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Mr. Richard Snaider  
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Snaider:

Gulf States Utilities Company is presently reviewing the "For Comment" edition of NUREG-0577, "Potential for Low Fracture Toughness and Lamellar Tearing on PWR Steam Generator and Reactor Coolant Pump Supports". We hereby request an extension of the comment period until September 15, 1980, and we offer the following bases for this extension.

While Gulf States Utilities has been in receipt of the referenced NUREG since late 1979, we have only recently been requested to review implementation of the NUREG with regard to support structures applicable to BWR's. We had not reviewed NUREG-0577 prior to this May 20, 1980 request until this time the study of this technical issue had been confined to the steam generators and reactor coolant pumps of PWR's. We wish to provide a meaningful evaluation of this highly technical document and its application to BWR support structures but we are unable to do so in only thirty working days. We feel that we can provide an appropriate review and significant comments by the requested date for extension.

Sincerely,

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Vice President - Technology

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