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Mr. James F. Mallay Manager, Licensing Nuclear Power Generator Babcock & Wilcox Company P. O. Box 1260 Lynchburg, Virginia 24505

Dear Mr. Mallay:

The Regulatory staff has completed its review of Babcock & Wilcox topical reports BAW-10007, Revision 1 (Proprietary) and BAW-10029 (Non-proprietary) entitled "Control Rod Drive Mechanism Test Program."

A summary of our review is enclosed for your information.

As a result of our review we have concluded that the non-proprietary report, BAW-10029, is adequate and acceptable as a reference in lieu of the proprietary report, BAW-10007, in application for construction permits and operating licenses provided that the application satisfies these conditions:

- The purpose of the reference to BAW-10029 should be limited to control rod drive mechanism (CRDM) operating characteristics.
- The application should discuss the analytical methods, criteria and stress limits used in the design of the CRDM.
- The application should address the difference between the 20-year design life of the CRDM (as presented in BAW-10029) and the 40-year design life of the typical plant.

Sincerely,

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R. C. DeYoung, Assistant Director for Pressurized Water Reactors Directorate of Licensing

Enclosure: Topical Report Evaluation

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