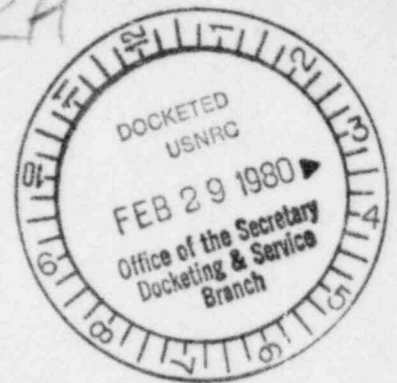


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Honorable John F. Ahearne, Chairman
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

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Dear Dr. Ahearne:

On February 19, 1980, Surry Unit 1 was removed from service in order to perform modifications on supports of two piping systems within the containment. Since some vibration had been experienced on the turbine just prior to the shutdown, it was decided to advance the turbine inspection that was originally scheduled for May of this year.

That inspection is now underway, and we anticipate completing it by March 10. Should the results require extended outage for turbine repair, we may wish to begin the steam generator replacement program at that time, rather than in May as originally planned. Amendment No. 47, dated January 19, 1978, to the Surry Unit 1 license authorizes us to perform the replacement in accordance with the program descriptions previously submitted.

It is our understanding that the Commission is considering ordering the Staff to prepare an Environment Impact Statement on the Surry 1 replacement program. We believe that such an effort is unnecessary, particularly in light of the recent successful completion of the replacement of the steam generators at Surry Unit 2; however, should the Commission order the preparation of a statement, we respectfully request that the preparation be carried out in a way that will not interfere with the initiation and timely completion of the Surry Unit 1 steam generator replacement.

We will advise your staff on the results of our turbine inspections and our plans for the steam generator replacement as soon as they are completed.

Yours very truly,

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Executive Vice President-Power

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