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ATTN: Mr. J. E. Booker

Dear Mr. Cahill:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - PRELIMINARY STAFF REVIEW OF GENERIC LETTER 83-28 RESPONSES, RIVER BEND STATION

The staff has completed a preliminary review to assess the completeness and adequacy of applicant/licensee responses to Generic Letter 83-28 Items 2.1, 2.2, 3.1.3, 3.2.3, 4.4 and 4.5. For River Bend, your responses were found to be incomplete for Items 2.1, 2.2.1, 2.2.2 and 4.5.3. Brief descriptions of the deficiencies are provided as guidelines for corrective action in the enclosed request for additional information. Efforts by Owners Groups, INPO and NSSS vendors have been or are being made to produce generic responses that may be useful in meeting the requirements of Generic Letter 83-28 Items 2.1, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, and 4.5.3. You may wish to contact these organizations regarding the applicability of such generic responses to your facility.

In order to preserve our present review schedule, the staff requests that you submit for review the supplementary information identified for Items 2.1, 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 within 60 days and for Item 4.5.3 within 90 days. If you intend to formally endorse the BWR Owners Group response to Item 4.5.3 (NEDC-30844), please advise us within 60 days. Your plant specific response to Item 4.5.3 should then be provided within 90 days after the NRC completes its review and issues its evaluation of NEDC-30844. We request your cooperation in meeting this schedule.

This request for additional information was approved by the Office of Management and Budget under clearance number 3150-0011 which expires April

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Item 2.1 (part 1) - Incomplete

Applicant needs to provide a statement confirming that he has reviewed the components needed to perform reactor trip and verified that they are designated as safety-related and identified as such on all documents and in information handling systems.

Item 2.2.1 - Incomplete

Applicant needs to provide response to sub-item 6 of this item.

Item 2.2.2 - Incomplete

Applicant may need to supplement his response because the staff found the NUTAC report fails to address the concern about establishing and maintaining an interface between all vendors of safety-related equipment and the utility. The additional information should describe how current procedures will be modified and new ones initiated to meet the elements of this concern.

Item 4.5.3 - Incomplete

Applicant needs to present the results of a review of existing or the proposed BWROG intervals for on-line testing considering the concerns of sub-items 4.5.3.1 to 4.5.3.5 of the generic letter. The response shall show how these intervals result in high RTS availability and should present proposed Technical Specification changes for staff review.

The staff finds that modifications are not required to permit on-line testing of the backup scram valves. However, the staff concludes that testing of the backup scram valves (including initiating circuitry) at a refueling outage frequency, in lieu of on-line testing, is appropriate and should be included in the technical specification surveillance requirements. The licensee needs to address this conclusion.

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