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SUBJECT: Requests that second portion of 860131 request for extension  
 of interval for leak rate testing be delayed until exemption  
 to App J processed so as not to impact present outage  
 schedule.

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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
Attn: E. G. Adensam, Project Director  
BWR Project Directorate No. 3  
Division of BWR Licensing  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Ms. Adensam:

Subject: NUCLEAR PLANT NO. 2  
OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21, MODIFICATION TO  
REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION/TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION  
CHANGE (APPENDIX J AND SECTION 4.6.1.2.d)

Reference: Letter, G02-86-119, G. C. Sorensen (SS) to E. G.  
Adensam (NRC), "Request for Exemption to Appendix J  
Type B & C Leak Rate Test Schedules and Related  
Technical Specification Amendment Change Section 4.6.1.2.d,  
dated January 31, 1986

The reference letter requested two things:

- 1) An exemption to Appendix J, Section III.D to allow Type C leak rate testing to be performed on a schedule consistent with Type B leak rate testing (i.e., not required to be performed during each reactor shutdown for refueling); and
- 2) An exemption to Appendix J, and the related change to the Surveillance Requirements contained in 4.6.1.2.d and j, which would provide additional flexibility with respect to the 24 month interval specified therein for leak rate testing in order to reflect the Supply System's unique outage schedule constraints.

Recent discussions with the Staff have indicated that the first portion of the request is straight forward, has been the subject of considerable discussion within the industry previously, and should receive NRC approval in a time frame consistent with our needs. The second portion will require further information from the Supply System and would not be able to be handled as expeditiously.

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MODIFICATION TO REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION/TECH. SPEC. CHANGE (APPENDIX J  
AND SECTION 4.6.1.2.d)

For the above reasons, we request that the second portion of the request for amendment (extend 24 months to 27 months) be held in abeyance for the time being. This will allow the exemption requested in the first portion to be processed so as not to impact our present outage schedule.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Mr. P. L. Powell, Manager, WNP-2 Licensing.

Very truly yours,

*for* 

G. C. Sorensen, Manager  
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