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**NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2000-11, SUPPLEMENT 1**  
**NRC EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**

ADDRESSEES

All holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors.

INTENT

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2000-11, Supplement 1, to inform addressees that the FTS-2001 Emergency Telecommunications System (ETS) will require them to dial 1 before placing long distance calls and that they will need to update their instructions and procedures accordingly.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Regulatory Issue Summary 2000-11 informed licensees of impending changes to the ETS. Attachment 1 of the RIS described how the existing FTS-2000 service would be transferred to the FTS-2001 system supplied by MCI-WorldCom. Attachment 2 outlined an optional approach whereby licensees could transfer ETS to their corporate communications systems. Twenty-three reactor sites chose this approach. This supplement provides additional information relating to the changeover from FTS-2000 to FTS-2001.

SUMMARY OF ISSUE

The transition from the FTS-2000 system, operated by AT&T, to the FTS-2001 system, operated by MCI-WorldCom, may affect instructions and procedures associated with the implementation of licensee emergency plans. Specifically, the FTS-2001 system requires callers to dial 1 before long distance numbers. The FTS-2000 system omits the prefix 1. Therefore, before the actual ETS transfer, licensees should:

- (1) Update dialing instructions and procedures for placing calls to the NRC.
- (2) Update the Emergency Response Data System (ERDS) interface for each reactor unit by adding the prefix 1 to the dialing string for the ERDS modems.

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- (3) Take steps to ensure that emergency response communicators and control room personnel are aware of the new dialing procedures. (The NRC has prepared new stickers with a 1 before the NRC contact telephone numbers. The regional emergency response coordinators will distribute them.)

#### BACKFIT DISCUSSION

This RIS requires no action or written response. Since this item does not constitute a backfit under 10 CFR 50.109, the staff did not perform a backfit analysis.

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