improvement". You stated that the NRC staff plans to implement these recommendations to the degree practical for our proposed project. We would like to know more about how you intend to perform and manage this new licensing review and how it will improve our licensing schedule.

I would like the opportunity along with some of our project personnel to meet with you and the appropriate NRC directors to discuss this. We have set up a meeting on November 1, 1978 with Mr. Richard C. DeYoung starting 10:00am in which he indicated that the NRC staff would brief us on the NRC standardization policy and NUREG 0292. We would be

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prepared at that time to tell you more about our efforts to select a reference nuclear power plant design and site.

I look forward to this meeting to continue this most helpful dialogue.

Very truly yours,

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