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Generic Letter 83-28: Section 2.2.2.
Vendor Interface

Dear Sir:

In the wake of the "Salem Event", NRC issued NUREG 1000 and Generic Letter 83-28. Among the requirements of Generic Letter 83-28 was Item 2.2.2, which instructed licensees to develop and maintain contact with vendors of safety related equipment. Such contact would entail a "feedback" system to ensure receipt of information, and an internal review system to disposition the information such that appropriate changes to practices and procedures would be made in a timely manner.

Boston Edison (BECo) believed that a generic approach by the various nuclear utilities, as suggested by the NRC in Generic Letter 83-28, would be the most effective way to address this item; therefore, BECo actively participated in the Nuclear Utility Task Action Committee (NUTAC) on Item 2.2.2, which has formulated a Vendor Equipment Technical Information Program (VETIP). BECo herein submits a description of the VETIP as Attachment A to this letter, and endorses, in conjunction with internal programs described in Attachments B and C, all but Section 3.2 as BECo's program for addressing Item 2.2.2. At this time we cannot endorse Section 3.2 because the "enhancements" talked of in this section have not been developed to a point where we can effectively assess their impact on safety or resources. Naturally, BECo will review these items as they become more defined and implement those assessed to be beneficial.

BECo endorses the VETIP because, as various alternatives were explored, it became apparent that only a centralized approach would provide an effective, workable program. Further, this program serves to enhance both the interface between utilities and the MSSS vendor, and the "as-needed" interface with other vendors.

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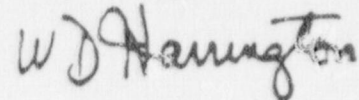
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Provided as Attachment B to this letter is Nuclear Operations Procedure (NOP) 8401, "Operating Experience Review Program", which describes an existing BECo program, developed in accordance with the requirements of NUREG 0737 and the guidance of INPO, which we believe implements the VETIP guidance and the requirement of Generic Letter 83-28 for the timely review and dispositioning of vendor information.

Provided as Attachment C is NOP 84A4, "Vendor Manual Control". This NOP establishes a system for the overall control of vendor manuals associated with the installation, operation and maintenance of Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station.

Based on our review we believe the vendor interface concerns of Generic Letter 83-28 are satisfied by the existing BECo programs and the VETIP described in the attachments to this submittal. We are prepared, of course, to change these as experience indicates ways to make them more effective. Should you desire any further information on this issue, please contact us.

Very truly yours,



- Attachments: A) Vendor Equipment Technical Information Program
B) NOP 8401: Operating Experience Review Program
C) NOP 84A4: Vendor Manual Control

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