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Dr. Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Phillips Building
7920 Norfolk Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

Dear Dr. Denton:

NUREG-0737 Item II.D.1
Pressurizer Safety Valve Operability

In response to the requirements of NUREG-0737, Item II.D.1, the PWR industry undertook a series of operability tests of pressurizer power-operated relief and safety valves. These tests, recently completed, were conducted under the direction of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).

Within the framework of the EPRI program, numerous valve, fluid conditions, and test data reports were prepared and transmitted by EPRI to the Commission. While extensive, these reports did not completely define particular valve operability. It was in this context that the Westinghouse Owners Group instituted a program to review the EPRI test data and to report on the acceptability of safety valve performance as observed in the tests. The results of this study are discussed in a report entitled "Review of Pressurizer Safety Valve Performance as Observed in the EPRI Safety and Relief Valve Test Program", WCAP-10105.

The Westinghouse Owners Group is submitting this report to the Commission to provide closure of the pressurizer safety valve operability issue.

Your review and comments on this report in conjunction with the review given the EPRI program reports would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

O. D. Kingsley, Jr., Chairman
Westinghouse Owners Group

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