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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attention: Document Control Desk  
Washington, DC 20555

Gentlemen:

Subject: Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (TMI-1)  
Operating License No. DPR-50  
Docket No. 50-289  
Technical Specification Change Request No. 279 - Core Protection Safety Limit

In accordance with 10CFR50.4 (b)(1), enclosed is Technical Specification Change Request (TSCR) No. 279.

The purpose of this TSCR is to revise the TMI-1 Technical Specification Core Protection Safety Limit Figure 2.1-1 and Core Protection Safety Bases Figure 2.1-3 to reflect the decrease in reactor coolant system flow resulting from a revised analysis to allow operation of TMI-1 with 20 percent average level of steam generator tubes plugged per steam generator.

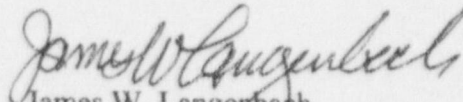
Using the standards in 10CFR 50.92, GPU Nuclear has concluded that these proposed changes do not constitute a significant hazards consideration, as described in the enclosed analysis performed in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91 (a)(1). Also enclosed is the Certificate of Service for this request certifying service to the chief executives of the township and county in which the facility is located, as well as the designated official of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bureau of Radiation Protection.

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Sincerely,

  
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Enclosures:

- (1) TMI-1 TSCR No. 279, Safety Evaluation, No Significant Hazards Consideration, Technical Specification Revised Pages
- (2) Certificate of Service for TMI-1 TSCR No. 279

cc: Administrator, Region I  
TMI Senior Resident Inspector  
TMI-1 Senior Project Manager  
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