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Mr. Carl Kniel
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Kniel:

EVALUATION OF STATION BLACKOUT ACCIDENTS AT
NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS
NUREG-1032

We have reviewed the subject NUREG and have concluded that the present information and analysis does not provide an adequate technical basis for rulemaking. Onsite and offsite power system reliability has significantly improved since Station Blackout was designated as an unresolved safety issue. In fact, since 1978 both the frequency and the total number of offsite power loss events have declined markedly indicating that Station Blackout is no longer a significant safety issue.

We have been actively involved in the Nuclear Utility Group on Station Blackout (NUGSBO) effort from its inception and have participated in the development of the technical comments that will be submitted by October 15, 1985.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Very truly yours,

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