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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-313/95-25: 50-368/95-25

Thank you for your letter of December 13, 1995, in response to our letter and Notice of Violation dated November 14, 1995. We have reviewed your reply and find the corrective action steps which you have committed to take responsive to the concerns raised in our Notice of Violation. We will review the implementation of your corrective actions during future inspections to determine that full compliance has been achieved and will be maintained.

Your response also included several comments regarding the violation. We have forwarded your comments to the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation for further review.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Gwynn, Director Division of Reactor Safety

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Subject:

Arkansas Nuclear One - Units 1 and 2 Docket Nos. 50-313 and 50-368 License Nos. DPR-51 and NPF-6 Response To Inspection Report 50-313/95-25; 50-368/95-25

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the provisions of 10CFR2 201, attached is the response to the notice of violation identified during the inspection activities associated with the Arkansas Nuclear One (ANO) physical protection system.

The individuals who are authorized to grant unescorted access to ANO are subject to the requirements of 10CFR73.56, Personnel Access Authorization Requirements for Nuclear Power Plants. ANO believes that the implementation of 10CFR73.56 for access authorization personnel satisfies 10CFR73.1(a)(1), Radiological Sabotage. However, we also believe that verification of access authorization data is a good practice and have enhanced the access authorization program to specifically require independent verification of access information prior to granting an individual unescorted access to ANO.

We understand the NRC's premise for discerning that a violation occurred is based on a 1981 NRC memorandum issued prior to the 1992 promulgation of the 10CFR73.56 rulemaking. This internal memorandum was limited in scope and only addressed the potential vulnerability of insider assistance in changing, adding, or deleting access authorization information. At not, the enhancement is considered to have a neutral effect on safety. ANO's previous operational and security performance suggests that current controls and observations have been successful in managing data entry processes in access authorization. In consideration of the above, it does not seem appropriate to extend the applicability of this memorandum further than the interpretation related to the specifics of this violation when due consideration

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is given to the multiple barriers in place to protect against the design basis threat of radiological sabotage.

Our complete response to the subject Notice of Violation is attached. Should you have questions or comments, please call Mr. Dwight Mims at 501-858-4601.

Very truly yours,

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Director, Nuclear Safety

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