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Dr. Harold R. Denton, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Dr. Denton:

Establishment of the BWR/6  
Licensing Review Group

On June 17, 1981 representatives from Illinois Power Company (Clinton Station), Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (Perry Station), Gulf States Utilities (River Bend Station), and General Electric Company (GESSAR) met with you and committed to explore the organization of a Licensing Review Group (LRG) for the BWR/6 product line. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that on July 10, 1981, the above utilities met and formally agreed to establish such a group (and to designate it "LRG-II"). The organization and function of LRG-II will be similar to the original LRG for BWR/4 & 5's in that each member will provide a representative for an executive committee and for a working group. Illinois Power has assumed certain coordinating responsibilities for the group since its Clinton Power Station project is the lead OL unit among the group members. The LRG-II has engaged KMC as a consultant to assist the group.

Participation by other domestic BWR/6 projects in LRG-II is uncertain. Mississippi Power & Light Company will not be a formal participant because they believe that the licensing process for the Grand Gulf Station has proceeded beyond the point where the activities of the LRG-II could be of direct benefit. However, MP&L will receive copies of correspondence generated by the group and will be kept advised of the activities of the group, including the schedule of meetings which will permit them to have an observer in attendance. TVA also will not be a formal participant in the group because their BWR/6 units (Hartsville and Phipps Bend) are GE STRIDE units which incorporate GESSAR which is represented in the LRG-II by General Electric. Similar arrangements will be made to keep them advised of LRG-II activities.

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The LRG-II members would like to meet with you and your staff in mid-August. The purpose of this meeting would be to establish a more definitive basis for proceeding and to develop an agreed upon list of issues for the BWR/6. We suggest that our meeting take place in two parts. The first part would be a management meeting to establish and/or affirm agreements on such matters as issue position, submittal, review, resolution and application to each docket. The second part would be a working meeting where both your staff and LRG-II representatives would identify and discuss potential issues.

I will be contacting your office in the near future to propose a date for our meeting.

Sincerely,



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