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February 28, 2003

Re: 10 CFR 2.202

Secretary, Office of the Secretary of the Commission
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff
Washington, D.C. 20555

Serial No.: B18850
NL&OS/ETS
Docket No.: 50-423
License No.: NPF-49

DOMINION NUCLEAR CONNECTICUT, INC.
MILLSTONE POWER STATION UNIT 3
ANSWER TO ORDER FOR INTERIM INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR
REACTOR PRESSURE VESSEL HEADS AT PRESSURIZED WATER REACTORS
DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2003

On February 11, 2003, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued an Order for Interim Inspection Requirements for Reactor Pressure Vessel Heads at Pressurized Water Reactors licensees. The Order requires specific inspection of the reactor pressure vessel (RPV) head and associated penetration nozzles at pressurized water reactors (PWRs). The Commission stated that the actions in the Order are interim measures, necessary to ensure that licensees implement and maintain appropriate measures to inspect and, as necessary, repair RPV heads and associated penetration nozzles. The Order required that licensees immediately start implementation of the requirements of the Order and respond to specific actions within twenty (20) days of the date of the Order.

In accordance with Section V of the Order and 10 CFR 2.202, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. (DNC) hereby submits its answer to the Order. DNC consents to the Order as described in Section IV and does not request a hearing.

The Unit 3 RPV head penetration nozzles have thermal sleeves installed that could preclude 100 percent inspection coverage of the penetration nozzle base material in the area of the J-groove weld, as required by Section IV.C(3)(b) of the Order. If 100 percent coverage of the area of interest cannot be obtained during inspection of the penetration nozzles, DNC will submit to the NRC a request for relaxation from the inspection requirements in Section IV.C(3)(b) of the Order at the appropriate time.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ravi G. Joshi at (860) 440-2080.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DACC", is written over a horizontal line.

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Commitments made in this letter: None

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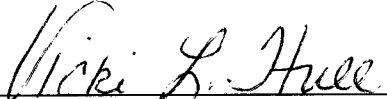
Subject: Response to RPV Head and Penetration Nozzles Inspection Order (EA-03-009)

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA)
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COUNTY OF HENRICO)

The foregoing document was acknowledged before me, in and for the County and Commonwealth aforesaid, today by David A. Christian who is Senior Vice President – Nuclear Operations and Chief Nuclear Officer of Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. He has affirmed before me that he is duly authorized to execute and file the foregoing document in behalf of that Company, and that the statements in the document are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Acknowledged before me this 28TH day of February, 2003.

My Commission Expires: May 31, 2006.



Notary Public

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