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Docket No. 50-461

Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
Attention: Mr. A. Schwencer, Chief  
Licensing Branch No. 2  
Division of Licensing  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Clinton Power Station Unit 1  
Independent Design Review Program Plan

Dear Mr. Schwencer:

In order that the performance of the Clinton IDR can continue without unnecessary delay, we would like to confirm with you our interpretation of one paragraph of the Protocol and to obtain the NRC's concurrence in an addition to the Protocol.

Paragraph 2 of the Protocol permits Bechtel to obtain information (including through meetings or telephone calls) provided that communications and transmittals of information shall be documented and the documentation maintained in a location accessible for NRC examination. As you will note, a number of the Observation Reports issued to date have requested that additional information be submitted by Sargent & Lundy. Responses to these Observation Reports will be in written form and will be distributed to the Standard Distribution list. However, we believe that Paragraph 2 permits meetings or telephone conversations between Bechtel and Sargent & Lundy to clarify any requests for information contained in Observation Reports. Accordingly, we plan to inform Bechtel and Sargent & Lundy that such contacts are permissible, as long as they are limited to requests for clarification, but we will additionally ask Bechtel to document any such contacts promptly in writing and to transmit such documentation to all recipients of the Observation Reports (even though such transmittal is not required by the Protocol).

Paragraph 3 of the Protocol requires that discussions between Bechtel and Illinois Power (or its contractors, including Sargent & Lundy) on substantive matters and findings or conclusions be accomplished in public meetings with five days advance notice to the NRC. It has become apparent that effective implementation of the IDR will require that such conversations be conducted over the telephone from time to time and that shorter notices be given for such telephone communications. In order to assure that the NRC and the Attorney General of Illinois have an opportunity to listen to such conversations, we would propose that each be given notice and be joined

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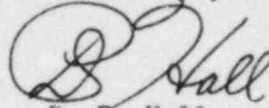
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in a conference call if they so desire. In addition Bechtel would promptly prepare and distribute a summary of such conversations. Accordingly we suggest that the following paragraph be added to the Protocol:

6. Bechtel or IP may schedule telephone conversations to discuss substantive matters or Bechtel's findings or conclusions. The organization scheduling such conversation shall provide notice thereof by telephone call on the business day prior to such scheduled conversation to a representative designated by the NRC and a representative designated by the Attorney General of Illinois. Each such representative may then request that a named individual be joined in a conference call for the scheduled conversation. Bechtel or IP shall make reasonable efforts to notify the designated representatives and to join the named individuals in the conference call, but the inability to reach such representative or individual or the unavailability of the individual for the conference call shall not be cause for delay or postponement of the telephone conversation. Any telephone conversation may be recessed and then recommenced at a specified time. Bechtel shall prepare a written summary to its Service List for the IDR.

We would appreciate receiving your concurrence in the foregoing at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: See attached distribution list

Clinton Power Station

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