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Westinghouse Electric Corporation ATTN: Mr. E. P. Rahe, Manager Muclear Safety Department

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Dear Mr. Rahe:

Subject: Preliminary Assessment Concern on WCAP-9863(P)

We are currently reviewing Westinghouse Electric Corporation licensing topical report WCAP-9863(P) entitled "Rod Bank Worth Measurements Utilizing Bank Exchange" dated May 1982.

The preliminary assessment has led to a fundamental concern on the comparison of predictions to measurements. This concern is expressed in the enclosure.

Resolution of the concern is needed for our review to proceed. The enclosure presents a preliminary viewpoint, along with the notation used by the staff in the hope that ft provides an introduction for further discussions. Please advise us when you will be ready for such discussions.

Sincerely,

Cecil O. Thomas, Acting Chief Standardization & Special Projects Branch Division of Licensing

Enclosure: As Stated

cc: Mr. Bruce Lorenz

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