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Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region 1
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Mr. Grier:

NRC IE BULLETIN NO. 79-14
SEISMIC ANALYSIS FOR AS-BUILT
SAFETY-RELATED PIPING SYSTEMS
NO. 1 AND 2 UNITS
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION

In reply to IE Bulletin No. 79-14 dated July 2, 1979, we offer the following response:

The NRC requires that we inspect all of Hope Creek Generating Station's Units No. 1 and 2 safety related systems in action items 2 and 3. Due to the small amount of piping and hangers installed and the lack of any piping systems completed, a special inspection for "as-built" configurations would be appropriate until the system piping is completed.

Our in-process inspection, final inspection, and review methods are being exercised over the next several years of construction. These inspection procedures are sufficiently similar in method and intent to the program outlined in this NRC bulletin that a special inspection at this time would be redundant.

Revision I, dated July 18, 1979 Supplement 1, dated August 15, 1979, and Supplement 2, dated September 7, 1979 provide additional guidance for the inspection, review and identification of non-conformances in piping systems at Hope Creek. Due to the early construction stages of pipe

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Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director

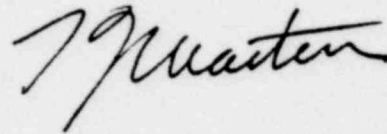
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and hanger erection at Hope Creek, we feel the above reply satisfactorily addresses Revision 1, Supplement 1 and 2, and completely responds to IE Bulletin No. 79-14.

Should additional information be desired, we will be pleased to further discuss it with you.

Very truly yours,

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

CC: Office of Inspection and Enforcement
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Washington, D.C.

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