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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000
Arlington, TX 76011

ATTN: Mr. Robert D. Martin, Administrator

SUBJECT: Arkansas Nuclear One - Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-313 and 368
License Nos. DPR-51 and NPF-6
Extension for Response to Bulletin 87-02

Dear Mr. Martin:

AP&L received I&E Compliance Bulletin 87-02, "Fastener Testing to Determine Conformance with Applicable Material Specifications", in our offices on November 13, 1987. The subject Bulletin requested a response to you within 60 days from receipt. After evaluation of the manpower and testing expertise requirements was completed in early December, AP&L elected to contract Babcock & Wilcox to assist in performance of the fastener sample selection and testing as part of a group effort with other Utilities. Closing of the B&W offices the last two weeks of December for the Holidays has resulted in a delay of this effort. ANO site work is now scheduled to begin the 11th of January. Materials testing and report generation is estimated to require about 30 days; therefore, AP&L requests an extension of approximately 30 days to respond. We presently anticipate our submittal to be prepared by February 12, 1988.

It should be noted that AP&L has had an active independent testing program for randomly selected warehouse stock for several years. The implementation of this program was described in our letter to Mr. Richard C. DeYoung dated August 24, 1984 (ØCANØ88415). In fact, four of the required materials listed in the subject Bulletin have been tested previously under our program and found acceptable for their respective applications.

Very truly yours,

J. Ted Enos, Manager
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