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 procuring wide range neutron monitoring sys. Continuous
 monitoring & qualification assistance should ensure Gamma
 Metrics diligently pursues qualification of equipment.

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Gentlemen:

Subject: NUCLEAR PLANT NO. 2
REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO LICENSE CONDITION
2.C.(16) ATTACHMENT 2, ITEM 3(b), CLARIFICATION

Reference: Letter, G02-87-293, GC Sorensen (SS) to NRC,
same subject, dated December 23, 1987

As related in a phone conversation January 13, 1988, between Mr. J.O. Bradfute of your staff and Mr. P.L. Powell of the Supply System, information with regard to the contract procuring the Wide Range Neutron Monitoring System (WRNMS) is necessary to support the Staff's understanding of the referenced request. Accordingly the following information is provided. The contract for the WRNMS is a fixed price contract with Gamma Metrics to deliver a qualified instrument meeting Regulatory Guide 1.97 revision 2 requirements. Some progress payments have been made and no more are anticipated until qualification is achieved. As noted in the attachment to the reference letter, significant efforts have been expended to overcome several unanticipated problems encountered in the qualification effort. Gamma Metrics, in order to fulfill the contract, is responsible for resolving the problems and qualifying the equipment. Supply System personnel have been present at each test start and have witnessed all tests in an overview capacity to assure performance in accordance with test plan and procedures. Through this process the Supply System maintained on-going communication with Gamma Metrics. Although not directly involved in the qualification efforts the Supply System continues to assist and provide recommendations wherever possible.

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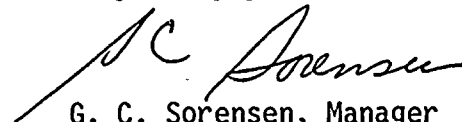
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In summary, continuous performance monitoring and qualification assistance by the Supply System plus the withholding of payment are the methods being utilized by the Supply System to ensure Gamma Metrics diligently pursues successful qualification of their equipment.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. P. L. Powell, Manager, WNP-2 Licensing.

Very truly yours,



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