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Mr. H. R. Denton, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Subject: Arkansas Nuclear One-Units 1 & 2  
Docket Nos. 50-313 & 50-368  
License Nos. DPR-51 & NPF-6  
ATWS/Relief Valve Testing  
Program  
(File: 1510, 2-1510, 0931, 2-0931)

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter of November 30, 1979, to Mr. J. T. Enos of my staff, the following is provided.

We wish to make note that Mr. Enos is not authorized by AP&L as a correspondence contact with NRC and that the Charter of the B&W 177 FA Owners Group does not provide for written communication by a collective Owners Group representative with NRC. Therefore, on future issues of this type, we request that correspondence involving issues that the B&W Owners Group may be addressing, be transmitted directly to each individual utility through normal correspondence channels.

Upon receipt of your subject letter, we did distribute your letter to the B&W Owners Group and EPRI. The following is AP&L's response to your letter. This response does not represent a collective response by the B&W Owners and/or EPRI and should not be received as such.

We discussed your request with EPRI and made your concerns known. We understand that Mr. William Cahill, Jr. (Consolidated Edison) and Mr. E. P. Hoffman (Consumers Power Company) discussed the EPRI Safety and Relief Valve Testing Program plan with various members of the NRC Staff (D. Eisenhower, J. Olshinski, T. Telfort, etc.) on December 17, 1979. The cover letter to you transmitting the Test Program responds to your December 7, 1979, letter to Mr. Floyd Lewis addressing your ATWS concerns. It further states that your letter introduced additional factors to accommodate in future test program planning and volunteered to initiate discussions with your staff regarding future phases of the test program.

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As stated in response to Mr. Eisenhut's letter of October 30, 1979, AP&L is committed to and fully supports EPRI and its Safety and Relief Valve Test Program. We will continue to follow the development of the test program and assure that consideration is given to your request regarding incorporation of ATWS conditions into the test program.

Very truly yours,

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