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Mr. George W. Knighton
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Combustion Engineering Large Break LOCA Evaluation Model

References: 1) Letter from A. E. Scherer (C-E) to G. W. Knighton (NRC),
LD-85-031, July 2, 1985
2) Letter from A. E. Scherer (C-E) to W. O. Miller (NRC),
LD-85-037, August 9, 1985

Dear Mr. Knighton:

On July 2, 1985, Combustion Engineering (C-E) informed the NRC of a potential non-conservatism in one element of its currently approved Large Break LOCA Evaluation Model (Reference (1)). This notification was followed by a meeting with the NRC Staff on July 10, 1985 during which more information was provided. At this meeting, C-E indicated that it expected to supply the Staff supplemental documentation on the C-E Evaluation Model describing the resolution of this issue by the end of August 1985.

Combustion Engineering has been working toward this documentation commitment since meeting with the Staff. We have, however, recently determined that the length of time required to prepare the material is not consistent with our original estimate. As such, we have revised our estimate for providing this information to early October 1985. We expect, however, to be in a position to support a meeting with the Staff to present our results informally prior to the formal submittal.

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We do not believe the submittal extension should have any effect on established licensing schedules. If I can be of any further assistance on this matter, please do not hesitate to call me or Mr. C. M. Molnar of my staff at (203) 285-5205.

Very truly yours,

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