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50-219

October 19, 1973

Mr. Donald J. Skovholt
Assistant Director for
Operating Reactors
Directorate of Licensing
Office of Regulation
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, DC 20545

Dear Mr. Skovholt:

SUBJECT: OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION
POST LOCA HYDROGEN CONTROL

Our letter dated October 2, 1973, indicated that we planned to submit our plans and schedules for the design and engineering of a Post LOCA Hydrogen Control System during the week of October 15, 1973.

This is to inform you that we are still evaluating various alternative systems for combustible gas control at this time. Our studies in this regard indicate that we can submit responses to the system oriented information requested in your July 3, 1973 letter and reaffirmed in your August 31, 1973 letter by June 1, 1974.

With regard to the non-system oriented requests in your July 3, 1973 letter, we will be forwarding our responses on October 26, 1973 as part of our continuing effort to respond to all the concerns generated in your July 3 and August 7, 1973 letters regarding the Full Term Operating License for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station.

Very truly yours,

Donald A. Ross
Manager
Nuclear Generating Stations



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GE to Pay \$5 Million In Settling General Public Utilities Suit

By a WALL STREET JOURNAL Staff Reporter

NEW YORK — General Public Utilities Corp. settled a \$22.5 million suit against General Electric Co. out of court for \$5 million.

The utility-holding company filed the suit July 22, 1971, seeking to recover damages resulting from a 2½-year delay in getting a \$100-million nuclear unit into service. GE had filed a counter-suit seeking \$12.7 million in damages for services it said it performed over the contract price. The plant, on Oyster Creek in New Jersey, ended up costing \$22.5 million.

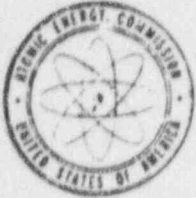
William G. Kuhn, General Public Utilities president, said the \$5-million figure was equitable "in light of the facts developed" from depositions, documents and interrogatories filed in the case. A spokesman said the utility-holding concern found its case wasn't as strong as originally thought.

About a third of the \$22.5 million in damages was intended to cover the higher cost of power that had to be purchased from other utilities because the nuclear unit was delayed, the spokesman said.

General Electric declined to comment on the settlement. The payment is to be made in a few weeks, the General Public Utilities spokesman said.

The Oyster Creek plant has been troublesome for the holding concern's Jersey Central Power & Light Co. subsidiary. It has caused massive fish kills and, due to a foul-up by maintenance personnel, thousands of gallons of a corrosive liquid flowed into emergency holding tanks earlier this year. The liquid has stayed in the tanks because a suitable disposal method isn't available.

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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

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Gentlemen:

The Regulatory staff has had the subject of anticipated transients without scram (ATWS) in water-cooled reactor power plants under study for some time.

The staff has completed its review of ATWS and has concluded that measures should be taken to improve nuclear plant designs in this regard. Details of the staff review and conclusions and of the steps that should be taken to deal with ATWS are given in the staff document "Technical Report on Anticipated Transients Without Scram for Water-Cooled Power Reactors," September 1973, a copy of which is enclosed for your information.

Acceptable measures that should be taken for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station are either those in Section II-A or II-C of the staff position, Appendix A of the enclosed report. In Section 5.2 of Amendment 68, Application for a Full-Term License, you presented the results of your analysis of ATWS incorporating recirculation pump trip and the use of the standby liquid control system. However, no commitment was made in regard to implementation of a plant modification to make these analyses applicable to Oyster Creek.

Please review the ATWS analyses that you have submitted for consistency with the staff position as stated in the enclosed report and inform us by January 1, 1974, of the approach you intend to take. Your response should be submitted as one original and thirty-nine additional copies.

The staff is prepared to discuss this matter with you at a mutually agreeable time.

Sincerely,

A. Giambusso, Deputy Director
for Reactor Projects
Directorate of Licensing

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Enclosure:
Technical Report on Anticipated Transients
Without Scram for Water-Cooled Power Reactors

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