October 1, 1998

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SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF LICENSING ACTIVITY FOR GENERIC LETTER 95-07, "PRESSURE LOCKING AND THERMAL BINDING OF SAFETY-RELATED POWER-OPERATED GATE VALVES," VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION (TAC NO. M93533)

Dear Mr. Maret:

On August 17, 1995, the NRC issued Generic Letter (GL) 95-07, "Pressure Locking and Thermal Binding of Safety-Related Power-Operated Gate Valves," requesting actions to ensure that safety-related power-operated gate valves that are susceptible to pressure locking or thermal binding are capable of performing their safety functions.

By letter dated February 8, 1996, you submitted the 180-day response to GL 95-07 for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station. We reviewed your submittal and requested additional information by letters dated May 23, 1996, and November 24, 1997. You provided the additional information by letters of June 21, and 26, 1996, and January 23, and August 4, 1998.

We have reviewed your submittals and found that you have adequately addressed the actions requested in GL 95-07, as discussed in the attached safety evaluation. This completes our efforts on this issue and TAC No. M93533 is closed.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Richard P. Croteau, Project Manager Project Directorate I-3 Division of Reactor Projects - I/II Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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