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Dear Mr. Ross:

Recently a Boiling Water Reactor Operating Plants Owners' Group was formed to coordinate those generic activities necessary for re-evaluation of operating Boiling Water Reactors relative to the knowledge and experience gained and the lessons learned from the Three Mile Island accident. In addition, the group will provide the forum for the necessary interaction among BWR owners, General Electric Company, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, so that the necessary expertise is brought to bear on issues and concerns as they are raised.

The purpose of this letter is to explain to you, in your capacity as Director of the Bulletins and Orders Task Force of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the structure of this group, its present work scope, personnel involved, and the method of communications we prefer to use between your organization and the Owners' Group.

Our Owners' Group is made up of operating plant utility representatives and several Ad Hoc Working Groups. In addition, the General Electric Company has appointed a program manager to coordinate those activities within the General Electric Company which are necessary for the successful completion of our program. We have also set up administrative liaison with the Electric Power Research Institute, the Atomic Industrial Forum Policy Committee and the other operating plant owners' groups which have also been formed to address Three Mile Island issues.

The following enclosures are being provided with this letter:

Enclosure 1 is a list of the utility representatives of the Owners' Group including their addresses and phone numbers.

Enclosure 2 is an organizational chart.

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Enclosure 3 is a list of the names and addresses of the members of the two working groups which have been formed within our Owners' Group and which are shown on Enclosure 2.

As you are aware, there was a series of meetings during the week of July 9 in San Jose at the General Electric offices between our Analysis and Systems/Operations working groups and the members of your task force to address issues and concerns pertinent to our present program. In addition, the generic questions which have recently been issued to all operating plants in both of those categories were reviewed and certain modifications to those questions were agreed upon during those meetings. It is our intention to submit within the designated time frame, that is by August 17, a generic report to you which adequately addresses your concerns and questions issued to all the owners as modified at the meetings previously mentioned. It is our intent that the generic report to be submitted will adequately address the concerns and questions for all of the General Electric BWR operating plants and the Zimmer and LaSalle #1 and #2 facilities, whose applications for operating licenses are presently under review.

In order to facilitate communications between your organization and ours and to prevent any possible confusion, the following discussion addresses what we believe is the most efficient set of guidelines to be utilized for correspondence exchange between our respective organizations. It is requested that all correspondence issuing from the Bulletins and Orders Task Force be issued over your personal signature and be addressed to myself as the Chairman of the BWR Operating Plants Owners' Group. Copies of all transmittals to myself should also be sent to all of the designated utility representatives provided in Enclosure 1. In addition, copies should be sent to all of the standard operating plant utility contacts so as to insure that there is no confusion within the licensing area. In addition, I would like to request that a copy of all transmittals sent to me also be addressed to the General Electric Program Manager whose address is also provided in Enclosure 1.

Obviously, the above guidelines apply to all subject matter which by mutual agreement between your organization and ours, is considered to be within the purview of the Owners' Group. For the subject matter where there is uncertainty as to whether or not it falls within the scope of work defined by the Owners' Group, we believe it would be preferable for letters addressing that material to be sent to the individual utilities. Following receipt by the individual utilities we, the owners, would then determine whether we wish to incorporate that activity in the scope of work defined for the Owners' Group, at which time I would respond to you indicating that we had determined this

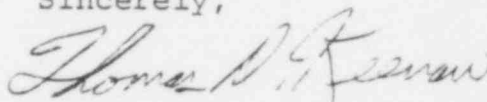
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material should be addressed by the Owners' Group. Conversely, if we determined that it should not be addressed by the Owners' Group then each utility would respond independently.

As our working relationship unfolds, I am sure there will be a number of areas and issues where clarification is required regarding how best to handle certain situations. In order to minimize the inevitable complications which will arise, I anticipate remaining in close telephone contact with your task force designated contact, Bill Kane, as an attempt to minimize these operational difficulties.

