October 29, 1998

Mr. Martin L. Bowling, Jr. Recovery Officer - Technical Services Northeast Nuclear Energy Company PUBLIC c/o Ms. Patricia A. Loftus Director - Regulatory Affairs P. O. Box 128 Waterford, Connecticut 06385

SUBJECT: ANTICIPATED TRANSIENT WITHOUT SCRAM COMMITMENT TEST WITHDRAWAL - MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 2 (TAC NO. M99614)

Dear Mr. Bowling:

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The NRC staff has completed its review of NNECO's request and has determined that adequate justification has been provided to support the withdrawal of the ATWS test commitment. The staff has further determined that NNECO has provided adequate justification that the ATWS mitigating system and the reactor protection system will continue to perform their intended functions when subject to a failure of a common power supply and the bypass of Channel A high pressurizer pressure. The enclosed Safety Evaluation provides the details of the NRC staff's review.

This completes all NRC staff actions related to the referenced TAC number. If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 415-1408.

Sincerely,

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Daniel G. McDonald, Jr., Senior Project Manager Millstone Project Directorate Division of Reactor Projects - I/II Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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