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Mr. James E. Lyons
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Attention: Document Control Desk

Dear Mr. Lyons:

Subject: Submittal of Topical Report CEN-327 for Review

Enclosed for NRC review are 23 copies of CEN-327, "RPS/ESFAS Extended Test Interval Evaluation". The analyses presented in this document evaluate the impact of extending the Reactor Protective System (RPS) and Engineered Safety Features Actuation System (ESFAS) surveillance test intervals on both system unavailabilities and plant core melt frequency. For both the RPS and ESFAS, the net impact of extending these test intervals is demonstrated to be a slight decrease in the core melt frequency.

The Combustion Engineering Owners Group (CEOG) requests that the NRC staff review the enclosed generic topical report for future referencing by licensees owning CE Nuclear Steam Supply Systems. It is our understanding that, when the review is complete, the staff intends to prepare the actual change to the CE Standard Technical Specifications and issue a Generic Letter providing guidance for plant specific license amendments to implement the extended test interval. It should be noted that nine members of the CEOG have indicated their intentions to reference the report on their respective dockets pending issuance of the Generic Letter.

Enclosed herewith is a check for \$150 to cover the application fee. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (203) 665-3614.

Very truly yours,

R. W. Wells, Chairman
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