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Gentlemen:

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
SURRY POWER STATION UNITS 1 AND 2
NORTH ANNA POWER STATION UNITS 1 AND 2
DESIGN BASIS DOCUMENTS STATUS

In a letter (Serial No. 96-535) dated February 7, 1997, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Dominion) submitted its response to a request for information pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(f) regarding the adequacy and availability of design bases information. Later, in a letter (Serial No. 00-535) dated December 14, 2000, Dominion submitted a scope and schedule revision for the System Design Basis Documents (SDBD) and Plant Design Basis Documents (PDBD). Accordingly, the Group 2 SDBDs were issued in December 2000. In addition, Dominion issued both the Surry and North Anna PDBDs in September 2001 as identified in the December 14, 2000 letter.

The February 7, 1997 submittal included a detailed outline of the SDBD content and organization. As a result of the specificity included in the previous correspondence, this letter is provided for information to notify you of upcoming format changes in future SDBDs.

Dominion reassessed its SDBD format after reviewing industry standards and guidance documents as well as comparing it against those of several other utilities. A new SDBD format was developed in order to improve usability and incorporate electronic links to

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referenced documents. In the new format, related/overlapping chapters have been administratively combined and others eliminated resulting in a reduction of the total number of chapters without reducing the necessary design information available. This revised format will be used for newly created SDBDs and future revisions of existing SDBDs.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,



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Commitments made in this letter: None

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