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SUBJECT: Arkansas Nuclear One - Units 1 & 2
Docket Nos. 50-313 and 50-368
License Nos. DPR-51 and NPF-6
Appendix I Response

Gentlemen:

In our letter dated February 28, 1983 (ØCANØ28323), we stated that a revised response date would be provided to NRC by March 11, 1983, for making our Appendix I submittal. The purpose of this letter is to provide NRC with our revised response date and to clarify our reasons for requesting this extension.

During review of our draft Appendix I submittal, the need became apparent to further broaden the scope of our efforts to ensure that the RETS submittals for ANO-1&2 had fully and responsibly addressed the pertinent Appendix I issues with the most up-to-date information possible. As an example, your letter to AP&L dated July 15, 1982 (ØCNAØ782Ø8), indicated that the scope of NRC's present review related only to our 1979 submittals. However, we made a revised RETS submittal for ANO-1 on September 5, 1980 (1CANØ98ØØ3), yet this submittal was not included in the scope of NRC's current review. Without AP&L providing NRC with the most up-to-date information possible concerning Appendix I considerations for ANO 1&2, we consider it probable

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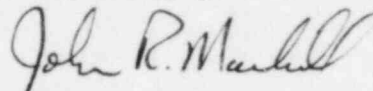
that the result would be a continuing series of letter exchanges between our respective organizations and be counter-productive to achieving a resolution to the Appendix I issue.

Our review of the Appendix I Technical Specifications has been hampered by manpower availability as the result of back to back refueling outages on ANO 1&2. These refueling outages place a heavy demand on ANO staff personnel who are most critical to the review of these Technical Specifications. The ANO-1 refueling outage is expected to be completed by the end of March 1983 at which time the review effort discussed below can begin.

Our approach to finalizing our Appendix I submittal will be to perform an extensive review of our existing radiological effluent systems/programs against our presently drafted RETS submittal, and make a point-by-point comparison with the model RETS. Deviations noted will be resolved and documented in an appropriate manner. We have estimated that this portion alone of our planned review effort will take approximately three months. It will be our goal in this extensive review to ensure that our final submittal for ANO-1&2 will comply with the intent of the model RETS as closely as practicable.

Since there has been several years elapse and many letters exchanged on this issue with incremental inputs from different people within both our respective organizations, we felt it appropriate to take this expanded course of action to settle this issue in the most effective manner possible. To this end, it is our intention to provide NRC with a completely up-to-date Appendix I submittal for both ANO-1&2 on or before September 30, 1983.

Very truly yours,



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