ABB Combustion Engineering, Inc. ATTN: Mr. Robert W. Sharkey Director, Regulatory Affairs P.O. Box 107 Hematite. MO 63047

March 11, 1999

Dear Mr. Sharkey:

The enclosed June 22, 1995, letter explained how the NRC staff planned to institute a round robin sample exchange program administered by the New Brunswick Laboratory (NBL) for verifying the quality of licensee uranium destructive measurement systems. It was anticipated that the fee recoverable activities of both NBL and NRC would be reduced leading to lower inspection costs and independent sample verification costs to the participants in the program. Because the program has in fact lowered direct inspection costs and independent sample verification costs, the NRC plans to continue the program in its present form.

We apologize for not billing in a timely manner. Enclosed is Invoice No. FL0232-99 (\$16,558) which covers costs since the inception of the program through the first quarter of FY 1999. If you have any questions, please contact Maurice Messier at 301-415-6087.

Sincerely,

Diane B. Dandois, Chief
License Fee and Accounts Receivable Branch
Division of Accounting and Finance
Office of the Chief Financial Officer

CC: W. Graves, Laboratory Manager Dr. B. Kaiser, Vice President

Enclosure: As stated

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