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Ms. Annette Vietti-Cook
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: RIN 3150-AH29, Risk-Informed Changes to Loss-of-Coolant
Accident Technical Requirements, Request for Extension of Public
Comment Period

Reference:

1. Letter, Anthony R. Pietrangelo (NEI) to Annette Vietti-Cook (NRC), "RIN 3150-AH29, Risk-Informed Changes to Loss-of-Coolant Accident Technical Requirements, Request for Extension of Public Comment Period" dated December 6, 2005.

Dear Ms. Vietti-Cook:

The purpose of this letter is to endorse NEI's request (Ref. 1) for a 30-day extension on the comment period for the subject proposed rule.

The Westinghouse Owners Group (WOG) has expended substantial effort in support of this rule change and this proposed rule is of great importance to the WOG. The WOG is actively assembling comments from its membership. The occurrence of two major holidays during the comment period limits the time available to devote to the proposed rule. The extension would provide the WOG with the time necessary to assimilate the comments from its membership with regard to the potential safety and operational benefits associated with the proposed rule, to assemble a set of recommendations regarding new requirements in the rule, and coordinate the WOG comments with other industry comments and recommendations. We believe the requested extension is needed to ensure that the comments submitted by the WOG and industry are of high quality and value to the NRC staff.

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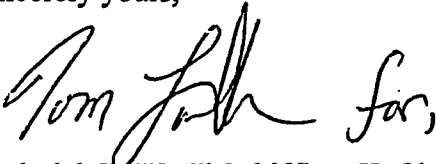
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We appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Wayne Harrison at (361) 972-7998 or me at (630) 657-3897.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Sch", followed by a comma.

Frederick P. "Ted" Schiffley, II, Chairman
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