

September 8, 2003

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF WCAP-15977-P, REV. 0 AND WCAP-15977-NP, REV. 0,  
"RELIABILITY ASSESSMENT OF CUTLER-HAMMER D26MR802A RELAYS  
USED AS SSPS SLAVE RELAYS" (TAC NO. MC0159)

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The NRC staff has performed an acceptance review of the TR. We have found that the material presented is complete enough to begin a review. The staff expects to issue RAIs by March 1, 2004, and complete its review by June 30, 2004, and estimates that the review will require approximately 275 staff hours.

Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. You did not request a fee waiver; therefore, staff hours will be billed accordingly. To enable us to complete this review on schedule, close and frequent communications between our technical staffs will be required.

Sincerely,

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