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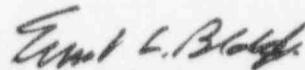
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Washington, D.C. 20555

In the Matter of
GPU Nuclear Corporation
(Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station)
Docket No. 50-219-OLA; ASLB No. 96-717-02-OLA

Dear Judge Kelber:

Following the prehearing conference, you expressed personal curiosity in knowing why the shield plug is lifted with four lifting cables rather than three. The lifting cable assembly is designed as a dual path (i.e., redundant) system to meet the requirements of ANSI N14.6. The assembly meets the redundancy requirement by providing two pairs of cables, which maintain positive control (i.e., prevent excessive swinging or spinning) in the event of a single cable failure.

Sincerely,



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