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 certain surveillance extensions identified in Sept 1987.

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Attn: T. E. Murley

February 5, 1988

Dear Dr. Murley:

This letter responds to a request for information made by your staff during a telephone conversation of February 3, 1988. This letter provides a discussion of the chronology that occurred during the preparation of our proposed Technical Specification (T/S) changes regarding Unit 2 Cycle 6 surveillance interval extensions. The proposed changes were contained in our letter AEP:NRC:0916AF, which was submitted January 11, 1988.

The need for certain surveillance extensions was identified in September 1987. The dates that the surveillance intervals would expire fell into two groups. Several were due during the brief period of time from December 31, 1987 through January 4, 1988. The second group was not due until the period beginning March 2, 1988 and continuing into the Unit 2 refueling outage. Since there was a gap of approximately two months between the groups, the decision was made that two requests for surveillance extensions would be appropriate. Thus, attention could be focused on those requests which involved the most immediate need. This reduced the preparation and review time for the earlier group of surveillances. The decision to submit two requests was discussed with the NRR Project Manager. The first letter, AEP:NRC:0916AE, was submitted on October 28, 1987.

Proposed license amendments for Cook Nuclear Plant require a large number of reviewers (e.g., operators, plant staff and management, safety review groups, engineering, quality assurance, and legal). Thus, the review process can be lengthy; however, we believe it results in high quality, accurate submittals.

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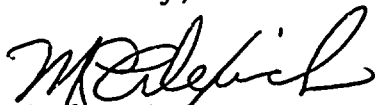
Preparation of the second extension letter, AEP:NRC:0916AF, was started shortly after the first letter (AEP:NRC:0916AE) was submitted. A draft copy of the letter was submitted for first review on December 1, 1987. While the letter was in the first review, it was discovered that the original surveillance extension list was incomplete and that additional surveillance extensions would be necessary. The necessary changes resulted in a delay before the letter could be placed back into the review cycle. Therefore, the first level review was not completed until December 22, 1987. The letter was then transmitted to the plant for review the same day. Some days were lost because of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The plant review (i.e., operators, onsite safety review committee, etc.) was completed on January 5, 1988. At that time, final corporate review (e.g., licensing, engineering, quality assurance, legal, etc.) began. The review was completed on January 11, 1988 and the letter was mailed to the NRC the same day.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by not providing the submittal earlier, and will remain sensitive to the NRC's need to have sufficient time to perform their review activities.

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Sincerely,



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