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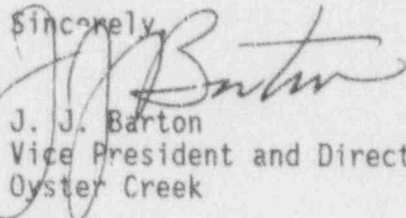
Gentlemen:

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
 Docket No. 50-219
 Technical Specification Change Request No. 183

GPU Nuclear submitted the subject Technical Specification Change Request (TSCR) on February 15, 1990. The TSCR proposed to revise operability requirements for safety valve position indicators. At the time, 16 safety valves were installed. Subsequently, on March 6, 1991, the NRC staff approved a change in the number of safety valves from 16 to 9 when License Amendment No. 150 was issued.

During the recent Cycle 13R refueling outage, seven safety valves were removed. The acoustic monitor position indicators associated with these seven safety valves were relocated to seven of the nine remaining safety valves and are intended for use as installed spares. This should improve the availability of the safety valve acoustic monitor position indicators.

As a result of the change in number of safety valves, we have evaluated TSCR 183 and have determined that the technical basis for the proposed change is unaffected. We conclude that the basis remains valid regardless of the number of safety valves installed. In addition, the current specifications and associated bases for safety valve position indicators contained in the Technical Specifications, Sections 3.13 and 4.13, as well as the proposed revised pages do not refer to a specific number of safety valves. We encourage the staff to proceed with their review with the understanding that any reference to a specific number of safety valves is irrelevant as regards the basis for the proposed change.

Sincerely,

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