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February 12, 1996

Mr. Nicholas J. Liparulo  
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Dear Mr. Liparulo:

SUBJECT: REINITIATION OF REVIEW EFFORT FOR THE AP600 DESIGN CERTIFICATION REVIEW

In a February 2, 1996 letter, Westinghouse states that, now that Westinghouse's budget is in place, you want to work toward achieving the following schedular goals for the design certification review of the AP600:

- Supplement to the DSER (Codes and Testing) - April 30, 1996
- Final SER (to Commission/ACRS/Westinghouse) - December 20, 1996
- FDA - April 1997

In addition, Westinghouse also provided a schedule for submitting revisions to the SSAR, with the final revision to the standard safety analysis report (SSAR) being submitted in July 1996.

As a result of Westinghouse's November 13, 1995, letter, and discussions with your staff, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff focused its review efforts on the specific technical areas of the AP600 design requested by Westinghouse, and reduced its review efforts in other technical areas that were not referenced in the letter. In those other areas, the staff has been internally documenting the status of its safety review using the information that had already been submitted by Westinghouse. During discussions with your staff, Westinghouse was informed that the NRC review staff would be reassigned to other review tasks as the documentation effort was completed.

As a result of the February 2, 1996, letter, I have instructed my staff to review the Westinghouse submittal dates, and develop what they feel is an achievable schedule. The results of this evaluation will be used during the schedule negotiations with your staff over the next two weeks. A senior management meeting is being planned for February 23, 1996, during which I expect to discuss a mutually agreed-upon schedule (although not necessarily the one proposed by Westinghouse).

While determining how quickly we can reinitiate the AP600 review and what review schedule can realistically be met, NRC management staff is considering reviewer availability, contractor funds and availability, impact of reinitiation on other reviews, number and complexity of remaining open items, and number of intermediate milestones (submittal dates, number of expected future meetings, additional requests for information, etc.). A schedule for submitting key supporting information other than revisions to the SSAR will be

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needed formally from Westinghouse in order for the staff to properly project a review schedule. We will be discussing these matters with you over the two weeks. If you have any questions concerning this matter, you can contact Thomas Kenyon at 415-1120.

Sincerely,

original signed by:

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