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October 18, 1982

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director

Dear Mr. Denton:

SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station

Units 1 and 2

Docket Nos. 50-416 and 50-417

License No. NPF-13 File 0260/L-814.2

Purge Valve Operability - SSER 2, Section 22.2

(II.E.4.2) AECM-82/488

In order to address the purge valve operability concerns in SSER 2, Section 22.2 (II.E.4.2), Mississippi Power & Light Company (MP&L) submitted a valve operability analysis in AECM-82/442. Subsequent to the submittal MP&L was advised that an NRC review of the operability analysis indicated that the disc pins in the Grand Gulf 20" purge valves were overstressed.

To respond to this additional concern, MP&L evaluated certifed material test reports for disc pins of the same material used at Grand Gulf and at other plants. The MP&L evaluation concluded that overstressing would not occur. This information was relayed to the NRC during an October 8, 1982, meeting in Bethesda, Maryland. As requested during the meeting, MP&L is providing a summary of the evaluation as Attachment 1.

MP&L feels that AECM-82/442, supplemented by Attachment 1 to this letter, closes the purge valve operability issue in SSER 2, Section 22.2 (II.E.4.2). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

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Manager of Nuclear Services

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Attachment: Evaluation of Valve Disc Pin Overstressing

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Evaluation of Valve Disc Pin Overstressing

The disc pins in the Grand Gulf 20" purge valves are 0.750" diameter SA-320 B8M material. A certified material test report (CMTR) for the Grand Gulf pins is provided as Exhibit 1. Additional CMTRs for other disc pin applications of the SA-320 B8M material are also provided as Exhibits 2, 3, and 4. Pertinent information from the CMTRs is tabulated below:

Disc Pin Diameter	Yield Strength (0.2% Offset)
0.687"	48.5 ksi
0.750" (Grand Gulf)	54.5 ksi
0.750"	64.5 ksi
0.8125"	78.0 ksi

If the AISC Code method of calculating allowable shear stress is used, the above values of yield strength must be multiplied by 0.4. The resulting allowable shear stresses thus obtained would envelop the operational shear stress of 12.9 ksi which the Grand Gulf disc pins would experience during combined seismic and LOCA conditions.

In order to have an allowable shear stress value of 12.9 ksi, the actual yield strength would need to be as low as 32.2 ksi, which is a reduction of over 33% from the minimum value tabulated above. Such a reduction is not considered possible with the material in question for the following reasons:

- Mechanical properties are dependent on chemical content which is normally consistent throughout a heat.
- o The actual mechanical properties obtained are such that small or minor variations in the properties would have negligible effect in the overall strength of the material.
- Austenitic stainless steels are consistent in mechanical properties throughout a single heat. Mechanical properties are far less dependent on grain size than they are with carbon and low-alloy steels, and variations in grain size have but a minor effect on mechanical properties.

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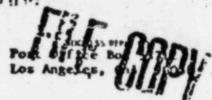
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