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April 9, 1984

Docket No. 50-423
B11110

Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Mr. B. J. Youngblood, Chief
Licensing Branch No. 1
Division of Licensing
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

- References: (1) B. J. Youngblood to W. G. Counsil, Request for Additional Information for Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3, dated May 31, 1983.
- (2) B. J. Youngblood to W. G. Counsil, Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3, Draft Safety Evaluation Report, dated December 20, 1983.

Dear Mr. Youngblood:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3
N-1 Loop Operation

In Reference (1), Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) received NRC Core Performance Branch (CPB) question number 492.3 which requested NNECO to provide additional information concerning our intentions to use N-1 loop operation at Millstone 3. Reference (2), section 4.4.7 requested that we indicate whether we intend to use N-1 loop operation and if so that we provide core thermal-hydraulic analyses to support N-1 loop operation. This was identified as a DSER open item.

Millstone 3 is equipped for operation in N-1 loop mode. Therefore, it is our intention to pursue an operating license which permits such operation. Affected portions of the Millstone 3 FSAR will be revised accordingly to take into account N-1 loop operation. This material will be submitted as an amendment during August 1984. Technical Specifications governing operation in the N-1 loop mode will be submitted along with our proposed Technical Specifications for N-1 loop operation in November 1984.

As such, review of this item should be considered as confirmatory pending Staff review of our submittal and the publication of an appropriate supplement to the Millstone 3 SER.

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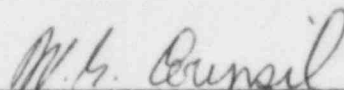
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We request that you notify us at the earliest possible date of Staff concurrence with our position so that we may properly track the status of this item.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY
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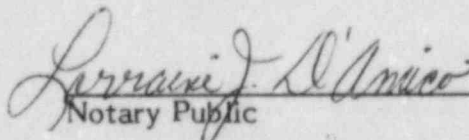
By Northeast Nuclear Energy Company Their
Agent



W. G. Council
Senior Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
) ss. Berlin
COUNTY OF HARTFORD)

Then personally appeared before me W. G. Council, who being duly sworn, did state that he is Senior Vice President of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, a Applicant herein, that he is authorized to execute and file the foregoing information in the name and on behalf of the Applicants herein and that the statements contained in said information are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires March 31, 1988

