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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director Office of Inspection & Enforcement U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region II 101 Marietta Street, Suite 3100 Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Serial No. 570 PSE&C/MGD:bep/mc

Docket Nos. 50-404 A

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

In accordance with 10CFR50.55(e), the NRC, Region II, was notified on September 15, 1978 that the present recirculation spray system does not provide the flow, as required in the Babcock and Wilcox system description, for the low pressure core injection mode of operation.

The low pressure core injection requirements and the recirculation spray/core injection system capabilities are under study by Stone and Webster and Babcock and Wilcox. This study has not been completed, therefore, you should consider this an interim report. A final report will be forthcoming subsequent to the completion of the study.

If you require any further information at this time, please contact us.

Very truly yours, Original Signed BX. C. BROWN, JR.

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cc: Mr. John G. Davis, Acting Director Office of Inspection & Enforcement

Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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