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Dear Mr. Schnell:

SUBJECT: CYCLE 4 RELOAD

On April 7, 1988, the NRC staff met with Union Electric Company (UE) and Westinghouse regarding the reload for Cycle 4. At the meeting, the staff offered to provide feedback regarding the reviews of various Westinghouse topical reports (WCAP's) that UE would like to reference in the reload application (scheduled for November 1, 1988).

WCAP-10851, regarding a revised fuel rod design methodology, is currently under NRC review. Although the staff expects its review to be complete in time for your Cycle 4 reload, that expectation cannot be guaranteed. However, the staff will not be able to complete its review of the projected WCAP to address a revised Vantage-5 DNB transition core penalty, currently scheduled for submittal in May 1988, in time for your Cycle 4 reload. Additionally, the staff will probably not be able to complete its review of WCAP-11394, regarding the elimination of the negative flux rate trip function, in time for your Cycle 4 reload.

The staff trusts that you will find this information useful when planning your Cycle 4 reload application.

Sincerely,

/s/

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