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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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WOLF CREEK GENERATING STATION

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The December 3, 1996, submittal proposed that the action statement for Item 7.b., Refueling Water Storage Tank (RWST) Level - Low-Low Coincident with Safety Injection Instrumentation, in Technical Specification (TS) Table 3.3-3, be changed from Action 16 to Action 28. Action 16 states that "one additional channel may be bypassed for up to 4 hours for surveillance testing" whereas Action 28 states that "the inoperable channel may be bypassed for up to 4 hours for surveillance testing of other channels." It was indicated that Wolf Creek Generating Station (WCGS) does not have the capability to test, on a routine basis, an analog instrumentation channel with the channel in a bypass condition. Therefore, the Item 7.b. instrumentation channels do not have the design for operation or testing in bypass needed for Action Statement 16 to be applicable.

The staff approved Westinghouse Topical Report WCAP-10271, Supplement 2 and WCAP-10271, Supplement 2, Revision 1 by Safety Evaluation Report (SER) dated February 22, 1989. Enclosure 2 of the staff's SER provided an acceptable format for proposed changes based on WCAP-10271, Supplement 2. As shown in Enclosure 2, functional unit 7.a., RWST Level - Low, references Action 17 which is the same as Action 16 in the TS for WCGS. In addition, the staff notes that the action statement for the RWST Level - Low-Low Coincident with Safety Injection Instrumentation in the new Westinghouse Owners Group Standard TS (STS), NUREG-1431, Revision 1, is also similar to Action 16 in that it states "one additional channel may be bypassed for up to 4 hours for surveillance testing."

Please provide additional justification for the use of Action Statement 28 rather than Action Statement 16. Specifically, justify the use of a different action statement for RWST Level - Low-Low instrumentation than that shown in Enclosure 2 of the staff's SER and in the new Westinghouse STS. In your response, please include a description of the plant-specific characteristics that result in the action statement given in Enclosure 2 of the staff's SER not being applicable to WCGS.