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SUBJECT: Confirms info provided in GC Sorensen 840120 ltr to
 A Schwencer re Tech Spec 3.4.3.2 change request. Unit may not
 immediately proceed to Mode 2 (startup) w/o avoiding
 reinitiation of 7 day surveillances unless approved by NRC.

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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Mr. A. Schwencer, Chief
Licensing Branch No. 2
Division of Licensing
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Schwencer:

Subject: NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2
OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21
REQUEST FOR LICENSE AMENDMENT

Reference: Letter, G02-84-032, GC Sorensen (SS) to
A. Schwencer (NRC), Same Subject, Dated
January 20, 1984

This is to confirm information provided to Messrs. A. Schwencer and R. Auluck of your staff concerning the necessity for considering the change to Technical Specification 3.4.3.2 requested in the referenced letter to be an emergency situation.

The referenced letter was submitted January 20, 1984. At that time, the Supply System staff considered that the requested change would be approved within sixty (60) days. Subsequently, the Supply System did not follow-up to ensure the appropriate actions were being conducted. As a result, in the involvement to fulfill the 5% Operating License restraints, attention was diverted to other priorities.

Upon starting preparation for nuclear heatup, all aspects of technical specification requirements were again reviewed. At that time, this change impact was recognized and activities commenced to attain approval of the requested change.

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The bases for this emergency request is that unless we receive the Technical Specification change this date, WNP-2 will not be allowed to immediately proceed to operating mode 2 (startup) without having to reinitiate the full set of seven (7) day surveillances required for startup by the Technical Specification. This set of surveillance tests requires four to five (4-5) days to accomplish and would, therefore, delay our startup by another five (5) days. A delay at this point in the power ascension program will translate directly to a four to five (4-5) day delay in production of electric power generation. There is no opportunity in the power ascension program to recover this loss.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. C. Sorensen / For".

G. C. Sorensen, Manager
Regulatory Programs

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