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Gentlemen:

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
NORTH ANNA POWER STATION UNITS 1 AND 2
ASME SECTION XI INSERVICE INSPECTION PROGRAM
DELAY THIRD INTERVAL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

In a November 2, 1999 letter (Serial No. 99-552), Virginia Electric and Power Company requested a one year delay in the program updates for the North Anna Power Station Unit 2 ISI program and the Units 1 and 2 IST programs. Additionally, it was requested to start the third intervals on the same Code editions that they finish the second intervals (i.e., 1986 Edition for the Unit 2 ISI program and the 1989 Edition for the IST programs for Units 1 and 2). This letter withdraws those requests.

Our initial request was based on an ongoing NRC initiative to eliminate the requirement for the 120-month update and establish the associated baseline edition of the ASME Code. It was our understanding that this initiative was nearing completion and that the NRC was likely to decide in favor of eliminating the 120-month update. It was also our understanding that the 1989 ASME Code might be specified as the baseline edition, which would have rendered our current effort to upgrade ISI/IST programs as premature and an unnecessary expenditure of resources.

In a telephone conference call with the NRC to discuss the requested program delays, the concept of delaying implementation of the ISI and IST programs for one year in accordance with ASME Section XI, Subsection IWB, paragraph IWA-2430(d) was discussed. We have evaluated this option and have decided to delay the implementation of the third interval North Anna Power Station Unit 2 ISI program and the IST programs for both North Anna Power Station Units 1 and 2 pursuant to paragraph IWA-2430(d). Therefore, we are withdrawing our November 2, 1999 requests to delay the ISI and IST program updates by one year, and to begin the third ISI and IST interval using the

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second interval Code editions.

There are no new commitments made in this letter. If you have questions concerning these requests, please contact us.

Very truly yours,



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