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Subject: B&W Owners Group Program on Motor-Operated Valve (MOV)
Periodic Verification
B&WOG Project Number 693

Reference: (1) B&WOG letter OG-1774, Frank L Swanger, B&WOG to USNRC ,
"Transmittal of Program Topical Report, MPR 1807, Revision 2,
Joint BWR, Westinghouse and Combustion Engineering Owners
Group Program on Motor Operated Valve (MOV) Periodic
Verification in Response to Generic Letter 96-05", dated October 19,
1999.
(2) USNRC Safety Evaluation Report: Acceptance for Referencing of
Licensing Topical Report MPR 1807, "Joint BWR, Westinghouse and
Combustion Engineering Owners Group Program on Motor Operated
Valve (MOV) Periodic Verification" (TAC No. MA8679), dated May
15, 2000.
(3) USNRC Safety Evaluation Report : Joint Owners Group Program on
Periodic Verification of MOV's described in Topical Report NEDC-
32719 (Revision 2) dated October 30, 1997.
(4) JOG PV-NRC Meeting, April 19, 2000.

Attention: B&WOG Project Manager
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The purpose of this letter is to redefine the start date of Phase 2 of the Joint Owners Group (JOG) Periodic Verification (PV) Program. B&WOG letter dated October 19, 1999 (Reference 1) transmitted the subject Licensing Topical Report to the NRC in response to Generic Letter 96-05. The NRC then issued a favorable Safety Evaluation Report dated May 15, 2000 (Reference 2) to the B&W Owners Group.

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The JOG PV Program (Reference 1) described the duration of Phase 2 (dynamic testing) as being 5 years in duration with the period defined as March 1997 to March 2002. These dates were based on the final development date of the JOG PV Program Document and a JOG proposed 5-year phase 2 testing period. As discussed at the April 19, 2000 meeting (Reference 4), the JOG redefined the Phase 2 start date as October 1997, based on the date of issuance of the NRC SER (Reference 3) for the WOG and Combustion Engineering Submittal of the Program Document.

The B&WOG is in agreement with the other Owners Groups in the JOG-PV Program, and believes it is appropriate to redefine the starting and end dates of Phase 2 without revision to the program document based on no change to the overall proposed program. During the April 19, 2000 meeting (Reference 4), the NRC concurred and requested each participating Owners Group submit a letter identifying the redefined Phase 2 period in lieu of making a Licensing Topical Report change.

This letter redefines the starting and end dates of Phase 2 of the JOG PV program as stated above from October 1997 to October 2002, but does not alter any existing licensee JOG PV Program commitments with the NRC.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the undersigned or Mr. Chad Smith (Duke Energy Co.), Chairman of the B&WOG Core Group for MOV's at 704-382-3482.

Sincerely,



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