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The NRC has considered the petition and the arguments raised therein. For the reasons stated in the enclosed *Federal Register* notice, your petition for rulemaking is denied.

The NRC has determined that no significant new information or arguments have been presented as part of this petition that would support the requested changes, nor has it been demonstrated that a need exists for a new provision requiring the petitioner’s new-design programmable logic computers.

This petition is considered closed. Any questions you may have regarding this matter should be directed to Natreon Jordan by calling 301-415-7410 or by e-mail to [Natreon.Jordan@nrc.gov](mailto:Natreon.Jordan@nrc.gov).

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