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Northern IndianaPublic Service Company ATTN: Mr. H. P. Lyle Vice President - Electric Production & Engineering 5265 Hohman Avenue Hammond, Indiana 46325

Dear Mr. Lyle:

Attached for your review and comment is the "For Comment" edition of NUREG-0619, "BWR Feedwater Nozzle and Control Rod Drive Return Line Nozzle Cracking." The report provides the staff's resolution of the NRC's Generic Technical Activity A-10, which is an "Unresolved Safety Issue" pursuant to Section 210 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974.

The generic tudy resulted from the inservice discovery of cracking in feedwater nozzles and control rod drive return line nozzles.

NUREG-0619 describes the technical issues, the technical studies and analyses performed by the General Electric Company and the NRC staff, the staff's technical positions based on these studies, and the staff's plans for licensee and applicant implementation of the technical positions.

Public comments are being solicited from interested organizations, groups, and individuals. These comments will be evaluated by the NRC staff prior to final implementation of this subject. All comments should be forwarded to Mr. Richard Snaider, Generic Issues Branch, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, by July 7, 1980.

Your comments should address the proposed implementation schedule as well as the technical content.

At the completion of the 60-day period, the staff will evaluate the comments received and, if needed, will issue a supplement or revision to NUREG-0619. The target for issuing the supplement or revision is late August 1980.

Sincerely,

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