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Gentlemen:

Subject: **WNP-2, OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21
REQUEST FOR CLOSURE OF POST-TMI COMMITMENT FOR WNP-2
TO REPORT BWR SAFETY RELIEF VALVE IN-SERVICE
PERFORMANCE DATA TO GE NUCLEAR ENERGY**

- References:
- 1) Letter, dated June 25, 1996, NRC to K.P. Donovan, "Staff Review of BWR Owners' Group Safety Relief Valve In-Service Surveillance Program Results"
 - 2) Letter, BWROG-95100, dated November 29, 1995, BWROG to NRC, "Submittal of BWROG Safety Relief Valve In-Service Surveillance Program Evaluation Results"
 - 3) GE SRV In-Service Surveillance Program Evaluation, GE-NE-126-E012-0294, DRF B21-00466

The purpose of this letter is to request closure for WNP-2 from the Post Three Mile Island commitment to submit quarterly Safety Relief Valve (SRV) in-service performance reports to General Electric Nuclear Energy. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has required that each Licensee request closure for this commitment individually (Reference 1).

The evaluation conducted by GE Nuclear Energy for the BWROG (Reference 3) concluded the quarterly reporting practice developed in 1981 has since provided sufficient information to identify operational characteristics of the monitored SRV designs. The evaluation also recommended that each utility involved continue to maintain its' own records of in-service SRV performance. The Supply System will continue to monitor SRV performance internally.

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The BWORG submittal proposed that BWR plant licensees be permitted to discontinue reporting the SRV in-service performance data to GE as required by the post TMI commitment (Reference 2). The NRC staff found this proposal to be acceptable (Reference 1).

Based on the evaluations conclusions and the NRC staff's acceptance, the Supply System hereby requests closure of the post TMI commitment for Near Term Operating License (NTOL) plants to report SRV performance.

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

Respectfully,



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