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Docket No. 50-423

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Northeast Nuclear Energy Company ATTN: Mr. W. G. Counsil Vice President - Nuclear Engineering and Operations P. O. Box 270 Hartford, Connecticut 06101

Gentlemen:

Subject: Error in 3/8" Orifice Design (Your letter of February 25, 1980)

Thank you for your letter, referenced above, which forwarded an interim report pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55(e) regarding the subject matter.

In your final report on this matter, please address your completed or planned corrective actions to preclude repetition of this apparent failure to properly control the design process.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Carlson, Chief Reactor Construction and Engineering Support Branch

cc:

- K. W. Gray, Construction Quality Assurance Lead
- H. R. Nims, Director of Nuclear Projects
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