Docket No. 52-002

Mr. Robert E. Newman, President Nuclear Systems ABB-Combustion Engineering, Inc. 1000 Prospect Will Road Windsor, Connecticut 06095-0500

Dear Mr. Newman:

SUBJECT: ADVANCE COPY OF FINAL SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT (FSER) FOR THE ABB-COMBUSTION ENGINEERING (ABB-CE) SYSTEM 80+ DESIGN

As of this date, I have approved an advance copy of the FSER on the ABB-CE System 80+ derign and forwarded it to the Executive Director for Operations (EDO), United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). A copy of this document will be sent to the Commission by the EDO and, after three days, sent to you and the public document room.

This document represents a major effort by your organization and the NRC staff on a standardized plant design. Your organization has continuously shown constructive interaction with the NRC staff to resolve problems in an expeditious manner. We recognize that ABB-CE has expended a significant effort over the past four years to reach this culmination of an FSER on the System 80+ design. You should be proud that this document has been completed and there are no open items identified in the document.

Congratulations on achieving this major milestone in the approval process of a standardized light-water-reactor design.

Thomas E. Murley, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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