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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attn: Dr. William D. Travers  
Director, Special Projects Office  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Travers:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2  
ICAVP Contractor Selection

On May 5, a decision was made to shift the Millstone restart emphasis to identify Millstone Unit 3 as the lead plant, with Millstone Unit 2 following. Our activities on Millstone Unit 1 are being curtailed significantly to allow focus on the first two units.

We are in the process of realigning our resources and our organization structure to implement this change. One of the issues we are considering is the use of one contractor for the ICAVP on both units 3 and 2.

We have not completed our reviews on this option at this time. We expect that a final decision and recommendation will be available by May 14, 1997. We request that NRC approval of Parsons Power as the ICAVP contractor be held until the evaluation is completed.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

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