YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY 50 - 29 20 TIRNPIKE ROAD, WESTBORO, MASSACHUSETTS 01581 TELEPHONE 617 366-9011 September 8, 1972 Mr. Donald Skovholt Assistant Director for Operating Reactors Directorate of Licensing United States Atomic Energy Commission Washington, D. C. 20545 Dear Mr. Skovholt: Yankee Atomic Electric Company has reviewed your letter dated August 8, 1972 regarding a postulated failure of a circulating water line which would result in degradation of engineered safety features due to flooding conditions. Results of this review indicate that the failure of plant cooling water systems in particular the circulating water system would not produce sufficient flooding to affect the operation or performance of engineered safety systems, nor would such an occurrence result in common mode failure of redundant safety related equipment. The plant circulating water system does not have flow reversing valves and the expansion joints are located at ground level. Any line rupture would result in flooding of the large areas under the floor plates; however, water on the general floor area would be removed through the three large overhead doors. All motors are elevated and would not be affected by the water. The emergency boiler feed pump is separated from the turbine hall by a closed fire door. We trust that this information is satisfactory; however, should you desire additional information please contact us. Very truly yours, YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY ouis H. Heider Manager of Operations LHH/amw 8011040740

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