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November 4, 1998

AEP:NRC:1260GG

Docket Nos: 50-315
50-316

Mr. James Lieberman
Director, Office of Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND
PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY
(NRC INSPECTION REPORTS 50-315(316)/97201(NRR),
50-315(316)/97017(DRP), 50-315(316)/98004(DRS),
50-315(316)/98005(DRS), AND 50-315(316)/98009(DRS)

Dear Mr. Lieberman:

By letter dated October 13, 1998, Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M), licensee for the Donald C. Cook Nuclear power plant, units 1 and 2, received a notice of violation and proposed imposition of civil penalty (EA Numbers 98-150, 98-151, 98-152, and 98-186). The issues cited in the notice were documented in the above referenced five inspection reports.

A pre-decisional enforcement conference was held on May 20, 1998, during which we acknowledged the characterization of the apparent violations, described the assessment of root causes, and described preventive and corrective actions to address these issues. I&M will not protest the imposition of the proposed civil penalty and will remit payment in the amount of \$500,000 within 30 days of the October 13, 1998, notice of violation.

On July 30, 1998, the NRC described the establishment of an 0350 restart panel for the plant. We have developed a detailed restart plan and strategies to achieve implementation of each of the major restart activities. The administrator of Region III, the responsible NRR directorate, and the members of the 0350 restart panel are aware of our ongoing efforts to identify the root causes of the issues enumerated in the notice and to establish effective corrective actions in connection with the efforts leading to restart. One of the major projects underway, and the one on the critical path to restart, is the complete refurbishment of the ice condensers in both units. There have been monthly briefings with the restart panel on the progress being made.

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Our intention is to provide a response to each of the thirty-seven alleged violations that appropriately addresses the root causes and effectiveness of the corrective actions being implemented to prevent recurrence. In light of the other time commitments of our management and staff, we respectfully request a 60-day extension of time within which to respond to the notice of violation.

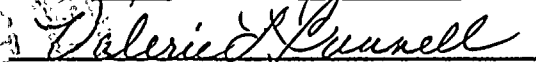
Sincerely,



R. P. Powers
Senior Vice President

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

THIS 4th DAY OF November 1998,

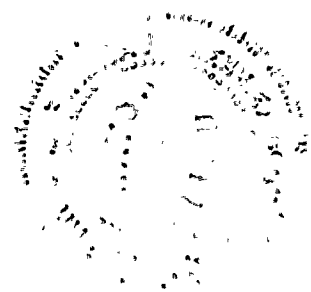

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