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Gentlemen:

Subject: NUCLEAR PLANT NO. 2
OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21
LICENSE CONDITION 2.C.(16), ATTACHMENT 2,
ITEM 3(b) - WIDE RANGE NEUTRON MONITOR

Reference: Letter, Robert B. Samworth (NRC) to G. C. Sorensen (SS),
Issuance of Amendment No. 60 to Facility Operating License
No. NPF-21 - WPPSS Nuclear Project No. 2 (TAC No. 66889)

Amendment No. 60 to the WNP-2 operating license revised the subject license condition to extend to the fourth refueling outage the deadline for implementing the requirements of Regulatory Guide 1.97, Revision 2, for Flux Monitoring. In the reference letter, the Supply System was required to report to the NRC on July 29, 1988 of actions the Supply System has taken between November 1987 and June 30, 1988 to ensure that the installation of a qualified monitor be completed at the earliest possible date. The purpose of this letter is to provide such a report.

Toward that end, the Supply has taken the following major steps:

- 1) Key Supply System Engineering/Technical personnel have made a number of trips to GM's and/or their subcontractor's facilities to witness the actual qualification testing.
- 2) Expert Supply System resources have visited their facilities to assist in root cause evaluation of test failures and to provide suggested changes to correct the problem.
- 3) Numerous telephone conversations have been held.

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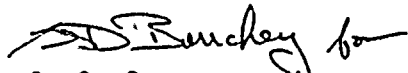
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- 4) Exercised the contractual remedy of withholding a significant sum of money until the testing is complete and accepted by the Supply System.
- 5) Arranged a meeting at the Supply System facilities between members of upper management of both organizations to discuss at the appropriate levels of management the importance of this qualification effort and communicate concerns voiced by NRC.
- 6) Reviewed, provided comments, and approved for use all necessary GM procedures.

As a result of the above actions, GM has recently provided a Qualification Testing schedule for the performance of the LOCA test. This test is presently scheduled to commence in mid-August, subject to successful completion of the proof testing of the test fixture. The Supply System will witness the proof testing and initiation of the LOCA test. The next required quarterly report shall be submitted by October 7, 1988.

Very truly yours,


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