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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Mr. O. D. Parr, Chief
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

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Response to Request for
Information and Clarification

Dear Sir:

On August 2, 1979 NRC Staff requested further information and clarification in response to our letter of July 31, 1979. We hereby provide the following responses.

1. With respect to the question of monitoring core conditions by in-core thermocouples, we hereby provide the following response:

The capability to monitor core conditions using in-core thermocouples will not be precluded from the design.

2. Applicant has reviewed IE Bulletin 79-06C, dated July 26, 1979. Our July 31, 1979 response to item 6C of IE Bulletin 79-06B is also valid with respect to IE Bulletin 79-06C.

Reactor coolant pump operation in the event of safety injection will be based upon maximizing reactor safety.

3. With respect to Element #2 of the "Action Plan for Promptly Improving Emergency Preparedness," July 24, 1979, we hereby provide the following clarification of our July 31, 1979 response:

The Lessons Learned Task Force recommendations in NUREG-0578 involving instrumentation to follow the course of an accident will be implemented as described in our July 31, 1979 response. The information provided by this instrumentation will be related to the emergency plan action levels. This will include instrumentation for post accident sampling, high range

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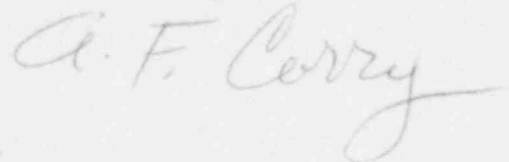
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radioactivity monitors, and improved in-plant radio-iodine instrumentation. The implementation of the Lessons Learned recommendation on instrumentation for detection of inadequate core cooling will also be factored into the emergency plan action level criteria.

4. With respect to recommendation 2.2.1.a of NUREG-0578, we hereby provide the following clarification of our July 31, 1979 response:

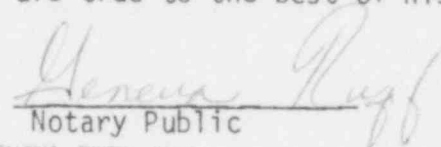
Plant administrative and management procedures will be prepared which assure that reactor operations command and control responsibilities and authority are properly defined. Corporate management will issue an operations policy directive that emphasizes the duties, responsibilities, and authority and lines of command of the control room operators, the shift technical advisor, and the person responsible for reactor operations command in the control room (i.e., the senior reactor operator).

Very truly yours,



Commonwealth of Massachusetts)
County of Suffolk

Then personally appeared before me A. F. Corry, who being duly sworn, did state that he is Senior Vice President of Boston Edison Company, an Applicant herein, that he is duly authorized to execute and file the foregoing letter in the name and on behalf of Boston Edison Company and the other Applicants herein and that the statements in said letter are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.


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