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Mr. Marvin W. Hodges, Reactor Systems Branch Chief

Division of Engineering & System Technology

SUBJECT: Review of Topical WCAP-11837, "Extension of Methodology for

Calculating Transition Core DNBR Penalties", May, 1988

(Proprietary)

REFERENCES:

1) WCAP-9500-A, "Reference Core Report 17x17 Optimized

Fuel Assembly", May, 1982.

2) WCAP-10444-P-A, "VANTAGE 5 Fuel Assembly Reference

Core Report", September 1985.

Dear Mr. Hodges:

Enclosed are:

Twenty-five (25) copies of the Westinghouse Topical Report, "Revised Methodology for Calculating Transition Core Penalties, "WCAP-11837" (Proprietary).

The enclosed Topical is being submitted to extend the existing methodology contained in References 1 and 2 for applying DNBR penalties to transition cores (e.g., Standard to OFA, Standard to VANTAGE 5, OFA to VANTAGE 5, etc.). Although Union Electric Company will elect to submit under their docket a request for approval to use the enclosed new methodology for application to the Callaway Cycle 4 reload design (Cycle 4 projected criticality in May-June, 1989), it is requested that a timely review be performed to permit generic approval for Westinghouse application in the near future.

This submittal contains Westinghouse proprietary information of trade secrets, commercial, or financial information which we consider privileged or confidential pursuan: co 10CFR9.5 (4). Therefore, it is requested that the Westinghouse proprietary information attached hereto be handled on a confider: .. basis and be withheld from public disclosure.

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*Pursuant to the requirements of 10CFR170.12(c) we have enclosed an application fee of \$150.00.

Very truly yours,

W. Johnson, Manager Nuclear Safety Department

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*Please note that \$150.00 application fee was sent under separate cover, to the Division of Accounting and Finance, Westinghouse Electric Corporation check number 879232 dated April 29, 1988.