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Sincerely,

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS 3.3.5.1, 3.3.6.1 AND 3.3.6.2

WNP-2

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1. Please identify the safety-related pumps, other than the low pressure coolant injection pumps, that are prevented from starting simultaneously by time delay relays in their start circuitry, and which provide a closing signal to pump breakers in a set sequence to prevent undesirable voltage transient on the 230 KV power source. Justify why the 230 KV power source is not declared inoperable should these timers become inoperable and why these timers are not included in the plant technical specifications.
2. It is stated in the first paragraph on page 2 of 5 of your submittal that if a loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) drywell pressure-high signal was received after the time delay relays had timed-out [due to an instrument failure] both low pressure emergency core cooling system pumps in that electrical division would start at approximately the same time as the high pressure core spray pump. Likewise, if a LOCA caused a rapid decrease in reactor vessel water level, the level-1 LOCA signal could be initiated closely following the level-2 LOCA signal causing a similar multiple pump start condition. This could result in significant voltage transient on the 230 KV offsite power transformer. Please clarify if this scenario did take place, would a qualified offsite power source be available after the transfer takes place from the startup transformer to the backup transformer.