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Subject: Modifications to NEDO-24708 Small Break Operator Guidelines

Dear Mr. Ross:

This letter records commitments made and agreements reached among General Electric, the BWR Owners Group and staff members of your task force in a telephone call of October 17, 1979. A list of participants in that telephone discussion is attached. The purpose of the call was to resolve several issues raised by your staff in their review of the Small Break Operator Guidelines contained in Section 3.1.1.2 of GE report NEDO-24708.

In response to the requests, the Owners Group will make the following changes to the guidelines in a subsequent revision of NEDO-24708:

- (1) The "Symptoms and Automatic Actions" in the SBA-2 and SBA-3 guidelines will be segregated from each other and listed separately;
- (2) The definition of "Immediate Operator Actions" (page 3.1-39) will be expanded to include not only protection of the core, but also prevention of radioactive releases to the environment;
- (3) The definition of "time zero" will be eliminated; specifically, the first two sentences of the second paragraph of Section 3.1.1.2 (page 3.1-37) will be eliminated.
- (4) The "vessel symptoms" in Section 2.5 of SBA-2 (page 3.1-45) will be clarified or eliminated.
- (5) Immediate operator actions will be added to the guidelines calling for verification of scram and power level decrease.

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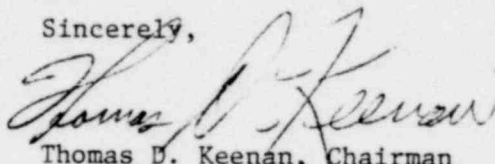
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On behalf of the Owners Group, I am grateful for the opportunity to have resolved the outstanding issues in such an efficient manner with your staff. I trust that these commitments are fully responsive to your needs and are consistent with the conclusions reached as understood by the participants from your organization. If such is not the case, please advise me immediately so that a final resolution can be made quickly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas D. Keenan", written in a cursive style.

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