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Gentlemen:

This letter is being submitted to document the extension of a commitment developed in response to NRC Violation 9325-03. This issue was discussed with Mr. Ward Smith on January 5, 1996.

NRC Violation 9325-03 concerned the improper installation of temporary test equipment used during Inservice Testing (IST). To address the root cause of the issue, applicable procedures were revised to include a requirement to secure temporary test equipment to plant structures. In addition, a two phase enhancement was developed to reduce reliance on temporary test equipment. The first phase replaces existing instrumentation with instrumentation meeting ASME Section XI criteria for IST. The second phase installs instruments, acceptable for ASME Section XI IST, where none currently exist.

In response to the violation, commitments were established to implement this enhancement prior to completion of Refueling Outage 6. The first phase is expected to be completed by the end of Refueling Outage 6; however, the second phase will not be completed until the end of the year. Since the root cause of the violation has been adequately addressed by procedural controls, a delay in implementation of phase two of the enhancement will not reduce the ability to prevent recurrence of a similar event. The commitment due date has been extended to December 31, 1996.

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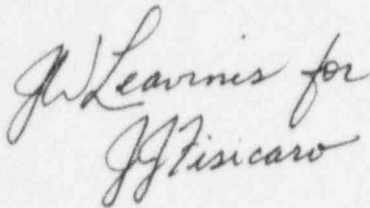
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