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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
ATTN: Mr. J. F. Stolz, Chief
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Division of Licensing
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555


SUBJECT: Arkansas Nuclear One - Unit 1
Docket No. 50-313
License No. DPR-51
Integral Systems Testing

Gentlemen:

Members of the B&W Owners Group and NRC have been discussing the merits of and needs for an Integral Systems Testing (IST) facility for some time. The need for IST has been linked with several TMI-related issues and it is in the best interest of AP&L and NRC to settle the matter expeditiously. AP&L is pleased that significant progress has been made and a tentative agreement reached concerning the extent of an IST program to be jointly funded by B&W, NRC, and the participating B&W owners.

The purpose of this letter is to document AP&L's commitment to the IST program as described by letter from John J. Mattimoe, Chairman - B&W Owner Group Executive Committee to Robert B. Minogue, Director - Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, dated January 13, 1983.

Very truly yours,


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