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In our letter of March 20, 1992, (RBG-36637), GSU provided a response to NRC Inspection Report 91-24, which addressed inspection activities related to Generic Letter 89-10, "Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valve Testing and Surveillance." As part of that response, GSU included a list of motor-operated valves (MOVs) for which preparations were being made to test during refueling outage four (RF-4). The purpose of this letter is to provide the status of MOV testing that was completed during RF-4, which recently ended.

Results of the MOV test program indicate 100 static tests completed of 114 planned and 25 flow tests completed of 73 planned. In addition, 34 retests were performed and a total of 86 safety and non-safety related MOV actuators were refurbished. MOV testing is a complex task requiring coordination with many groups. Flow testing additionally requires the availability of a flow path and electrical distribution systems. When it became evident that the entire proposed scope of testing could not be accomplished, GSU chose to emphasize a philosophy of test quality, meaning careful review of procedures, safe and prudent system configurations, and meaningful results. We concentrated our efforts primarily on the more safety-significant gate valves, in keeping with the intent of the generic letter. The number of tests and the safety significance of the valves tested in RF-4 represents a considerable effort on the part of GSU and was a major outage accomplishment.

In accordance with our current commitments, GSU intends to schedule as many of the remaining flow tests as possible in the next two refueling outages.

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