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Subject: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333
**Additional Information Regarding Item 4.5.3 of
Generic Letter 83-28, "Evaluation of Existing Intervals For
Reactor Trip System Functional Testing"**

- References:
1. NRC Generic Letter 83-28, D. G. Eisenhut to all Licensees, dated July 8, 1983, "Required Actions Based On Generic Implications Of Salem ATWS Events."
 2. NYPA letter, J. C. Brons to D. B. Vassallo, dated July 2, 1985, (JPN-85-055), "Additional Information Regarding Generic Letter 83-28."
 3. NYPA letter, J. P. Bayne to D. B. Vassallo, dated June 29, 1984, (JPN-84-42) response to Generic Letter 83-28.
 4. NYPA letter, J. P. Bayne to D. B. Vassallo, dated November 9, 1983, (JPN-83-92), response to Generic Letter 83-28.
 5. General Electric Licensing Topical Report - NEDC-30844, "BWR Owners Group Response to NRC Generic Letter 83-28, Item 4.5.3, January 1985."
 6. NRC letter, A. C. Thadani to T. A. Pickens (BWROG), dated July 15, 1987, regarding Safety Evaluation Report for GE Topical Reports NEDC-30844 and NEDC-30851P, NRC Item 4.5.3.

Dear Sir:

In Reference 1 the NRC staff requested information, plans, and schedules relating to the generic implications of the March, 1983 Salem ATWS events. The Authority provided initial responses in References 2, 3, and 4, with the exception of NRC action Item 4.5.3, "Evaluation of Existing Intervals For Reactor Trip System Functional Testing."

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This item requires the existing intervals for the on-line functional testing required by technical specifications be reviewed to determine whether they are consistent with achieving high reactor trip system availability. The Authority's specific response to this item was to be provided after the NRC staff completes its review of the General Electric BWR Owners Group Licensing Topical Report (Reference 5). The NRC staff has completed its review of this item and found that the GE Topical Report provides an acceptable basis for resolving Item 4.5.3 (Reference 6).

The Authority formally endorses the General Electric Licensing Topical Report and is in the process of evaluating the applicability of the generic analysis to the FitzPatrick plant. Should the results of this evaluation justify technical specification changes, the changes will be submitted under separate cover.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Sofia M. Toth of my staff.

Very truly yours,



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