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LS05-81-06-020

Mr. R. Dietch, Vice President
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Dear Mr. Dietch:

SUBJECT: IE BULLETIN 79-06C, ITEM 1, AUTOMATIC TRIP OF
REACTOR COOLANT PUMPS

We have reviewed your letters dated August 29, September 26, 1979, and April 17, 1981, concerning tripping all operating reactor coolant pumps (RCPs) upon reactor trip and initiation of HPI caused by low reactor coolant system pressure. As stated in NUREG-0737, item II.K.3.5, the staff is continuing to study the need for automatic pump trip following a postulated small leak. This needs to be quantified in order to determine if sufficient time exists to allow manual pump trip or if automatic pump trip is necessary. In the interim we have determined that the automatic pump trip proposed by you is consistent with the requirements of IEB 79-06C and therefore your request to make the final electrical connection and thus be relieved of the requirement of the extra operator in the control room for this function is approved.

Although we find your proposed automatic trip acceptable in satisfying the requirements of IEB 79-06C, ultimate resolution of II.K.3.5 may result in some changes in the staff position on how to handle this issue. We will advise you of our final requirements when item II.K.3.5 is resolved.

Sincerely,

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