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Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2
NOTIFICATION OF EXTENSION OF A COMMITMENT DUE DATE

Reference: Letter from M. W. Rencheck (I&M) to NRC Document Control Desk, "Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2, Resolution of Containment Structural Issues," submittal C1000-05, dated October 15, 2000.

In the referenced letter, Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M), the Licensee for Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant (CNP) Units 1 and 2, committed to complete the following actions related to the containment structures project by May 15, 2001:

I&M will complete calculations and evaluations to demonstrate that Unit 1 containment structures meet their design basis requirements as described in Attachment 1 to [the referenced letter].

I&M will complete calculations and evaluations to demonstrate that Unit 2 containment structures meet their design basis requirements as described in Attachment 1 to [the referenced letter], subject to validation of design inputs.

Physical plant modifications or licensing actions, if required, will be identified as described in Attachment 1 to [the referenced letter].

During a technical meeting, held February 15, 2001, to provide the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) with an update on the containment structures project status, I&M showed the NRC staff a new project schedule and explained that project activities would likely take until May 29, 2001, to complete, rather

than May 15, 2001, as originally scheduled. I&M attributed this schedule shift to additional scope in the analyses and evaluations central to this project.

As I&M nears completion of the containment structures project, I&M engineers have a better understanding of the schedule and the tasks that remain, including the commitments described above. While the majority of the engineering work will be completed as described to the NRC staff in the February 15, 2001, meeting, I&M has scheduled additional time to allow its engineers to complete a thorough review of the results and to determine whether physical plant modifications or licensing actions are required. Remaining work that will extend our project completion date includes compiling the proposed changes to the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report and completing our Section 10 CFR 50.59 screening and evaluation reviews of those proposed changes.

This shift in the project completion schedule reflects I&M's commitment to assuring I&M will have a quality result. I&M is notifying the NRC of the shift in the project completion schedule, and the extension of the commitment due dates to June 8, 2001.

This letter includes no new commitments. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ronald W. Gaston, Manager of Regulatory Affairs, at (616) 697-5020.

Sincerely,



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Attachments

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