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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REFERENCING OF TOPICAL REPORT CENPD-288-P,
"ABB SEISMIC/LOCA EVALUATION METHODOLOGY FOR BOILING WATER FUEL,"
(TAC NO. M89663)

Dear Mr. Ebeling-Koning:

We have reviewed the subject topical report of May 1994, and your response of
July 17, 1995, to our requests for additional information. On the basis of
our review, we conclude that CENPD-288-P provides an acceptable basis for BWR
fuel assembly dynamic responses to external loading conditions for licensing
applications. Enclosed is our safety evaluation report (SER), which details
the basis for and limitations of our approval.

The staff will not repeat its review of the matters described in the report
and found acceptable when the report appears as a reference in license
applications, except to assure that the material presented applies to the
specific plant involved. NRC acceptance applies only to the matters described
in the report. In accordance with procedures established in NUREG-0390,
ABB/CE should publish accepted versions of this topical report, proprietary
and non-proprietary, within 3 months of receipt of this letter. The accepted
versions shall include an "-A" (designated accepted) after the report
identification symbol.

Should our acceptance criteria or regulations change, so that our conclusions
as to the acceptability of the report are no longer valid, applicants
referencing this topical report will be expected to revise and resubmit their
respective documentation, or submit justification for the continued
applicability of the topical report without revision of their respective
documentation.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Jones, Chief
Reactor Systems Branch
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure:
CENPD-288-P Evaluation