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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Thomas Ippolito, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 2
Division of Licensing

Subject: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333
Environmental Qualification of Safety-
Related Electrical Equipment

Reference: Letter T.A. Ippolito (NRC) to G.T. Berry (PASNY) dated
June 8, 1981.

Dear Sir:

The referenced letter transmitted the Safety Evaluation for the Environmental Qualification of Safety-related Electrical Equipment installed at the FitzPatrick plant, and requested the submission of additional information by September 6, 1981. The Power Authority requests that this date be changed to allow more time to obtain and compile the requested information.

The requested extension is necessary due to the following:

1. Extension of the scope of the response to the Safety Evaluation and the increase in the level of justification required by the NRC staff, which the NRC made known during the July 7 - 10 meeting in Bethesda.
2. Consideration of the clarifications provided by the NRC staff during the same meeting.

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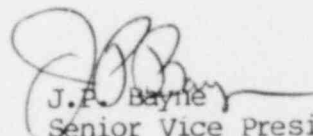
3. Delays encountered by the Authority in obtaining qualification information and in identifying suitable qualified replacement equipment.
4. The Power Authority's efforts to conduct an extensive analysis to determine the functional requirements and operating times of all of the components identified in the original submittal, and to incorporate this information into component evaluation sheets to be provided to the NRC.

The analysis identified in item 4 above has been completed. The effort to incorporate the results of this analysis into revisions to the component evaluation sheets is in progress at this time.

The Power Authority intends to submit a response to the referenced letter, as clarified during the Bethesda meeting, by October 15, 1981.

Should you have any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,


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