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Notification of Change of Commitment
from LER 86-25

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Gentlemen:

This letter documents the changing of a previously docketed commitment transmitted to the NRC in Licensee Event Report 86-025 on April 25, 1986.

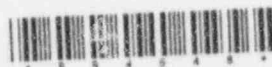
LER 86-025 was written to document a Division I Residual Heat Removal (RHR) system isolation caused when a bypass jumper was inadvertently shorted to an adjacent test lead during the performance of a Surveillance Test Procedure (STP).

In order to prevent recurrence, RBS committed to the following:

Based on the timing action of timers E31-R617E and E31-R617F being set at zero (0) time delay, Modification Request 86-0539 was initiated to eliminate the timers from the logic. Implementation of the modification will prevent recurrence of this condition by eliminating the need for STP-207-4209 and similar Surveillance Test Procedure STP-207-4210.

The timer provides a time delay for the Reactor Core Isolation Cooling (RCIC) main steam tunnel high temperature isolation. At the time of the LER, it was concluded that the timer was not necessary, and therefore could be removed from the circuitry. Contrary to this conclusion, the timers do have a potential application that could improve system availability by delaying a RCIC isolation in the case of minor leaks in the steam tunnel. Consequently, the prior RBS commitment to remove these timers from the circuitry logic is not desirable.

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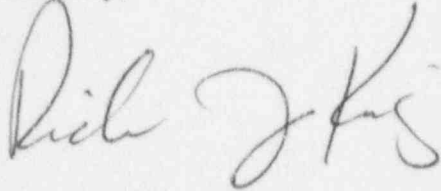
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Instead, RBS has installed banana jack plugs at the terminal so that inadvertent shorting will be prevented during performance of the STP. This will provide a level of safety commensurate with the original commitment, since the original intent was to preclude inadvertent shorting of circuitry logic because of the inaccessibility of the required testing points. This corrective action has already been completed.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Bob Daley at (504) 381-3771.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rick J. King".

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