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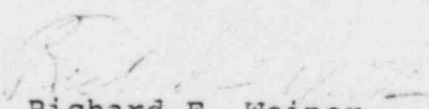
Dear Mr. Denton:

The priority list for nuclear units presently scheduled for commercial operation in the 1982-85 period, requested in your May 7, 1980, letter, is expected to be completed in about three weeks. This will be part of a major DOE electric power supply report. I will be pleased to supply the background information and data utilized by my staff in preparing this list.

I was quite concerned, when I received your letter, about the intended in-house use of the data base. The nature of this type of analysis does not make ad hoc manipulations practical or meaningful. After discussions with members of your staff, I was told that, instead of building an in-house capability to evaluate priorities based on alternative weightings, you only want data sufficient enough to have the ability to verify our priority analysis. This data will, of course, be supplied.

I will be pleased to have my staff provide any further information you require and obtain for you such data they may require from utilities or regional reliability councils. The utilities and councils are quite sensitive to these requests, so I do ask that we attempt to keep them as reasonable and unburdensome as possible. Also, I will be pleased to continue providing you with prompt analysis of any special nuclear shutdown scenarios or other nuclear-related energy supply or system reliability considerations.

Sincerely,


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and Reliability
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