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Docket No. 50-309

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Dear Mr. Garrity:

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SUBJECT: NUREG-0737 ITEM II.K.3.3-REPORTING RELIEF VALVE AND SAFETY VALVE

FAILURES AND CHALLENGES.

In response to this item you reported that on December 7, 1980, during a high pressure transient caused by the closing of the mains turbine governor while at power, PORVs opened and shut as expected. There were no other challenges and no failures of relief or safety valves during the period April 1 to December 31, 1980.

In addition, by letter dated March 11, 1981, you committed to report any challenges of the safety or relief valves.at Maine Yankee on an annual basis.

Maine Yankee is already required to promptly report (within 24 hours) failures or malfunctions of pressurizer and steam generator relief and safety valves in accordance with Technical Specification 5.9.1.6.e.

Based on the above we find your response to Item II.K.3.3 acceptable.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Kenneth L. Heitner, Project Manager Operating Reactors Branch #3 Division of Licensing

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