I trust the information and requested operating guidelines contained in this letter are clear and acceptable to you. However, should you have questions, concerns, or suggestions as to how we could proceed otherwise, I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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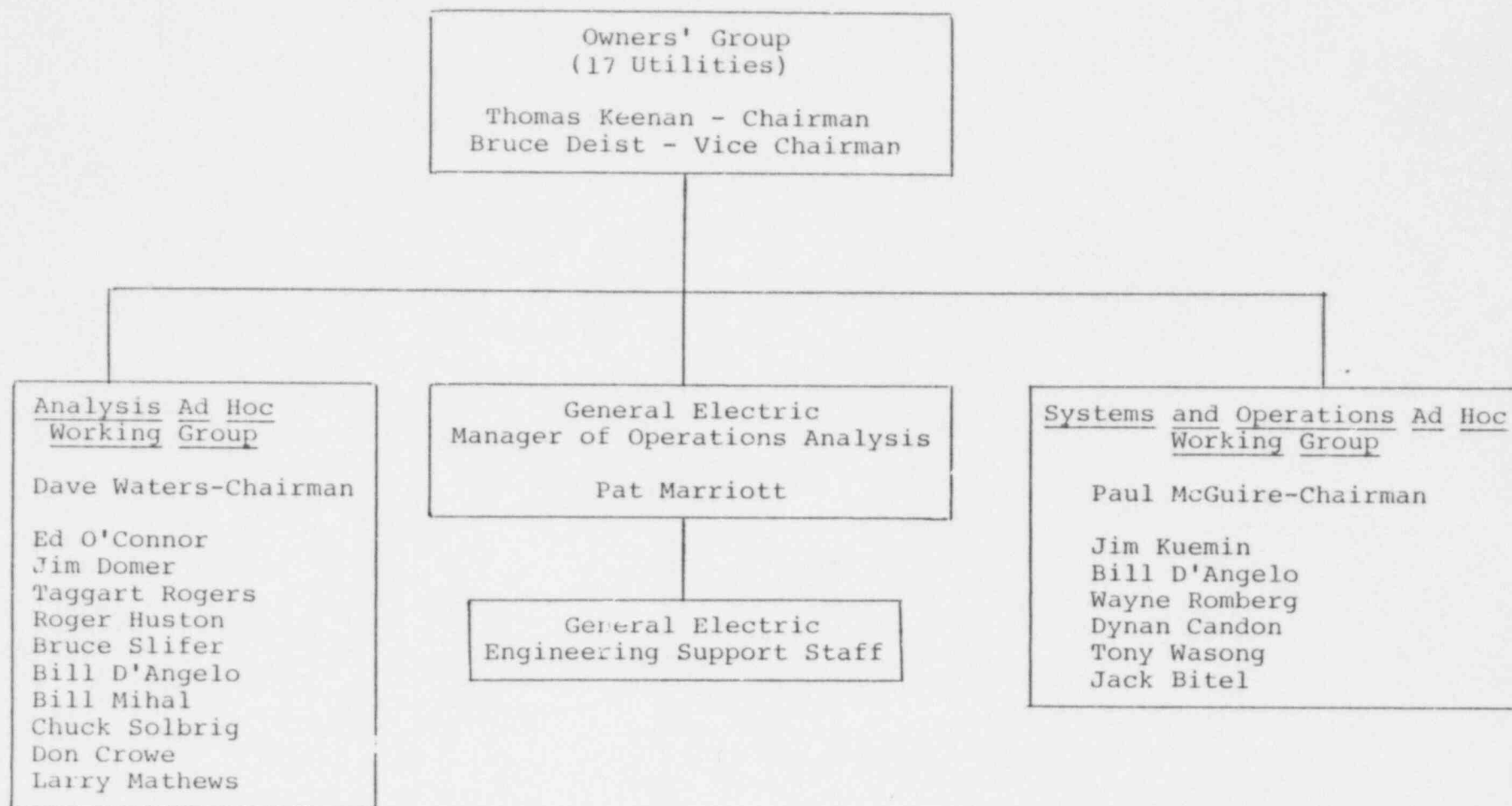
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