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Gentlemen:

Subject: NUCLEAR PLANT NO. 2, OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21
REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION
TABLE 4.3.6-1, SRM/IRM DETECTOR NOT-FULL-IN
FUNCTIONAL TEST, PROPOSED BASES

Reference: Letter, G02-89-214, GC Sorensen (SS) to NRC,
same subject, dated November 29, 1989

The reference requested a change to the subject functional test when in operation condition 5. The request proposed that with adequate compensatory actions, the subject test could be deferred for a 92 day period. In order to perform the subject test the SRM/IRM cabling must be laid out throughout the under core region as it would be during plant operation. The present weekly test creates an unnecessary burden in that during an outage, when in operational condition 5, a significant amount of work is planned for this same area. In order to avoid excessive damage to the cables, with workers in the area, the cables are tied up into the overhead. As stated in the reference, the weekly testing requires the cables to be untied, laid out, rolled-up and retied on a weekly frequency. This perturbs the cables, causes unnecessary radiation exposure during the weekly untie/retie, and stops work in the area during cable manipulation. As a result the Supply System proposed compensatory action, in the reference, to avoid this situation.

In recent discussions between Messrs R. Samworth (NRR) and P. Powell (SS) with regard to the bases for this section it was recognized that a description, in the bases, of the conditions for the special test exception would be beneficial. Accordingly, the attached bases change is provided by the Supply System to describe the special circumstances pertaining to this test exception.

Very truly yours,


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