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



SUBJECT: Arkansas Nuclear One - Units 1 and 2
 Docket Nos. 50-313 and 50-368
 License Nos. DPR-51 and NPF-6
 Environmental Qualification of
 Safety-Related Electrical Equipment
 (File: 1510.6, 2-1510.6)

Gentlemen:

By letter dated May 22, 1981, and June 22, 1981, the NRC forwarded Safety Evaluation Reports (SERs) on environmental qualification of safety-related electrical equipment for ANO-2 and ANO-1, respectively. One of the many items of information requested by the SERs was justification for interim operation pending final resolution of qualification deficiencies. In the absence of any guidance as to the desired content or format, AP&L submitted what was believed to be adequate responses by letters dated September 14, 1981, and October 2, 1981, for ANO-2 and ANO-1, respectively.

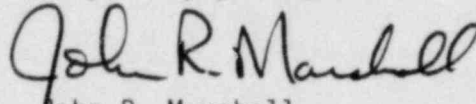
Subsequently, via several telephone conversations during the week of February 1, 1982, AP&L was informed, by Messrs. Martin and Vissing of your staff, that the justification for interim operation provided by AP&L had been judged inadequate by an NRC contractor. As a result of these phone calls, AP&L began an evaluation of the scope of work required to provide a more detailed submittal. This matter was again discussed in a conference call on February 9, 1982, between Messrs. Clark, Stolz, Martin and Vissing, of your staff, and Messrs. Griffin, Rueter, Young, Howard and me of AP&L. During this call your staff expressed a strong desire to have the requested work completed by February 28, 1982.

On February 10, 1982, Messrs. Rueter, Howard and I met with Messrs. Clark, Martin, and Vissing at the NRC offices in Bethesda. At this meeting the scope of the requested work was discussed as well as possible schedules. At the conclusion of this meeting AP&L committed to attempt to complete the requested work by February 28, 1982. However, due to the short time and the magnitude of the work, we could not make a firm commitment to meet the target date.

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Work was begun on this task immediately after the meeting in Bethesda. Since that date, AP&L has engaged a force of ten, full-time engineers on a seven-day a week basis in an effort to meet the requested deadline. We now expect to complete the first draft of justifications for each of the over two hundred and fifty components involved by Monday, February 22, 1982. Review, resolution of comments and final typing are scheduled for the week of February 22, 1982, and barring unexpected difficulties, we expect to transmit the completed submittal by Monday, March 1, 1982. We will inform you of any changes in this schedule.

Very truly yours,



John R. Marshall
Manager, Licensing

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