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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attn: Document Control Desk  
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (TMI-1)  
Docket No. 50-289  
Operating License No. DPR-50  
Schedule for Responding to the NRC's Request for Additional Information  
(RAI) Regarding Generic Letter (GL) 97-01, "Degradation of Control Rod  
Drive Mechanism Nozzle and Other Head Penetrations"

The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) has informed GPU Nuclear of a September 29, 1998 meeting in which the Alloy 600 Issue Task Group (ITG) of the EPRI Materials Reliability Project met with the NRC staff to discuss plans for industry coordination to develop a generic response to a major portion of the NRC's RAIs regarding GL 97-01. The purpose of this letter is to confirm our understanding that the NRC has agreed to extend the plant response submittal date to January 15, 1999, if additional time is needed to incorporate the generic response into the plant specific responses. Since the TMI-1 response is currently due by November 26, 1998 and the generic responses will not be available until December 11, 1998, GPU Nuclear will need additional time to complete our response which we intend to provide no later than January 15, 1999.

Sincerely,

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cc: Administrator, NRC Region I  
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