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Dear Mr. Denton:

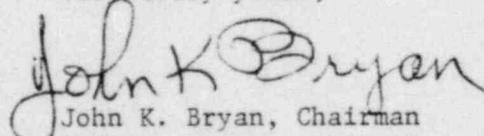
On several occasions during the past year, the SNUPPS Utilities have met and corresponded with the NRC staff concerning the progress on the review of the Callaway and Wolf Creek operating license applications. In these previous contacts we have generally expressed a dissatisfaction with the review progress and have explored ways of expediting the review. It is my observation that there has been a significant improvement in the NRC review activity.

There is now apparently a concerted staff review of the FSARs, there has been increased activity in written requests for additional information, and there have been effective meetings with technical review branches. During the March 24, 1981 ASLB Prehearing Conference for Callaway, the staff announced its plan to improve the schedule for the Callaway SER by as much as six months. There was also an indication of attempts to shorten the hearing process. Although we realize that much work remains to be done, we are encouraged by these indicators and are prepared to support the staff in an accelerated review effort.

Several of the meetings mentioned above with the technical NRC staff have been with the Auxiliary Systems Branch. That branch has been especially aggressive in performing timely and thorough reviews. The overall improvement in the licensing progress for Callaway and Wolf Creek can, to a large extent, be credited to Mr. Alex Dromerick, the NRC Licensing Project Manager for SNUPPS. Mr. Dromerick has displayed a knowledge and enthusiasm that is essential for a complete and timely safety review.

SNUPPS will continue to work with the NRC to meet the challenges ahead. If there are any additional measures we can take in this regard, please let us know.

Very truly yours,


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