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Reference: (a) Facility Operating License No. NPF-86, Docket No. 50-443
(b) NRC Generic Letter 93-04, dated June 21, 1993, "Rod Control System Failure and Withdrawal of Rod Control Cluster Assemblies"
(c) North Atlantic letter NYN-93109, dated August 5, 1993, "Initial (45-day) Response to Generic Letter 93-04", B. L. Drawbridge to USNRC
(d) North Atlantic letter NYN-93129 dated September 20, 1993, "90-Day Response to Generic Letter 93-04", R.J. DeLoach to USNRC
(e) Westinghouse Electric Corporation letter WOG-94-048, dated April 8, 1994, "Westinghouse Owners Group Transmittal of Recommended Rod Control System Surveillance Test (MHUP-6002)", K. J. Voytell to Westinghouse Owners Group Primary Representatives and Systems & Equipment Subcommittee Representatives

Subject: Status of Actions Pertaining to Generic Letter 93-04, (TAC No. M86865)

Gentlemen:

The NRC issued Generic Letter 93-04 [Reference (b)] in response to the rod control system event at the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2. The generic letter requires licensees of Westinghouse-designed nuclear power reactors, including Seabrook Station, to provide plant-specific rod control system information. The generic letter requires an assessment of whether or not the licensing basis for the facility is still satisfied with regard to the requirements for system response to a single failure in the rod control system [Required Response 1.(a)]. If this assessment indicates that the licensing basis is not satisfied, the generic letter requires a further assessment of the impact of potential rod control system single failures on the facility licensing basis and a description of compensatory short-term actions taken or planned [Required Response 1.(b)]. A follow-up response was required providing a plan and schedule for long-term resolution of the applicable issues [Required Response 2.].

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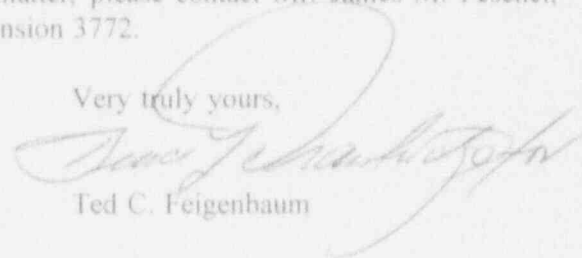
North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation (North Atlantic) provided responses to the Required Responses of Generic Letter 93-04 in Reference (c) and Reference (d). However, North Atlantic stated in Reference (d) that additional information would be required from Westinghouse before the merits of installing the rod control system timing order adjustments could be evaluated, and committed to providing a written update report to the NRC on the status of activities associated with Generic Letter 93-04 by April 30, 1994. This letter provides that update.

The additional information required from Westinghouse that was referred to in Reference (d) was to be based on the South Texas Project demonstration of the rod control system timing order adjustments. However, the results of the rod control testing performed at South Texas Project indicated the need for additional testing, which is being performed at Ginna Station. North Atlantic intends to evaluate the merits of the rod control system timing order adjustments upon issuance of the required technical information by Westinghouse following a successful demonstration at Ginna Station. North Atlantic also intends to perform the Westinghouse Owners Group recommended surveillance test during the third refueling outage, which commenced on April 9, 1994, as previously stated in Reference (d).

North Atlantic will submit a subsequent written update report to the NRC concerning the status of remaining actions associated with Generic Letter 93-04 by October 31, 1994 or sooner if developments warrant.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. James M. Peschel, Regulatory Compliance Manager, at (603) 474-9521, extension 3772.

Very truly yours,



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