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Gentlemen:

Subject: **WNP-2, OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21,
RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-397/97-13,
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

References: 1) Letter GO2-98-051, dated March 10, 1998, PR Bemis (SS) to NRC,
"Response to Apparent Violations, NRC Inspection Report 50-397/97-13"

2) Letter GO2-98-057, dated March 19, 1998, PR Bemis (SS) to NRC,
"Response to NRC Inspection Report 50-397/96-22, Supplemental
Information"

In Reference 1) the Supply System informed the NRC that the following corrective actions will be taken to avoid further violations:

- 1) A thorough review of other safety evaluations and associated changes to the facility since initial startup is nearly complete. This review is being performed to determine if the inappropriate use of generic guidance may have occurred, thereby resulting in the need for a license amendment.
- 2) Plant procedure PPM 1.3.43, Licensing Basis Impact Determinations, will be revised to clarify guidance for use and interpretation of generic documents applicable to WNP-2.
- 3) Lessons learned from this apparent violation will be provided as feedback training to 10 CFR 50.59 safety evaluation preparers and reviewers, as well as the Plant Operations Committee and the Corporate Nuclear Safety Review Board.

As noted in Reference 2, the first corrective action was completed on March 16, 1998. The second and third corrective actions noted above are expected to be completed by April 30, 1998.

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In addition, the Supply System informed the NRC in Reference 1) that:

"All pertinent RCIC components have been upgraded as necessary, with the exception of two rupture disks..."

The pertinent Reactor Core Isolation Cooling (RCIC) components referenced above were upgraded by January 8, 1998.

Should you have any questions or desire additional information regarding this matter, please call me or Mr. PJ Inserra at (509) 377-4147.

Respectfully,



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