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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Following the licensee's review of the staff's letter, the staff suggests a meeting to discuss the specific examples and the licensee's plans for revising the initial submittal. The licensee indicated that it would probably not be available for a meeting until January 1997. In addition, the licensee does not plan implementation of the improved TS until sometime in 1998.

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