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Attention: Mr. Morton Fairtile
Senior Project Manager
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Reference: License No. DPR-3 (Docket No. 50-29)

Subject: 1996 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Mr. Fairtile:

Enclosed is the Yankee Atomic Electric Company Annual Report for 1996. This report is submitted in accordance with 10CFR50.59(b)(2) and the requirements of Yankee Nuclear Power Station (YNPS) Defueled Technical Specification 6.8.1.

The Yankee Nuclear Power Station has been shutdown since October 1, 1991, and the reactor defueled since February 15, 1992. The plant has been operating under a Possession Only License (POL) since August 5, 1992. The Decommissioning Plan for the facility was submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on December 20, 1993. Following its review by the NRC Staff, the Decommissioning Plan was approved in February 1995. However, in October 1995, NRC issued CLI 95-14 revoking its approval and prohibited YAEC from conducting further major decommissioning activities pending approval of the decommissioning plan after completion of the hearing process. By Order dated October 18, 1996 (CLI 96-9), in the hearing process convened to determine whether an order approving the decommissioning plan for YNPS should be approved, the Commission granted YAEC's Summary Disposition and re-approved the plan. This Order, in accordance with the amended decommissioning regulations in 10CFR50.82, considers this plan to be the Post Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report (PSDAR).

The attached report briefly describes the facility changes, tests, and experiments implemented without the NRC prior approval under the provisions of 10CFR50.59.

We trust this information is satisfactory; however, if you have any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

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