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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION INTERPRETATION

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On August 15, 1984, members of the Containment Systems Branch (CSB) and myself had a conference call with Mr. Dave Shafer and D. C. Poole of Union Electric Company (UE). The purpose of the call was to discuss a method of meeting Technical Specification 3/4.6.3 Surveillance Requirement 4.6.3.1 for the main steamline line isolation valves (MSIVs). During the call, the licensee requested a determination on whether the intact feedwater piping, steam generator and steamline piping constituted a blind flange. CSB concluded that this passive system, e.g., the steam generators and associated piping can be considered a blind flange, thus, permitting UE to meet Action Statement 3.6.3.c for the MSIVs while in Mode 4.

Closure time testing for the MSIVs must still be performed in accordance with Technical Specification 3.7.1.5. This interpretation is only applicable to the MSIVs and only when the plant is in Mode 4. The licensee intends to submit a request for a technical specification change which should alleviate the need for this interpretation in the future.

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