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Mr. Thomas Murley Regional Administrator Region 1 USNRC 631 Park Avenue King of Prussia, PA 19406

Dear Mr. Murley:

This letter is a follow-up to earlier telephone conversations between Mr. Lawrence Czech. Radiological Emergency Preparedness Group (REPG), Jay Dunkleberger, Energy Office, and Mr. Richard Starostecki, and Paul Lohaus, NRC, regarding the State's interest in the Emergency Response Data System (ERDS).

New York State has received copies of correspondence from NRC to licensees on ERDS. Following a preliminary review by the State, it was determined that ERDS would provide most of the reactor systems data needed to develop appropriate offsite protective actions in the event of a reactor accident in a timely manner.

We believe that the ERDS concept is compatible with the States information needs for effective emergency response. We desire to participate in the meetings with the NRC and its licensees for a fuller understanding of each licensees' system, and to determine the appropriate method for interfacing with the licensee and NRC for this information flow.

Article 2-B of the New York State Executive Law, Section 29-c.l.(c) authorizes the State to obtain any reactor data provided by the licensee to the NRC which the Disaster Preparedness Commission (DPC) determines to be a reliable indicator of a possible radiological accident, subject to the approval of the NRC. The reactor parameters identified in the ERDS concept are compatible with parameters recommended in the DPC's "Report on Radiological Emergency Preparedness to the Governor and Legislature." These parameters would enhance the State's capability to make decisions.

During exercises the licensees provide plant parameter data as needed to the State via telefax and telephone, and at times we are experiencing similar problems as outlined by the NRC.

We request notification of meeting schedules so that we may participate. The primary contact is Mr. Jay D. Dunkleberger, State Energy Office (518-474-2190), with alternates James Baranski and Lawrence Czech, Radiological Emergency Preparedness Group (518-473-3393).

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Your continued cooperation in improving emergency response effectiveness is appreciated.

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