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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Attention Mr. G.W. Knighton, Chief Licensing Branch No. 3 Division of Licensing U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

SUBJECT: Revised Technical Specifications

6.5.2 and 6.2.3

Dear Mr. Knighton:

Attached is the revised text for the W3SES Technical Specifications, Section 6.5.2 - Safety Review Committee (SRC) and Section 6.2.3 Onsite Safety Review Subgroup (OSRS).

SRC CONCEPT

- a. The SRC is a committee of Senior Management and Technical Personnel whose purpose is to detect and propose action to reduce significant risks.
- b. The Waterford 3 Safety Review Program is designed to supply data and technical resources to the SRC as necessary for the committee to assure that the risk control program at W3 is adequate and for it to recommend actions designed to reduce potential risks to an acceptable level. The Safety Review Program is also designed to unburden the SRC from a large magnitude of paperwork so as to allow it to focus attention on its basic objective.
- c. As an integral part of the Safety Review Program, elements of W3 organization are provided with the technical resources required to perform, or have performed, detailed reviews and evaluations, consistent with the safety review program objectives. The primary organizational elements for this purpose are the Plant Operations Review Committee, Onsite Safety Review Subgroup (including Independent Safety Engineering (ISEG) and Operational Assessment (OAS) functions) and the Quality Assurance organization.

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The attachment requires that minutes of the SRC meetings be approved within a six week period following the meeting. Our experience to date indicates that this six week period is sometimes necessary and is sufficient.

We believe that the attachment represents an improved approach to the function of such a senior advisory committee as the SRC, whose main purpose is to prevent or mitigate accidents.

Your expeditious concurrence with this approach, consistent with the schedule for finalizing W3 Technical Specifications, is requested.

Yours very truly,

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Attachments

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