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Kansas State University Department of Nuclear Engineering ATTN: Dr. R. E. Faw, Director Nuclear Reactor Facility Manhattan, Kansas 66505

Gentlemen:

Subject: New Operator Licensing Section Chief

Effective October 25, 1987, Mr. John L. Pellet will assume the position and duties of Section Chief of the Operator Licensing Section in the Division of Reactor Safety replacing Mr. Ralph Cooley.

All communications and correspondence formerly sent to Mr. Cooley should now be addressed to Mr. Pellet.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By A. B. Beach

L. J. Callan, Director Division of Reactor Projects

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Kansas Radiation Control Program Director

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yee concern which originated at Watts Bar Nuclear Plant suggested that the lling practices could have damaged the cables and could result in

General Construction Specification G-38, "Installing Insulated Cables To 15,000 Volts," prescribed the materials and procedures for installing, ing, splicing, and marking field-installed cables at both Watts Bar Nuclear d Sequoyah Nuclear Plant. Subsequently, high-potential cable tests were d to assess damage associated with pull-bys, jamming, and vertical cable d by 90 degree condulets. Favorable results were obtained from the tests exception of the vertical cables supported by 90 degree condulets. On . 1987, with both units in mode 5 (cold shutdown), 3 out of 16 conductors re considered worst-case vertical drop cables failed the high-potential t was determined after laboratory testing that the cables had not failed at egree condulets that supported the vertical cable (high-stress point); it was discovered that silicone rubber cables were more susceptible to amage than expected. A 10 CFR Part 21 report was submitted on r 10, 1987, for silicone rubber insulated cables as additional failures during testing. The root cause of this nonconformance is unknown because been unable to consistently correlate the test data to the nonconformance ed. Additional testing will be performed and the results evaluated to a level of confidence in the integrity of the cable. TEZZD

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