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REWORK FOR: Files (30-310)

FROM: Dennis L. Ziemann, Chief, Operating Reactors Branch #2, DOR

SUBJECT: CONVERSION TO STANDARD TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

In a telephone conversation with Mr. William Cavanaugh of Arkansas Power and Light Company on October 26, 1976, I indicated that we had received their letter of September 30, 1976 in which they committed to convert the Arkansas Nuclear One - Unit No. 1 Technical Specifications to Standard Technical Specifications (STS). The following thoughts were conveyed to Mr. Cavanaugh: 1) The schedule for implementing STS for Unit No. 1 was protracted more than we expected, however as we indicated in previous discussions the effort could be accomplished in a time frame compatible with their requirements, 2) A letter accepting the proposed schedule has been transmitted, and 3) Although we did encourage them to develop Standard Technical Specifications for ANO-1, as many other utilities recently have elected to do, the statement in their September 30, 1976 letter that "we wished to apply our position that dual units with a common control room should have similar Technical Specifications ..." is misleading in that we were not imposing an NRC position. They were asked to seriously consider the advantages of STS, but there was no requirement to develop and implement STS.

Mr. Cavanaugh indicated that there was considerable resistance by their plant people to develop and adopt STS's, however he agreed that in the long term they would undoubtedly be glad they made the change.

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