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Gentlemen:

Subject: NUCLEAR PLANT NO. 2  
OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21  
SATISFACTION OF LICENSE CONDITION 2.C.(16)  
ATTACHMENT 2, ITEM 3(b), WIDE RANGE NEUTRON MONITOR

Reference: Letter, G02-89-047, G.C. Sorensen (SS) to NRC,  
"Request for Amendment to License Condition 2.C.(16),  
Attachment 2, Item 3(b), Wide Range Neutron Monitor",  
dated March 24, 1989

In the reference letter the Supply System requested an amendment to allow deferral of the implementation of the requirements of Reg. Guide 1.97, Rev. 2 for flux monitoring to prior to startup following the fifth refueling outage (Spring 1990). This was done in parallel with the Supply System's continuing efforts to environmentally and seismically qualify the Wide Range Neutron Monitoring system designed and fabricated by Gamma Metrics.

The purpose of this letter is to advise the NRC that the Supply System's above efforts have been successful, and that the requirement of Reg. Guide 1.97, Rev. 2 to provide a qualified wide range neutron monitor has been satisfied.

During power ascension from the present outage, the Supply System will determine the sensitivity of the monitoring system as installed at WNP-2. The Supply System will provide the results of this testing to the Staff including justifying the minimum range should the value of  $1 \times 10^{-6}\%$  full power not be achieved. This information will be provided no later than September 15, 1989.

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SATISFACTION OF LICENSE CONDITION 2.C(16), ATTACHMENT 2, ITEM 3(b)  
WIDE RANGE NEUTRON MONITOR

Now that the environmental qualification of the WRNM system and resultant satisfaction of the subject license condition has been accomplished, the license amendment requested on November 18, 1986 (G02-86-1027) has become necessary. Unfortunately, the NRC only recently denied the Supply System's request for amendment for administrative purposes.

Because the denial was for administrative purposes only, it would seem reasonable that it could be reinstituted on the same basis, and we hereby request that you take that action. By not requiring this amendment to be resubmitted, considerable time will be saved in the review process, and it will not need to be republished in the Federal Register. The Supply System has reviewed the previous submittal (G02-86-1027) and confirmed that the statements made are still accurate and applicable including arguments supporting the determination of no significant hazards.

The satisfaction of this license condition precludes the need to provide quarterly status reports as required by Amendment No. 60 to the WNP-2 Operating License NPF-21. The Supply System also asks that the request for deferral contained in the reference letter be withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

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