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Reference: (a) Facility Operating License No. NPF-56, Docket No. 50-443
(b) USNRC Generic Letter 88-11 dated July 12, 1988, "NRC Position on Radiation Embrittlement of Reactor Vessel Materials and its Impact on Plant Operations"

Subject: Response to USNRC Generic Letter 88-11

Gentlemen:

New Hampshire Yankee (NHY) has reviewed Reference (b) and has determined that in order to maintain compliance with Section V of 10CFR50, Appendix G, a change to the Technical Specifications will be required prior to exceeding e. ven (11) Effective Full Power Years (EFPY) of operation. This change will affect Reactor Coolant System Technical Specification 3/4.4.9, and associated BASES discussion regarding Revision 2 to Regulatory Guide 1.99 computational methods for determining RT_{NDT} shift which is then used to develop plant heatup and cooldown curves. The current heatup and cooldown curves are based upon Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 1.99 and, as stated above, are correct until eleven EFPY.

Generic Letter 88-11 requires that any required changes to Technical Specifications be submitted for approval within two refueling outages after the effective date of Revision 2 to Regulatory Guide 1.99. New Hampshire Yankee anticipates submittal of these required changes prior to its second refueling outage.

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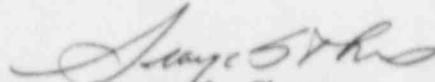
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