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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3
Requested Withdrawal of Proposed Revision to
Technical Specifications - Reactor Coolant System Flow Rate

By letter dated November 24, 1993,(1) Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) submitted a proposed license amendment request to the NRC which would decrease the acceptance criterion for measured reactor coolant system (RCS) flow rate with four loop operating at Millstone Unit No. 3.

The purpose of this letter is to request the withdrawal of the proposed license amendment transmitted via the November 24, 1993, letter and clarified via the January 10, 1994,(2) letter. Recent departure from nucleate boiling (DNB) testing of Vantage 5-H fuel with rotated intermediate flow mixing grids indicate sufficient generic DNB margin with the existing Millstone Unit No. 3 plant configuration. However, based on these new results, additional analyses would be required to be performed to substantiate the proposed reduction in RCS flow rate. Should NNECO wish to pursue this proposed license amendment request further, it will be provided to the NRC Staff via future correspondence.

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(1) J. F. Opeka letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Proposed Revision to Technical Specifications, Reactor Coolant System Flow Rate," dated November 24, 1993.

(2) J. F. Opeka letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Proposed Revision to Technical Specifications, Reactor Coolant System Flow Rate - Additional Information," dated January 10, 1994.

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