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Mr. W. C. Seidle, Chief
Reactor Projects Branch 2
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000
Arlington, Texas 76011



KMLNRC 82-185
Re: Docket No. STN 50-482
Subj: Potential 10CFR50.55(e) Report - Broken Springs
on Stab Connectors

Dear Mr. Seidle:

On March 4, 1982, we advised NRC Region IV that several broken springs had been found on stab connectors in ITE/Gould 480V motor control centers. The broken springs are made of bent spring wire and fit over the stab connectors to provide additional contact pressure. The primary contact pressure for the connectors is provided by another spring in the unit. There have been no problems noted with these primary contact pressure springs.

Information concerning the broken springs has been received from the vendor and is being transmitted to the Architect/Engineer for evaluation and disposition. A Startup Field Report is being used to track the suspect springs. We will report the status of the evaluation and disposition of this problem to you on or before May 7, 1982.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Yours very truly,

Glenn L Koester

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Resident NRC Inspector

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