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Arkansas Power and Light Company
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Gentlemen:

Your letter dated October 17, 1978, provided your reasons for concluding that a Class II amendment fee is appropriate for your September 18, 1978 application for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit No. 2 rather than the Class III fee requested in our letter dated September 29, 1978. Based on our reconsideration of your September 18 application and related documents, and our review of the data presented in your letter dated October 17, we consider the Class III fee to be fair and equitable because the review did involve a single safety issue with no significant hazards consideration.

It is our understanding that the valve repairs involved a no-flow condition for 96 hours with partial draining of the reactor coolant system. The review staff agrees that there was no concern over heat removal since the reactor has not yet been made critical. However, they were concerned about operations and procedures to preclude changes in reactivity during the repair period. The review staff approved your request of September 18 as Amendment No. 2 to NPF-6 on September 22, following a few discussions with your staff, based on the increased surveillance specified in the amendment regarding boron and control element assembly monitoring to maintain an acceptable level of safety. Thus the evaluation of your request required consideration by the review staff beyond the pro forma or administrative nature of matters associated with a Class II type of action.

Sincerely,

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