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Docket No. 50-605

Mr. Patrick W. Marriott, Manager
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Dear Mr. Marriott:

SUBJECT: ADVANCED BOILING WATER REACTOR (ABWR) TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (TS)

In a meeting with John Chambers on November 8, 1991, the staff requested that General Electric (GE) provide the proposed ABWR TS in the form of a computerized mark-up of NUREG-1434. As the staff explained in the meeting, this request would serve two purposes. First, it would focus our review on the acceptability of the differences in the ABWR design over the BWR/6 design and second, it would minimize the NRC's word processing burden in the production of the ABWR TS.

Regarding the first purpose, the Standard Technical Specifications (STS) for the BWR/6 are in the process of being revised as part of the Technical Specification Improvement Program. NUREG-1434 is the most recent complete draft version of the STS for the BWR/6 in the revision process. A mark-up of NUREG-1434 would allow the staff to quickly identify the ABWR changes which required technical review. The staff and GE would not attempt to make any other changes to the NUREG as part of the ABWR review. The rest of the NUREG would be developed in the revision of the new BWR/6 STS by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Boiling Water Reactors Owners Group (BWROG).

Regarding the second purpose, NUREG-1434 is already on the computer, and the computerized mark-up by GE would alleviate the need for NRC to retype GE's proposed ABWR TS. Later, as the new STS reviews are completed, the BWR/6 TS agreed to by NRC and the BWROG could easily be merged with the ABWR computerized mark-up by NRC word processors. The NRC's word processing burden in the production of a set of TS is significant, and this process was intended to reduce the word processing burden for both the NRC and GE.

On January 14, 1992, the staff conducted a conference call with Jack Fox and John Chambers from GE to reformulate a plan to reduce NRC's word processing burden and maintain the enclosed review schedule for the ABWR TS. GE agreed to provide the proposed ABWR TS which are significantly different from the

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BWR/6 TS on computer disk in the Word Perfect 5.1 format on or about January 31, 1992. GE also agreed to provide an electronic mark-up (on computer disk in the Word Perfect 5.1 format) of those parts of NUREG-1434 which require only minor revision to be tailored to the ABWR design by February 29, 1992. We have not received this submittal as of this date and request that GE provide it as soon as possible. GE's compliance with these agreements will help reduce NRC's word processing burden and allow NRC to complete the ABWR TS by October 30, 1992.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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