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Ms Diane B. Dandois, Branch Chief Licensee Fee and Debt Collection Branch Division of Accounting and Finance Office of Controller U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Reference 1) NRC Invoice Number 12028, dated 8/13/90

- Letter OG-88-41, dated 11/21/88 R.A. Newton, WDG to M.W. Hodges, NRC
- 3) Letter dated December 11, 1989 from A.C. Thadani, NRC to R.A. Newton, WOG "Loss of RHRS Cooling While the RCS is Partially Filled" WCAP-11916, July 1988, and other related Westinghouse Owners Group Activities
- Subject: Westinghouse Owners Group Request for Exemption from 10CFR170

In response to an event at an operating nuclear plant where Residual Heat Removal System (RHRS) cooling was lost during the time when the Reactor Coolant System (RCS) was only partially filled, the Westinghouse Owners Group (WOG) recognizing the potential safety significance of the degraded plant condition undertook a program to study the potential consequences of the loss of RHRS cooling during the partially filled RCS operating mode. The NRC issued Generic Letter 87-12 to address this issue and the subject WOG study would aide the member utilities in better understanding the issues raised.

Recognizing the importance of this event and the need to provide each utility operating staff with an understanding of the potential consequences and guidance regarding appropriate actions to be taken to negate any undesirable consequences, the WOG held a workshop to share the results of the WOG study with

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The WOG was surprised when a NRC invoice, reference 1, was recently received for fees covering the review of the WOG report which had only been sent to the NRC for information. The incurrence of review fees for information reports could discourage the WOG from providing information copies to the staff in the future. The sharing of this report with the NRC staff was thought to be both beneficial to the NRC staff and the industry.

Thus the WOG respectfully requests that the WOG be exempted from the review fee assessment of 10CFR170.12(f), for the NRC staff initial review of the WOG report, WCAP-11916 "Loss of RHRS Cooling While RCS is Partially Filled".

In addition, in the future, prior to the WOG providing copies of WOG reports to the NRC staff, the assessment fees or agreement of no assessment fees will need to be specifically established.

Very truly yours,

Gerard Goering, Chairman Westinghouse Owners Group

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attachments

cc: T. Murley, NRC R.C. Jones, Jr., NRC W. Lyon, NRC Westinghouse Owners Group Primary Representatives Steering Committee J.B. George, TU Electric C.K. McCoy, Georgia Power K.J. Voytell

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