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Dear Mr. Rahe:

Subject: Acceptance for Referencing of Licensing Topical Report
WCAP 10216(P) - (NS-EPR-2649)

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its review of the two enclosures, Part A and Part B, submitted by Westinghouse Electric Corporation (W) letter Number NS-EPR-2649, dated August 31, 1982. Part A, entitled "Relaxation of Constant Axial Offset Control," proposes a revised method for power distribution control in Westinghouse designed pressurized water reactors. Part B, entitled "The F_0 Surveillance Technical Specification," describes an alternative to the present technique for performing surveillance on the value of the total power peaking factor (F_0) in the core. It is understood that the accepted versions of these submittals will be consolidated in a single report under the report identification symbols WCAP-10216(P), proprietary version, and WCAP-10217(NP), nonproprietary version. Our separate evaluations of Parts A and B are enclosed.

Based on our review, we conclude that the Axial Offset Control procedure described in Part A is an acceptable method for power distribution control in Westinghouse designed pressurized water reactors and the proposed power peaking factor (F_0) surveillance technical specification described in Part B is an acceptable means of meeting the requirements for surveillance of this parameter.

As a result of our review, we find the enclosures to Westinghouse's letter NS-EPR-2649 Part A "Relaxation of the Constant Axial Offset Control" dated August 1982, and Part B, "The F_0 Surveillance Technical Specification," dated September 1982, are acceptable for referencing in license applications for Westinghouse designed pressurized water reactors to the extent specified and under the limitations delineated in the reports and their associated evaluations enclosed.

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We do not intend to repeat the review of the safety features described in the reports and found acceptable when they appear as references in a license application except to assure that the material presented is applicable to the specific plant involved. Our acceptance applies only to the features described in the reports.

In accordance with established procedures (NUREG-0390), it is requested that Westinghouse publish accepted versions of these reports, proprietary and nonproprietary, within three months of receipt of this letter. The revisions are to incorporate this letter and the enclosed evaluations following title page, and thus just in front of the abstract. It is understood that the accepted versions are to have a report identification symbol (RI SYM) WCAP-10216(P) and WCAP-10217(NP). The RI SYM must include a -A suffix.

Should Nuclear Regulatory Commission criteria or regulations change such that our conclusions as to the acceptability of the report are invalidated, Westinghouse Electric Corporation and/or the applicants referencing the topical report will be expected to revise and resubmit their respective documentation or submit justification for the continued effective applicability of the topical report without revision of their respective documentation.

Sincerely,

Cecil O. Thomas, Chief
Standardization & Special
Projects Branch
Division of Licensing

Enclosures:

As stated

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