

NOVEMBER 9, 1995

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-348/94-28 AND 50-364/94-28

Gentlemen:

In a letter dated June 13, 1995, we acknowledged your March 3, 1995 response to four (4) information requests included in the transmittal letter for Inspection Report 50-348, 364/94-28. In the June 13 letter we commented on the information you provided for requests No. 1 through No. 3 and stated that the information for No. 4 was still under evaluation. We have completed our evaluation for No. 4. Our comments regarding the information provided for each of the requests (unchanged for No. 1 through No. 3) are as follows:

- In response to NRC Request No. 1, you stated that the specific schedule for applying the EPRI MOV Performance Prediction model to the identified MOVs would be provided to the NRC upon receipt of the EPRI methodologies and any necessary vendor information. We request that you provide the schedule by the end of 1995.
- In response to NRC Requests No. 2 and No. 3, you specified the schedules for resetting torque switches and updating MOV setpoint and design documents. We do not object to your proposed schedules. You are requested to notify us when those actions are complete.
- In NRC Request No. 4, we asked that you provide plans for establishing and maintaining margin for potential degradation in the dynamic performance of your safety-related MOVs. GL 89-10 recommended periodic verification to ensure against excessive degradation of capabilities caused by wear or aging. Your response states that you plan to establish and maintain margin based on the current confidence level achieved through conservative setup practices and that, in the long term, you plan to pursue an industry-wide resolution to this issue. During Inspection 50-348, 364/94-28, the NRC noted that your periodic verification plans relied on static diagnostic tests of the GL 89-10 MOVs performed approximately every five years. No dynamic diagnostic tests were specifically planned. Because the NRC staff is preparing a generic letter on periodic verification of safety-related MOV design-basis capability that addresses periodic dynamic testing, we have not yet made a determination regarding the adequacy of your program to ensure the long-term capability of your safety-related MOVs. The staff will address periodic verification of MOV design-basis capability at Farley through your response to the upcoming generic letter.

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Based on the results of the our inspections and our review of your March 3, 1995 submittal, we are closing our review of the GL 89-10 program at Farley. The NRC concludes that you have implemented a program that ensures the current design-basis capability of the safety-related MOVs at Farley. An inspection may be conducted to verify satisfactory completion of the actions stated in your March 3, 1995 response, and to close the related inspector followup items that were identified by Inspection 50-348, 364/94-28.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Dave Verrelli of Region II at (404) 331-4178 or Terence Chan of NRR at (301) 415-1750.

Sincerely,

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