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Mr. Marvin M. Mendonca Senior Project Manager Non-Power Reactor, Decommissioning and Environmental Project Directorate Division of Reactor Projects - III, IV, V and Special Projects Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Mendonca:

We are in receipt of your letter dated November 15, 1990 and the enclosed list of questions pursuant to the conversion of the UVAR to low-enriched uranium fuel. Respectfully, I must ask for an extension of the 60-days response period allotted (with a January 15, 1991 due date) in view of: 1] the 11 day delay in receiving the questionnaire (Thanksgiving mail slowdown), 2] the Christmas season upon us, and 3) the requirement of a meeting of our Reactor Safety Committee to approve NRC mandated safety limits based on process variables. A month's extension should enable us to complete this phase of the conversion process, and would be in keeping with the conversion schedule which foresees UVAR fuel exchange occurring at the end of 1991.

Sincerely

Robert U. Mulder, Director

U. Va. Reactor Facility

Subject: Request for time extension for completion of NRC's HEU-LEU Conversion Questionnaire [Facility License R-66, Docket 50-62]

City/County of Albemarle Commonwealth of Virginia

I hereby certify that the attached document is a true and*

exact copy of a __letter presented before.

by Robert Mulder

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My commission expires 2/28 10 94

cc: Regional Administrator, U.S.N.R.C., Region II

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