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Washington, DC 20555
Attn: Rules and Adjudications Staff

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PETITION RULE PRM 50-69
(65FR6044)

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**WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY LLC;
RECEIPT OF PETITION FOR RULEMAKING,
DOCKET NUMBER PRM-50-69**

Virginia Power appreciates the opportunity to comment on the petition submitted by Westinghouse. The petition requests that the NRC regulations governing pressure and temperature limits for the reactor pressure vessel be amended to eliminate requirements for the metal temperature of the closure head flange and vessel flange regions. The request for comment appeared in the Federal Register Vol. 65, No. 26, on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, pages 6044-6046.

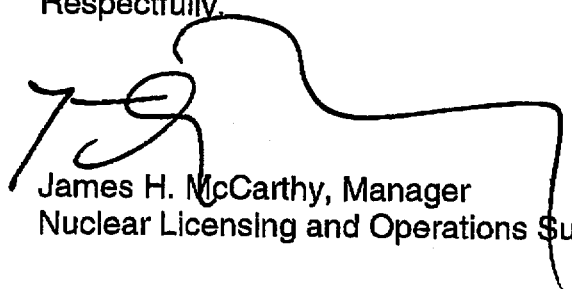
Virginia Power endorses the comments submitted by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and concurs with the technical bases and conclusions drawn in the petition. We agree with the petitioner that elimination of the flange temperature requirement will improve operational flexibility and safety while having no negative impact on flange integrity.

The following individuals are available to answer any questions or provide clarification concerning Virginia Power's comments:

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Respectfully,


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