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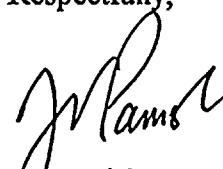
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Reference: NRC Generic Letter 98-01, Supplement 1, dated January 14, 1999, "Year 2000 Readiness of Computer Systems at Nuclear Power Plants"

The purpose of this letter is to respond to Generic Letter (GL) 98-01, Supplement 1, regarding Year 2000 (Y2K) readiness at nuclear power plants. We are providing information on the state of Y2K readiness of WNP-2, including those systems necessary for continued plant operation which are not covered by the terms and conditions of the license and NRC regulations. The attachment contains our voluntary alternate response as requested in the reference.

Should you have any questions or require additional information pertaining to this report, please contact PJ Inserra at (509) 377-4147.

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Year 2000 Readiness Disclosure

This Year 2000 readiness disclosure is made for WNP-2 under the, "Year 2000 Information and Readiness Disclosure Act," (Public Law 105-271).

On January 14, 1999, the staff issued Supplement 1 to Generic Letter (GL) 98-01 offering an alternative method for responding to GL 98-01. The supplement stated, "In responding to this supplement to GL 98-01, the addressee should confirm Y2K readiness of the facility with regard to those systems within the scope of the license and NRC regulations, and those systems required for continued operation of the facility after January 1, 2000. For those systems which are not Y2K ready as of July 1, 1999, the addressee should provide a status and completion schedule for achieving readiness by the year 2000."

Concerns have been raised due to increased public awareness and government attention to Y2K issues. These concerns pertain to public health, safety of nuclear power plants, and the ability of those plants to continue to provide electricity to the national electric power grid during the times when Y2K computer problems are expected to be manifest. This response addresses these concerns as they pertain to WNP-2 by providing Y2K readiness information. This information pertains to those systems necessary to protect public health, ensure safe operation of the plant, and systems required for continued generation of electricity through the Y2K rollover and leap year periods.

In order to ensure continued reliable operation of its electrical grid system, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has completed a Y2K readiness program using the guidance of NEI/NUSMG 97-07, "Nuclear Utility Year 2000 Readiness." The results of this program indicate that WNP-2 can expect continued supply of offsite power from BPA as described in the WNP-2 FSAR throughout the Y2K rollover and leap year periods. Additionally, BPA has instituted appropriate contingency measures to restore offsite power sources in the event of an interruption of service.

In our 90-day response to Generic Letter 98-01, we stated that we were pursuing a Y2K readiness program similar to that outlined in the NEI/NUSMG 97-07 document. The purpose of our Y2K program has been to plan and implement the steps necessary to ensure continued safe electrical power generation at WNP-2 during the Year 2000 sensitive time periods. Implicit in this purpose is ensuring all safety and regulatory requirements continue to be met. All equipment within the scope of GL 98-01, Supplement 1, has been evaluated in accordance with the WNP-2 Y2K project plan and procedures. This evaluation has determined that, with one exception, all of the equipment is Y2K ready. The exception is a liquid scintillation counter used to measure tritium levels in plant effluents as required by the WNP-2 Offsite Dose Calculation Manual. This equipment requires software replacement in order to be qualified as Y2K ready. The software will be replaced by August 13, 1999.

Upon completion of the software replacement, all equipment within the GL 98-01, Supplement 1, reporting scope will be Y2K ready. Additionally, WNP-2 has developed contingency plans to mitigate the effects of Y2K-induced events at the key rollover dates.

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