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Secretary of the Commission
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555
Attn: Docketing and Service Branch

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Gentlemen:

**COMMENTS ON NUCLEAR MANAGEMENT AND
RESOURCES COUNCIL PETITION FOR RULEMAKING
COMMERCIAL GRADE ITEMS**

Virginia Power has reviewed the Nuclear Management and Resources Council's (NUMARC's) petition for rulemaking published in the Federal Register dated October 14, 1993. The petition requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) amend the definition of and dedication process for commercial grade items for use in safety-related applications.

We are in favor of this petition for rulemaking and request that the NRC act expeditiously in this rulemaking process. We believe that this proposed change will enhance safe plant operation by allowing utilities to quickly procure quality commercial grade parts while still ensuring their appropriate performance in the intended safety application.

Very truly yours,

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