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References: (a) Facility Operating License No. NPF-86, Docket No. 50-443
(b) PSNH Letter NYN-89012 dated February 3, 1989, "Response to Generic Letter 88-17, "G.S. Thomas to USNRC"

Subject: Supplemental Response to Generic Letter 88-17

Gentlemen:

In Reference (b), New Hampshire Yankee (NHY) described the "programmed enhancements" to be implemented in response to the recommendations of Generic Letter 88-17. The enhancements described in Reference (b) consisted of hardware installation and/or modifications scheduled for completion prior to startup following the first refueling outage and programmatic enhancements scheduled for completion by May 1, 1990. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that certain programmatic enhancements originally scheduled for completion by May 1, 1990, have been rescheduled for completion at a later date as described below.

New Hampshire Yankee has completed a substantial portion of the programmatic enhancements originally scheduled for completion by May 1, 1990. Administrative and operating procedures have been revised. These revisions established requirements for RCS temperature and level monitoring, containment closure, available RCS vent paths, and work control during reduced RCS inventory conditions. A detailed analysis of Reactor Coolant System (RCS) mid-loop operating conditions was completed on March 23, 1990. This analysis will provide supporting information for the remaining programmatic enhancements.

Primarily as a result of priority given to preparing for and supporting the Power Ascension Testing Program, the remaining programmatic enhancements originally scheduled for completion by May 1, 1990 have been rescheduled to be completed as soon as practicable during the remainder of 1990. The rescheduled programmatic enhancements can be generally summarized as follows:

- Additional administrative and operating procedure revisions as necessary to fully address work coordination, configuration control, equipment support, minimizing the effects of RCS perturbations, and containment closure requirements.

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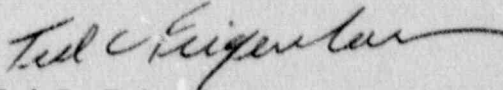
- Abnormal Operating Procedure revisions based upon recommendations contained in Westinghouse Abnormal Response Guideline ARG-1, "Loss of RHR while operating at Mid-Loop Conditions", which was delivered by the Westinghouse Owners Group to New Hampshire Yankee representatives by cover letter dated March 26, 1990.
- A revision to Technical Specifications to permit the use of a Safety Injection Pump in connection with a backup supply of make-up water to the RCS. New Hampshire Yankee expects to submit a license amendment request to the NRC by July 31, 1990, for this and other Technical Specification revisions needed to complete the programmatic and hardware enhancements associated with our response to Generic Letter 88-17.

New Hampshire Yankee will make every effort to complete all rescheduled programmatic enhancements by December 31, 1990.

New Hampshire Yankee does not expect to operate Seabrook Station at reduced RCS inventory conditions prior to the first refueling outage, currently planned for mid-1991. If operation at reduced RCS inventory is required prior to the first refueling outage, NHY will take appropriate compensatory measures.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Mr. Terry L. Harpster, Director of Licensing Services, at (603) 474-9521, extension 2765.

Very truly yours,


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