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Mr. H. J. Miller
Regional Administrator, Region I
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Dear Mr. Miller:

Haddam Neck Plant
Pre-decisional Enforcement Conference
Request to Reschedule

The purpose of this letter is for Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company (CYAPCO) to request a schedule change for the pre-decisional enforcement conference related to NRC inspections 50-213/96-201¹, 50-213/96-06² and 50-213/96-08³. This pre-decisional enforcement conference is presently scheduled for October 18, 1996.

CYAPCO requests that the pre-decisional enforcement conference be rescheduled to take place in December, 1996. This request is being made in light of an announcement by CYAPCO on October 9, 1996, that it is unlikely that the Haddam Neck Plant (HNP) will be returned to power operation. Although this decision has not been finalized by the owners of the HNP, it is expected that the decision will be made within the next few weeks. In the interim, as you might appreciate, the announcement has created a short-term demand on CYAPCO's resources as the company redirects its plans, resources and programs.

The decision regarding power operations also has a direct bearing on many of the specific issues which are the subject of the pre-decisional enforcement conference, particularly in the areas of corrective actions and actions to prevent recurrence. We are in the process of assessing the specific impact of this decision on the many elements of the Configuration Management Plan (CMP) and other corrective actions underway. If a final decision is made

¹ W.T. Russell letter to Ted C. Feigenbaum, "Special Inspection of Engineering and Licensing Activities at Haddam Neck (NRC Inspection Report 50-213/96-201)," dated July 31, 1996.

² R.W. Cooper letter to Ted C. Feigenbaum, "NRC Integrated Inspection Report 50-213/96-06," dated August 9, 1996.

³ R.W. Cooper letter to Ted C. Feigenbaum, "NRC Integrated Inspection Report 50-213/96-08," dated September 12, 1996.

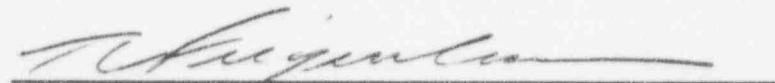
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to cease power operation, we will identify and complete those elements of the CMP and other corrective actions which are necessary to ensure compliance with our license, and the safe mode 6 and defueled operation of the plant. Rescheduling the pre-decisional enforcement conference until December will enable CYAPCO to present a more complete and meaningful response to the issues in light of the plans for the future of the plant. Following Board action, we will advise you of our proposed actions to ensure these issues will be resolved prior to the end of the year.

If you should have any questions, please contact myself or Mr. Gerry van Noordennen at (860) 267-3938.

Very truly yours,

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