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Arkansas Power & Light Company
ATTM: Mr. J. D. Phillips
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Centlemen:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of our letter to the Babcock & Wilcox Company (B&W) concerning the regulatory staff's evaluation of their topical report entitled "A Study of Discontinuities in Control Rod Drive Motor Tube Extensions," BAN-10047, Revision 1, dated August 1972. B&W has indicated that the information in this report is applicable for Arkansas Nuclear One - Unit 1.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Albert Schwencer

A. Schwencer, Chief Pressurized Water Reactors Branch No. 4 Directorate of Licensing

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Babcock & Wilcox (B&W) - B&W and various of their licensees advised RO that manufacturing defects had been found in a number of B&W control rod drive pressure housings. B&W is recalling about 450 drive assemblies for further NDT examination. RO is following this on a generic basis.

The facilities involved are:

- 1. Arkansas Unit 1
- 2. Crystal River
- 3. Oconee 1 & 2
- 4. Rancho Seco
- 5. Three Mile Island 1 & 2

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