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Director Of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
Attn: Mr. Robert N. Reid, Chief  
Operating Branch No. 4  
Division of Operating Reactors  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Ref: BAW-1538, Rev. 1 "Assumptions, Methodology, and Acceptance Criteria Report for Asymmetric LOCA Loads Evaluation," transmitted in letter of July 16, 1979, J. H. Taylor, S. B. Hosford, NRC.

Dear Mr. Reid:

The Toledo Edison Company has been pursuing a multiphase program to evaluate the effects of asymmetric LOCA loads at Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station Unit 1 (DB-1) as a participant in the B&W 177 FA Owners Group in response to the NRC letter dated January 20, 1978 from Victor Stello.

Phase 1 conclusions were presented earlier to the NRC Staff at a December 12, 1978 meeting and at the same time an outline for Phase 2 was presented for NRC staff review. The termination date for Phase 2 at that time was identified as mid-March, 1980. The purpose of this letter is to advise you in a delay in the Phase 2 program completion. The new completion date is July, 1980. We also wish to confirm that seismic loads will not be combined with LOCA loads during Phase 2. This, also, was previously discussed with the NRC staff in the aforementioned meeting.

If you desire to review the progress of Phase 2 and/or have any questions concerning the extended schedule completion, a meeting can be scheduled for August 8, 1979 at the Babcock and Wilcox Company office in Lynchburg, Virginia. At the same time, we can also review with you BAW-1538, Rev. 1 transmitted by the reference letter. That document, as titled, outlines

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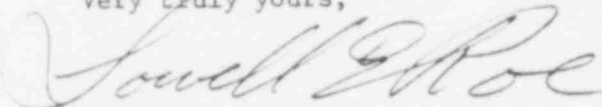
the methodology and assumptions applicable to our Phase 2 program.

Attached is a copy of the B&W report entitled "B&W 177 FA Owners Group Asymmetric LOCA Loads Evaluations Program, Phase 2", dated April 10, 1979 which defines the Phase 2 program. As mentioned, the conclusions will not be available until July, 1980 in lieu of April, 1980 stated on page 7 of the report.

Please advise Mr. Lou Lanese, GPU, if you desire the meeting on August 8, 1979.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Lou C. Lanese, GPU Service Corp., for questions related to the Owners Group program, or Mr. Charles R. Domeck of my staff for specific questions related to DB-1.

Very truly yours,



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Attachments

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