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Docket No. 52-002

Mr. Dennis Crutchfield Associate Director for Advanced Reactors U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Crutchfield:

On September 28, 1992 the NRC issued NUREG-1462, the draft Safety Evaluation Report (DSER) for System 80+TM. According to SECY-91-161, the next scheduled issuance from the staff is the final Safety Evaluation Report (FSER) to be forwarded to the Commission on July 28, 1993.

Subsequent to issuance of the draft Safety Evaluation Report, both NRC staff and ABB-CE have interacted through submittals and meetings to close out the open items which were delineated in the report. We are now halfway through the interim period between DSER and scheduled issuance of the FSER. ABB-CE believes it would be helpful and appropriate, and hereby requests, that the NRC staff provide a brief assessment of the present System 80+ review status.

In particular, ABB-CE requests that the NRC staff address:

- its general assessment of the design review with respect to whether there exist any significant safety issues or design questions;
- b) an assessment of the remaining DSER open items; and
- c) whether the NRC staff currently intends to issue a draft final Safety Evaluation Report (DFSER) for System 80+ as was done for the ABWR.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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