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FROM (NAME & LOCATION) ST. LOUIS - GENERAL OFFICES

DATE : OCTOBER 20, 1969 CC:

SUBJECT : ASKAREL SPECIFICATIONS

REFERENCE :

TO : H. S. BERGEN

HSB write Olson need a meaningful spec - worked out with customer

4:00 pm Monday 10/20

I have just talked to Paul Benignus who is now in Toronto and he had already heard the news that the third car had been accepted by Westinghouse. He stated that the power factor was about .8%!!! and this was surprising until he said that Westinghouse ran the test at "room temperature". Herein lies part of the problem. We run power factor determinations at 100°C which I believe will give a result in the area of 10 times the ~~area~~ level if they are run at room temperature. Paul says that the IEEE is unable to set a specification because they fear that whatever it is the industry may not be able to live with it. I get the impression that nobody really knows what to do about specifying Askarel and I'll be darned if I can figure out how we can operate intelligently under the circumstances.

Paul tells me that Westinghouse (Sharon) has already installed the Muncie, Indiana filter and they expect to be able to clean up the two tank cars of out-of-spec material. It looks like we are out of the woods, but will be back in them again unless we resolve the specification problem some way.

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