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U.S. Nuclear Regulator Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Gentlemen:

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (OCNGS)
Docket No. 50-219
Facility Operating License No. DPR-16
Response to NRC Request for Additional Information Related to the Sale of
Part of the OCNGS Site Including a Portion of the Exclusion Area

References: (1) USNRC Letter, "Sale of Part of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating
Station Site Including a Portion of the Exclusion Area (TAC No. MA5644),"
dated 11/3/99.

Attachment I provides GPU Nuclear's response to the NRC's request for additional information
related to the sale of part of the OCNGS site including a portion of the exclusion area (Reference 1).

If you have any questions or comments on this matter, please contact Michael Laggart of my staff
at (609) 971- 4184.

Very truly yours,

Sander Levin
Site Director
GPU Nuclear, Inc.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me on this 23rd day of November 1999.

A Notary Public of NJ

cc: Administrator, Region 1
Senior Resident Inspector
Oyster Creek NRC Project Manager

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Attachment 1

NRC Question (1)

How will GPU continue to meet the requirements of 10 CFR 50.63 with the sale of the combustion turbines?

GPU Nuclear Response

GPU Nuclear will continue to use the Forked River combustion turbines as the AAC source for Oyster Creek even after the sale of the turbines to an independent operator. As such, GPU Nuclear will ensure that contractual arrangements (sales agreement) with the buyer of the Forked River combustion turbines contain provisions that the buyer meet all of the license requirements presently in place.

The sales agreement will also contain provisions that the new owner maintain the availability and reliability above that required and to initiate a restoration program if either machine falls below the limits set for the SBO System by the Maintenance Rule. GPU Nuclear will also require the same controls on modifications and major maintenance that presently exist and require all of the testing dictated by the SBO implementation document.

NRC Question (2)

How will GPU continue to control, maintain, and perform surveillance of the combustion turbines and monitor the effectiveness in accordance with the maintenance rule, 10 CFR 50.65?

GPU Nuclear Response

GPU will continue to control, maintain and perform surveillance of the combustion turbines in the future similar to the method used in the past. The sales agreement will contain provisions that the new owner allow access for GPU Nuclear personnel and will be required to maintain records regarding reliability and maintenance. These records will be required to be available to GPU Nuclear when requested. Effectiveness monitoring will be similarly maintained. The new owner will be required to maintain the combustion turbine reliability and availability at or above the limits set by the Maintenance Rule. All commitments established by the Station Blackout or Maintenance Rules will be required to be maintained by the new owner. Communications with the new owner will be maintained at the same level as at present.

NRC Question (3)

How will GPU provide for the NRC's unfettered access to inspect the combustion turbines and their supporting equipment.

GPU Nuclear Response

GPU Nuclear will ensure that easements or other contractual arrangements with the buyer of the Forked River combustion turbine contain provisions for the NRC's access to inspect the combustion turbines and their supporting equipment which are equivalent to access to equipment on the Oyster Creek site.