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Gentlemen:

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
Docket No. 50-219
Facility Operating License No. DPR-16
Response to Verbal Commitment Request

Reference: GPU Nuclear letter C321-91-1148 from J. J. Barton
to the U.S. NRC dated October 9, 1991, "Technical
Specification Change Request No. 191"

On November 17, 1994, a telephone conference was conducted between members of my staff and the NRC staff. At that conference the NRC staff requested GPU Nuclear (GPUN) to commit to a restriction regarding the inherent stability of fuel assemblies used in the Oyster Creek reactor. We have assessed the impact of this restriction and concluded it does not alter GPUN's proposed solution to the stability issue contained in the above reference. Therefore, reload fuel assemblies, including lead use assemblies, will be used in the Oyster Creek reactor only if analysis, by approved methodology, demonstrates that limiting channel stability decay ratios are equal to or better than for fuel designs, other than lead test assemblies, in industry service at this time.

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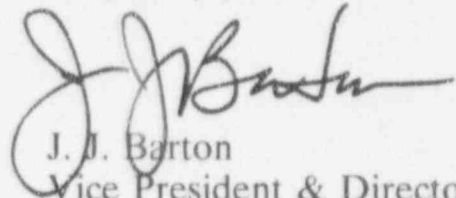
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Attached to this letter are Technical Specification and bases pages containing the changes proposed for Section 3.1 in the referenced letter. They are being re-submitted for pagination purposes and to reflect changes incorporated by License Amendment No. 171.

Very truly yours,



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Vice President & Director
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