

Offshore Power Systems

October 5, 1979

Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

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Dear Mr. Denton:

On June 20, 1979 I wrote to you concerning utilization of Staff personnel to expeditiously complete the NRC review of the Offshore Power Systems application for a Manufacturing License. Since that time only limited progress has been made in concluding the few remaining items. I am writing again to ask for your personal attention in establishing with your Staff a definite plan and schedule for completion of the NRC review of our application. As my previous letter noted, early completion of your review is of great importance to Offshore Power Systems.

SER Supplement

We believe the NRC has sufficient information on the core ladle and the ECCS/UHI to complete its review expeditiously. We also believe the NRC has sufficient information on the other small items to be concluded in the SER Supplement to complete its review expeditiously.

ACRS

In a letter to you on July 25, 1979 the ACRS asked a number of questions concerning the Floating Nuclear Plant. We have responded to those questions in my letter of September 14, including copies directly to the ACRS, and believe the NRC can now respond to the ACRS expeditiously. Completion of the SER Supplement should provide all necessary information required for a final ACRS meeting prior to issuance of a Manufacturing License.

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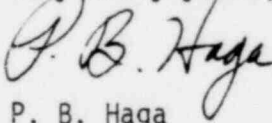
Since my letter of June 20 the NRC Staff has filed Proposed Partial Findings of Fact and the Board has suggested October 26, 1979 for a hearing to ask questions of the Staff concerning a Staff submission to the Board on July 13, 1979. A hearing on October 26, 1979 would complete the record except for introduction into evidence of the latest PDR amendments, the SER Supplement and the ACRS letter. The item concerning turbine missiles mentioned in my letter of June 20, 1979 should be covered in the SER Supplement.

TMI Considerations

It has been our understanding that any requirements arising out of the incident at TMI would be imposed when available and subsequent to issuance of a Manufacturing License. This approach is particularly appropriate for the Floating Nuclear Plant because we will be required as a holder of a Manufacturing License under Appendix M to 10CFR50 to submit a final design in the form of an application to amend the Manufacturing License as soon as the design has been completed. This application and final design can readily incorporate the requirements arising out of TMI.

Because the total effort required by the NRC to complete its review of our Manufacturing License application appears to be relatively small, we request that you assign personnel and establish the necessary plan and schedule to complete the few remaining action items expeditiously. Utility acceptance of the Floating Nuclear Plant is closely tied to the issuance of a Manufacturing License.

Very truly yours,


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