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SUBJECT: Requests timely review of 870330 request for deferral of requirement to install wide-range neutron monitoring sys until third refueling outage. Application for amend to License NPF-21, submitted on 861118, should be delayed.

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Gentlemen:

Subject: NUCLEAR PLANT NO. 2
OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21, REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO LICENSE CONDITION 2.C.(16), ATTACHMENT 2, ITEM 3(b), FLUX MONITORING

Reference:
1) Letter, G02-87-080, G. C. Sorensen (SS) to NRC, same subject, dated March 10, 1987
2) Letter, G02-86-1027, G. C. Sorensen (SS) to E. G. Adensam (NRC), "Request for Amendment to Technical Specifications - Accident Monitoring Instrumentation and Surveillance Requirements", dated November 18, 1986

In Reference 2, the Supply System requested that the WNP-2 Technical Specifications be amended to reflect the anticipated installation of a Wide Range Neutron Monitoring System meeting the requirements of Regulatory Guide 1.97, Revision 2, as required by the subject license condition. In Reference 1, on a parallel path, the Supply System requested that the requirement to install the new equipment be deferred until the third refueling outage on the basis of recent test failures.

The Supply System has continued to experience additional test failures since we last corresponded on this subject. Even though we have put forth our best efforts in attempting to successfully complete the equipment qualification tests for the Wide Range Neutron Monitor, it now appears unlikely that this testing will be completed in sufficient time to support all those activities necessary to install, test, and put this equipment into operation (including the attendant Technical Specification changes) in time to support the present refueling outage.

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For the above reasons, we request that the Staff concentrate their efforts on the timely completion of our request for deferral, and hold the request to amend the Technical Specifications in abeyance.

While we continue to believe that the testing will ultimately be successful, we also believe the most prudent course of action to take at this time is for the Staff to concentrate their efforts on our request for deferral. Should you have any additional questions regardng this matter, please contact Mr. P. L. Powell, Manager WNP-2 Licensing.

Very truly yours,

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