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Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention specific facts on the inordinately prolonged efforts to bring about docketing by Yankee Atomic Electric Company of an acceptable operational Quality Assurance Program and to request Yankee's action for a more timely completion of these efforts.

On February 22, 1973, Yankee submitted its "Operational Quality Assurance Manual" for Yankee-Rowe for our review. In our letter dated June 19, 1974, we advised you that your submittal was not sufficient to provide an operational QA program description that met current NRC requirements and we included a request for additional information. During a meeting on September 24, 1974, your staff agreed either to provide the information by November 1, 1974, for Yankee-Rowe or to submit by May 1, 1975, a topical QA program that could be applied to all Yankee facilities.

In April 1975, Yankee submitted a revised report which described your operational QA program for the Yankee-Rowe facility. However, you advised us that upon our acceptance of this QA program it would also be applied to your Maine Yankee and Vermont Yankee facilities. Therefore, we considered it appropriate to include the report in our topical report review program.

From our review of your submittal we found it inadequate to satisfy the NRC's requirements for an acceptable QA program description. Our staff proposed a list of needed additional information containing 89 items. These items were discussed with your staff in a meeting on August 21, 1975. Your staff agreed to address the 89 items and to meet the QA acceptance criteria in Section 17.2 of our Standard Review Plan in a revision to your topical QA report to be submitted by March 1, 1976. 7

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During a meeting on March 16, 1976, your staff indicated that because of shortage of manpower (i.e., activities requiring the presence of offsite QA personnel during operation of the three Yankee nuclear plants), Yankee was unable to meet the March 1, 1976, date for submittal of the revised topical QA program and they proposed an extension of the submittal date to January 1, 1977.

In light of the above facts, further delay of your submittal of the revised topical QA program as proposed by your staff is unacceptable to us. We believe that with reasonable effort your submittal can be significantly expedited. We therefore request that you submit the revised QA program description not later than August 1, 1976.

Please reply within seven days stating your intention to meet or improve this submittal schedule.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by V. Stello*

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