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Mr. John A. Zwolinski, Director BWR Project Directorate #1 Division of BWR Licensing United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Zwolinski:

SUBJECT: OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION
Docket No. 50-219
POTENTIAL 10 CFR 50.48 SCHEDULAR EXEMPTIONS

I have received your letter dated March 17, 1986 on the above subject and appreciate your bringing your concern to my attention.

While I have not yet completed a review of all the activities discussed therein, I wanted to respond immediately on one aspect of the matter.

First, GPU Nuclear has a long and firm policy of keeping the NRC staff fully advised of pertinent information on our plans in a timely way. This includes advising you early in our planning of possible requests for significant NRC action. We believe that such timely advance information is helpful to the staff in its own planning. It also provides opportunity for the staff to identify any specific considerations they believe are pertinent or concerns they would want to have addressed in any subsequent submittal. We believe that such information exchange is appropriate and consistent with NRC policies and guidance which encourage open and timely communication.

Providing such information is not in our view "attempting to use the NRR staff", and I regret that you have that perception about this particular situation. I do understand that your concern relates only to the interaction on this one subject.

I have discussed this matter with my staff and emphasized to them that when we provide information on planned or potential future requests to the NRC we are not seeking and do not expect NRC action. Such action can, of course, come only on the basis of a formal submittal and response.

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We are addressing the overall situation regarding Appendix R at Oyster Creek and any formal requests we may wish to make to the staff and will be prepared to discuss them on April 22 and 23, 1986.

Finally, we agree that the NRR staff has been fully responsive to legitimate Oyster Creek needs and requests. I look forward to continuing constructive interactions between our staffs including full and timely interchange of information.

PR Clark

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