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Yankee Atomic Electric Company
ATTN: Mr. Carl Andognini, Assistant
to the Vice President
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Gentlemen:

In your letter dated September 4, 1974, you provided a statement on the results of your evaluation of the control rod surveillance program during Core X operation; and you outlined a control rod surveillance program for Core XI and all future cores.

The control rod surveillance program that you are presently conducting including the limiting condition for operation (LCO), viz. control rod drop time of 2.4 seconds are requirements incorporated in the facility license for Yankee-Rowe by our issuance of Change Nos. 104 and 106, dated November 15, 1972 and March 30, 1973, respectively. Accordingly, these requirements will remain in effect until the Commission has approved an application for amendment of the facility license and proposed changes in the Technical Specifications relating to LCO's and surveillance requirements for control rod drop time. The application for a license amendment should be submitted in the usual manner and should include a more detailed safety evaluation to support the proposed changes to the Technical Specifications.

We have developed standard Technical Specifications, including LCO's and surveillance requirements for rod drop time which are applicable to Yankee-Rowe. We, therefore, suggest that you submit your proposed changes to the Technical Specifications in conformance with the standard Section "Rod Drop Time" (appropriately adapted to the Yankee-Rowe condition), a copy of which is attached for your guidance.

Sincerely,

Original signed by R. A. Purple

Robert A. Purple, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #1
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Enclosure:
Standard Technical Specifications
Section "Rod Drop Time"

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