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Virginia Electric and Power Company ATTN: Mr. W. L. Stewart, Vice President Nuclear Operations P. O. Box 26666 Richmond, VA 23261

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: REPORT NOS. 50-338/82-37 AND 50-339/82-37

Your letter of November 24, 1932, in response to the subject reports and the Notice of Violation accompanying them, requested reduction in the levels of reverity of the two violations cited. Our review has been completed and is summarized below.

For Item A in the Notice of Violation you indicated that the errors were of minor significance. Your procedures placed no limits on the permissible variation in reactor coolant systems (RCS) average temperature during the measurement. The example presented in our report showed that, for a relatively small change in RCS average temperature of 0.6°F over a one hour period of measurement, a leak rate well in excess of the allowable 1.0 gpm could be masked by that change. For this reason, the violation will stand at Level IV. During a future inspection, we will review the corrective steps you have presented in the enclosure to your response letter.

Our letter of Item B concerning for 1 cladding defects revealed that a small pin hole is not considered abnormal degradation. Therefore, this item will be deleted as a violation. Our records will be adjusted accordingly.

We appreciate your cooperation with us.

Sincerely,

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