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Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3
Comments on the Proposed Supplement to NRC Bulletin 96-01
(Control Rod Insertion Problems)

This letter forwards Northeast Utilities' comments and concerns regarding the proposed Supplement to Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Bulletin 96-01.

Northeast Utilities is the licensee for the Millstone Point Unit 3 plant which is a four loop Pressurized Water Reactor designed by Westinghouse. As such, Northeast Utilities endorses the concerns and positions presented on this topic by Westinghouse and the Westinghouse Owners Group (WOG). Specifically, discussion is provided in Attachment 1 regarding certain items contained in the WOG letter as they relate to Millstone Unit 3. With regard to the proposed Supplement, we request that consideration or clarification in the areas noted in Attachment 2 be provided by the Staff within the Supplement of NRC Bulletin 96-01 at its issuance.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. David A. Smith at (860) 437-5840.

Very truly yours,
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