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Attention: Daniel G. McDonald, Senior Project Manager
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Subject: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
ON GE RT_{NDT} ESTIMATION METHOD BASIS REPORT

Reference: Caine, TA, "Basis for GE RT_{NDT} Estimation Method," GE Report
GE-NE-523-109-0893, September 1993.

After reviewing the referenced report, the NRC forwarded a request for additional information (RAI), consisting of three requests. By this letter, the BWR Owners' Group is responding to the RAI.

1. The referenced report did not mention electroslag welds, because the estimation method is not applicable to electroslag welds.
- 2,3. Responding to these requests will require a substantial effort by GE. The BWR Owners' Group will vote at its next meeting, in January, on authorizing funding for the GE effort. Once that vote is taken, the BWR Owners' Group will notify the NRC of its plans to respond to items 2 and 3.

Note that, based on discussion with Keith Wichman, the GE method will be compared with the ASME NB-2330 approach, but not with the NRC's estimating method in MTEB BTP 5-2.

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If there are any questions regarding this response, please contact the undersigned, or Robin Dyle, the BWR Owners' Group Materials Issues Coordination Committee Chairman, at (205) 877-7121.

Very truly yours,

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