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SUBJECT: XN-NF-524(A), "Exxon Nuclear Critical Power Methodology for Boiling Water Reactors," Revision 1, November 1983

Ref.: (1) Letter, C.O. Thomas (NRC) to J. C. Chandler (ENC), dated October 31, 1983

(2) Letter, G. F. Owsley (ENC) to J. R. Miller (NRC), dated May 30, 1980 (GFO:096:80)

Dear Dr. Thomas:

As requested in the Reference (1) letter, enclosed for your use are twenty-two (22) copies of the subject accepted topical report. This report describes the methodology used by Exxon Nuclear in evaluating the critical power ratio for boiling water reactor applications.

Exxon Nuclear considers material contained in the subject report to be proprietary. In accordance with the Commission's Regulation 10 CFR 2.790(b), the Affidavit enclosed with the Reference (2) letter covering the initial issue of XN-NF-524(P) provides the necessary information to support the withholding of the subject document from public disclosure. Fifteen (15) copies of the non-proprietary version of XN-NF-524(A) are enclosed for your use.

Exxon Nuclear is grateful for the Staff's review of the subject topical report. If you have any questions regarding this submission, please feel free to contact me, telephone (509) 375-8639.

Sincerely,

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