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Mr. Samuel J. Chilk
Secretary
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Washington, DC 20555

Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Mr. Chilk:

ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
ACCEPTANCE OF PRODUCTS PURCHASED FOR USE IN
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS
SALEM AND HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATIONS
DOCKET NOS. 50-272, 50-311 AND 50-354

The comments are submitted in response to the NRC's Advanced
Notice for Proposed Rulemaking, 54FR9229, dated March 6, 1989.

The need for improving procurement practices in the nuclear
industry is recognized by PSE&G. However, we feel that present
regulations are adequate if fully implemented and therefore
further rulemaking is not needed at this time. Further, the
following industry initiatives are underway and should be
permitted to mature before deciding to proceed with new
rulemaking:

- NUMARC Nuclear Plant Equipment Procurement Working
Group formed in September 1988 to recommend changes in
procurement practices for improvement.
- EPRI/NCIG issuance of "Guideline for the Utilization of
Commercial Grade Items in Nuclear Safety Related
Applications" in June 1988.
- ASME Nuclear Quality Assurance Committee approved an
action in April 1989 to consider appropriate revisions
to ANSI Standard NQA-1 "Quality Assurance Program
Requirements for Nuclear Facilities" to include certain
aspects of the evaluation and acceptance of commercial
grade items not currently addressed.

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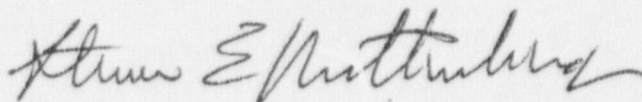
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For the detailed questions in ANPR 54FR9229, we endorse the responses provided by NUMARC in a June 27, 1989 letter to you.

Sincerely,



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