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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (TMI-1)
Operating License No. DPR-50
Docket No. 50-289
Response to Safety Evaluation – Joint Owners Group Program
on Periodic Verification of Motor-Operated Valves (MOVs)
Re: Generic Letter (GL) 96-05

- References:
1. Safety Evaluation on Joint Owners Group (JOG) Program on Periodic Verification of MOVs Described in Topical Report NEDC-32719 (Revision 2) dated 10/30/97.
 2. NRC Generic Letter (GL) 96-05, dated September 18, 1996, "Periodic Verification of Design-Basis Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves."
 3. GPU Nuclear (GPUN) Inc. Response to GL 96-05 dated March 18, 1997 (Letter No. 6710-97-2101) 180 day response.

The GPUN letter to the NRC dated March 18, 1997 (Reference 3) identified that TMI-1 is a member of the Joint Owners Group (JOG) and the BWR Owners Group. Accordingly, TMI-1 is committed to following the JOG's Periodic Verification Program for MOVs, as outlined in Topical Report NEDC-32719, the details of which were provided to the NRC on March 7, 1997.

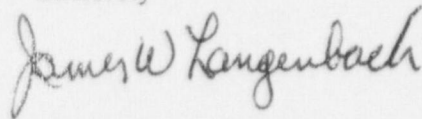
On October 30, 1997, the NRC issued a Safety Evaluation (SE) which within the conditions and limitations described in the SE (Reference 1) stated that the Staff considers the Joint Owners Group Program on MOV Periodic Verification an acceptable response to GL 96-05.

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GPUN committed to the JOG program in Reference 3, prior to the issuance of the SE. This letter documents that GPUN plans to continue participating in the JOG Program as described in Topical Report NEDC-32719, Revision 2 and in accordance with the NRC Safety Evaluation. No deviations from the JOG program have been identified.

If any additional information is needed, please contact Mr. Gregory M. Gurican, Nuclear Safety & Licensing at TMI (717) 948-8753.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. Langenbach".

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