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Mr. James G. Keppler
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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799 Roosevelt Road
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SUBJECT: Response to IE Bulletin 78-12, 12A and 12B

Dear Mr. Keppler:

Responsive to IE Bulletin 78-12, as modified by 78-12A and 78-12B, please be advised that Northern Indiana Public Service Company's (NIPSCO) pressure vessel was manufactured by Combustion Engineering Power Systems (CE) and supplied by General Electric Corporation (GE) as part of the NSS system for the Bailly Generating Station Nuclear 1 (Bailly).

As required by the above-referenced IE Bulletin, CE has prepared and submitted its generic report titled "Information Requested by IE Bulletin 78-12, a Typical Weld Material in Reactor Pressure Vessel Welds" (see letter of transmittal attached hereto as "Attachment 1"). NIPSCO retained GE to review CE's report to determine whether or not the generic report adequately represented the data for the Bailly reactor vessel. A copy of GE's report on that review is attached hereto as "Attachment 2". Attached as "Attachment 3" is CE's certification that its generic report addresses all of the applicable materials used in the fabrication of the Bailly reactor vessel.

Based upon the enclosed documentation, NIPSCO is satisfied that

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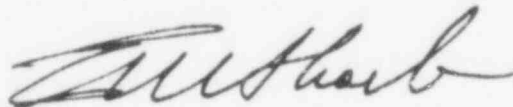
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CE's generic report adequately represents the data for the Bailly reactor vessel.

Please note that in CE's certification of June 8, 1979, the correct utility name should be "Northern Indiana Public Service Company" rather than "Northern Indiana Power".

If additional information is required with respect to this response, please contact Mr. R. J. Bohn, Nuclear Staff, Northern Indiana Public Service Company, R.R. 3, Box 501, Chesterton, Indiana 46304, Telephone: (219) 886-5533.

Very truly yours,



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Attachments

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