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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REFERENCING OF GENERIC LICENSE RENEWAL PROGRAM TOPICAL REPORT ENTITLED, "DEMONSTRATION OF THE MANAGEMENT OF AGING EFFECTS FOR THE REACTOR VESSEL INTERNALS," BAW-2248, JULY 1997

Dear Mr. Gray:

The staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), has reviewed the topical report entitled, "Demonstration of the Management of Aging Effects for the Reactor Vessel Internals," BAW-2248, which the Babcock & Wilcox Owners Group (B&WOG) submitted in July 1997 as part of the Generic License Renewal Program (GLRP). The resultant final safety evaluation report (FSER) is transmitted to you as an enclosure to this letter.

As indicated in the FSER, the staff found the topical report acceptable for GLRP member plants to reference in a license renewal application to the extent specified and under the limitations delineated in the staff FSER and the associated topical report. The limitations include committing to the accepted aging management programs defined in the topical report, and completing the action items described in Section 4.1 of the FSER. An applicant referencing the topical report and meeting these limitations will provide sufficient information for the staff to make a finding that there is reasonable assurance that the applicant will adequately manage the effects of aging so that the intended functions of the reactor vessel internals covered by the scope of the report will be maintained consistent with the current licensing basis during the period of extended operation.

The staff does not intend to repeat its review of the matters described in the report and found acceptable in the FSER when the report appears as a reference in a license renewal application, except to ensure that the material presented applies to the specified plant.

In accordance with the procedures established in NUREG-0390, "Topical Report Review Status," the staff requests that the B&WOG publish the accepted version of BAW-2248 within three months after receiving this letter. In addition, the published version will incorporate this letter and the enclosed FSER between the title page and the abstract.

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To identify the version of the published topical report that was accepted by the staff, the B&WOG shall include "-A" following the topical report number (e.g., BAW-2248-A).

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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