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Yankee Atomic Electric Company ATTN: Mr. James A. Kay Senior Engineer - Licensing 25 Research Drive Westborough, Massachusetts 01581

Gentlemen:

The NRC staff is developing guidance for an acceptable method for providing the emergency response facilities needed to implement the plans for coping with emergencies that are required by paragraph 50.34 and Appendix E of 10 CFR 50. The proposed functional criteria for the Safety Parameter Display, Technical Support Center (TSC), Emergency Operations Center (EOF) and Nuclear Data Link were recently published in NUREG-0696, "Functional Criteria for Emergency Reporse Facilities." The staff is now soliciting public comment on these processed criteria and will hold three regional workshops for the purpose of presenting and discussing the criteria, meceiving comments and answering questions. These workshops will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the following locations:

> August 19 - The Sheraton-Valley Forge Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

August 20 - The O'Hare Hilton O'Hare Airport Chicago, Illinois

August 22 - The Stadium Hotel 450 Capitol Avenue Atlanta, Georgia

You are invited to send representatives from your company to participate in one or more of these workshops, as you choose. The subject areas to be discussed include the function of the various parts of the facilities, the location, size, staffing and habitability of the TSC and EOF, and the design criteria for the reliability, separation and independence of data acquisition and display systems.

If you have any questions concerning the workshops, please call this office.

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