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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Gentlemen:

Subject: **WNP-2, OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-21
60-DAY REQUIRED RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 96-05,
"PERIODIC VERIFICATION OF DESIGN-BASIS CAPABILITY OF
SAFETY-RELATED MOTOR-OPERATED VALVES"**

- References:
1. NRC Generic Letter 96-05 (GI2-96-231), dated September 18, 1996, "Periodic Verification of Design-Basis Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves"
 2. Letter GI2-96-119, dated May 2, 1996, TP Gwynn (NRC) to PR Bemis (SS) "NRC Inspection Report 50-397/96-04"

The Supply System hereby provides the required 60-day response to Generic Letter 96-05, including the requested information regarding implementation action(s) and completion schedule.

In the generic letter, the NRC staff requested that each addressee establish a program, or to ensure the effectiveness of the current program, to verify on a periodic basis that safety-related motor-operated valves (MOVs) continue to be capable of performing their safety functions within the current licensing bases of the facility. The generic letter stated that the program should ensure that changes in required performance resulting from degradation (such as those caused by age) can be properly identified and accounted for. It was also stated that addressees that have developed periodic verification programs in response to Generic Letter 89-10, "Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valve Testing and Surveillance," should review those programs to determine whether any changes are appropriate in light of the information in this generic letter.

The Supply System currently has a periodic verification program that was developed in response to Generic Letter 89-10. Therefore, consistent with the provisions of Generic Letter 96-05,

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the Supply System will implement the requested actions that are applicable to plants with a current periodic verification program. These actions are intended to update and enhance the existing program and ensure its effectiveness. The implementation schedule and additional background discussion are provided below.

Schedule

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| Present to 03-15-97 | Participate in the Boiling Water Reactor Owner's Group (BWROG) MOV Periodic Verification Program.
(See discussion below) |
| 03-15-97 | Submit the 180-day response describing the updated and enhanced WNP-2 MOV Periodic Verification Program. |
| 09-18-97 | Issue a revision to the WNP-2 MOV Periodic Verification Program consistent with the 180-day response and implement the revised program requirements. |

Discussion

The Supply System will continue to perform periodic functional and operability assessments of safety-related MOVs in accordance with the current WNP-2 MOV Periodic Verification Program until the revised program is implemented on September 18, 1997. The Supply System is also participating in a BWROG sponsored program to develop an MOV Periodic Verification Program. As part of the data gathering effort in support of the BWROG program, participating utilities will be required to perform static and dynamic differential pressure testing of MOVs on a shared basis. If this program develops as expected, the MOVs scheduled for differential pressure testing during the Spring 1997 (R-12) maintenance and refueling outage, in accordance with the current WNP-2 MOV Periodic Verification Program, may be deferred or cancelled in lieu of the MOVs assigned to the Supply System for differential pressure testing in cooperation with the BWROG.

The September 18, 1997 date for implementation of the revised WNP-2 MOV Periodic Verification Program was selected to allow for adequate outage planning, recognizing that BWROG program input will be necessary to set the outage scope for MOV differential pressure testing. This date will ensure implementation of the updated and enhanced WNP-2 Periodic Verification Program requirements during the Spring 1998 (R-13) maintenance and refueling outage.

With this submittal and the implementation and completion schedule commitments herein, the Supply System considers the 60-day response requirement of Generic Letter 96-05 to be complete.

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Should you have any questions or desire additional information regarding this matter, please call me or Ms. L. C. Fernandez at (509) 377-4147.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. V. Parrish".

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STATE OF WASHINGTON)
COUNTY OF BENTON)

Subject: 60-Day Required Response to
Generic Letter 96-05

I, R. L. WEBRING, being duly sworn, subscribe to and say that I am the Vice President, Operations Support/PIO for the WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM, the applicant herein; that I have the full authority to execute this oath; that I have reviewed the foregoing; and that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief the statements made in it are true.


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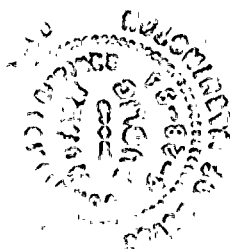
R. L. Webring, Vice President
Operations Support/PIO

On this date personally appeared before me R. L. WEBRING, to me known to be the individual who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he signed the same as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes herein mentioned.

GIVEN under my hand and seal this 7 day of November, 1996.



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