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**DOMINION ENERGY NUCLEAR CONNECTICUT, INC.**  
**MILLSTONE POWER STATION UNITS 2 AND 3**  
**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ALTERNATIVE**  
**REQUESTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IN-SERVICE TESTING PROGRAM FOR**  
**PUMPS, VALVES, AND SNUBBERS FIFTH AND FOURTH 10-YEAR INTERVAL**  
**UPDATES FOR UNITS 2 AND 3**

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If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Michael Whitlock at (804) 273-3123.

Sincerely,

  
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Response to Request for Additional Information for Alternative Requests Associated with the In-service Testing Program for Pumps, Valves, and Snubbers, Fifth and Fourth 10-Year Interval Updates for MPS2 and MPS3 - RAI 3P-05-1

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Commitments made in this letter: None

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### **RAI – 3P-05-1**

*Background: In Unit 3 alternative request P-05, the licensee requested an alternative to the requirements in ASME OM Code ISTB, Mandatory Appendix V, "Pump Periodic Verification Test Program," which require pumps to be tested at their design basis accident flow rates credited in the Owner's safety analysis to determine whether the pumps can meet the required pressure at these flow rates. The licensee indicated that system resistance during non-design basis loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) conditions precludes testing the charging pumps at the design basis LOCA flow rate of 519.5 gallons per minute (gpm). The licensee indicated that it can test the charging pumps at 505 gpm (the comprehensive pump test flow rate) and that engineering calculation shows that the design basis LOCA flow rate of 519.5 gpm can be achieved if a LOCA occurs.*

#### *Issue:*

- 1. The licensee did not describe why the flow path limits the flow rate to 505 gpm.*
- 2. Per the requirements of the ASME OM Code, a comprehensive pump test reference flow rate of 505 gpm will result in a lower bound acceptable flow rate of 475 gpm and an alert flow rate as low as 455 gpm. Over the 10-year IST interval, the pump may degrade to these levels. The alternative request does not demonstrate that the design basis LOCA flow rate of 519.5 gpm can be achieved for the duration of the 10-year IST interval if the pump flow rate decreases to these levels.*

#### *Request:*

- 1. Describe the flow path that is used to test the pumps and how the flow path resistance prevents the pump from achieving the 519.5 gpm flow rate.*
- 2. Justify how it will be determined that the pump will be able to achieve the design basis LOCA flow rate of 519.5 gpm throughout the fourth 10-year IST interval considering performance could degrade to 475 gpm or 455 gpm over the 10-year IST interval.*

### **DENC Response**

Upon receipt of the NRC request for additional information, DENC initiated a review of charging system hydraulic performance and has determined that the requested

alternative is no longer required. DENC will perform the Pump Periodic Verification Test as required by the OM Code.

DENC hereby withdraws its request for approval of Alternative Request P-05, Testing Per ISTB Mandatory Appendix V.