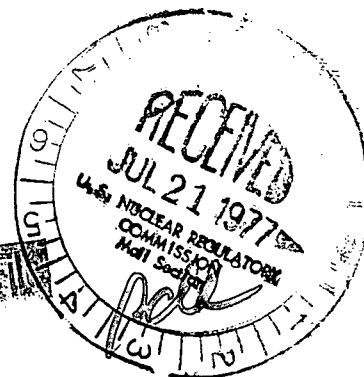


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RE: BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2
H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT UNIT NO. 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-324, 50-325, AND 50-261
SPENT FUEL STORAGE

Dear Mr. Case:

At the request of the NRC staff, on June 7, 1977, the Company submitted a letter reiterating the need for NRC approval of our September 23, 1976 request for modification of the spent fuel pool at our Brunswick Steam Electric Plant (BSEP). This modification is required for continued full power operations of all CP&L nuclear units in that, H. B. Robinson Unit 2 cannot be refueled until sufficient spent fuel is shipped from the full pool at Robinson Unit 2 and stored at a modified BSEP pool.

Our original refueling outage at Robinson Unit 2 was scheduled to commence November 5, 1977. This schedule was predicated on completing the BSEP Unit 2 refueling outage with sufficient margin to have BSEP Unit 2 on line by the time of the Robinson outage. We have reconsidered the time necessary for the BSEP Unit 2 refueling plus modifications which are scheduled during the refueling outage and have concluded that it would be undesirable to schedule the Robinson Unit 2 outage in such close time proximity to the BSEP Unit 2 outage due to possible extensions of the BSEP Unit 2 outage.

The H. B. Robinson Unit 2 will be operated at reduced power in order to stretch the present operating cycle through the critical winter peak period, with a refueling outage scheduled for February, 1978.

Sufficient materials are on-site at BSEP to support immediate commencement of the pool modification. This material includes the bracing framing and shim material. However, we learned on June 17, 1977, that the fabricator of the racks is experiencing problems which could possibly delay final shipments of the racks. Our architect-engineer has a full-time QA representative and a full-time expeditor with the fabricator to expedite the final shipment of the racks.

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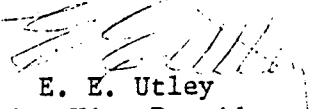
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Although Robinson Unit 2 is scheduled to be refueled in February, 1978, it is imperative that the NRC continue to press forward toward a prompt issuance of the requested Operating License Amendment to permit the modification of the BSEP spent fuel pools and the transfer of H. B. Robinson spent fuel to BSEP.

Our June 7, 1977 letter detailed the schedule for pool modification and shipment of fuel from the Robinson Plant to BSEP. This schedule may be overly optimistic, in that little time is provided for unforeseen problems during the pool modification or the rail cask loading, shipping, unloading, and decontamination sequence. For these reasons, we need to commence the BSEP pool modification in order to be assured that Robinson Unit 2 will not sit idle in February, 1978, waiting for space in the spent fuel pool to allow refueling to commence. An additional impetus for prompt completion of the BSEP spent fuel pool modification lies in the fact that should a situation occur requiring removal of fuel at the H. B. Robinson unit, we would be unable to remove fuel; consequently, it would possibly necessitate the shutdown of the unit.

Your most urgent attention to issuance of the necessary approvals would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,


E. E. Utley
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