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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director  
U. S. Regulatory Commission  
Region II  
101 Marietta Street, Suite 3100  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2  
DOCKET NO. 50-261  
LICENSE NO. DPR-23  
RESPONSE TO I. E. BULLETIN 78-12B

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Bulletin 78-12B, March 19, 1979, and its predecessors requested data on Atypical Weld Material in Reactor Pressure Vessel Welds. This letter provides references for this material which is already in your possession.

At our request, Westinghouse, the NSSS vendor, performed a technical evaluation of the information contained in the generic report compiled by Combustion Engineering, Inc., to satisfy the requirements presented in the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission I. E. Bulletins #78-12, #78-12A, and #78-12B. It has been concluded that the weld material data and other required information pertinent to the H. B. Robinson Unit 2 reactor vessel are included in Combustion Engineering, Inc.'s, report. This report has previously been submitted to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission by Combustion Engineering, Inc.'s, transmittal letter of June 8, 1979, LD-79-036, from A. E. Scherer to Mr. Harold D. Thornberg.

The contents of the subject report have been audited against the ASME Code and Westinghouse E-Spec. requirements for the H. B. Robinson Unit 2 reactor vessel built by Combustion Engineering, Inc. The report contains data pertaining to the H. B. Robinson Unit 2 reactor vessel and is in compliance with the U. S. NRC Bulletins and Westinghouse requirements. However, some apparent errors were noted in the report. These discrepancies were brought to the attention of Combustion Engineering, Inc., and Combustion Engineering, Inc., is currently evaluating them. They have agreed to resolve the comments to Westinghouse satisfaction and will submit revised pages for the report directly to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission at a later date.

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In addition to the data in the Combustion Engineering, Inc., report, surveillance weldment data is contained in WCAP-7373, January, 1970, H. B. Robinson Unit 2 Reactor Vessel Radiation Surveillance Program. This report was submitted to the NRC staff by CP&L on December 20, 1973, by letter NG-73-590, from Mr. E. E. Utley to Mr. Donald J. Skovholt.

Neither Combustion Engineering, Inc., nor Westinghouse has any archive surveillance weldment material for the Robinson reactor vessel.

I trust that this information is suitable for your use. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call my staff.

Yours very truly,



B. J. Furr  
Manager  
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cc: Division of Reactor Construction Inspector