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Washington, D. C. 20555

SUBJECT: Arkansas Nuclear One - Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-313 and 50-368
License Nos. DPR-51 and NPF-6
NUREG 0737 Item III.A.1.2 Emergency
Operations Facility Manning Requirements

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to apprise you of recent developments which have impacted our previous commitments relative to the shift staffing requirements of NUREG 0737 Item III.A.1.2 - "Upgrade of Emergency Support Facilities." This item was recently included, along with other NUREG 0737 items, in Generic Letter 82-10 - "Post-TMI Requirements." We are currently preparing our response to Generic Letter 82-10, however, since Item III.A.1.2 will involve a revision to our previous commitments relative to staffing, we felt it appropriate to prepare a separate letter on this item.

Generic Letter 81-10, dated February 18, 1981, (ØCNAØ28111) established minimum shift staffing level requirements to assure adequate staffing for emergency situations. By letter dated April 3, 1981, (ØCANØ481Ø4) AP&L committed to comply with the shift staffing requirements, as presented in Generic Letter 81-10 Table III.A.1.2-1, by the specified date of July 1, 1982. This commitment was later modified by AP&L's letter dated November 30, 1981, (ØCAN1181Ø8). The November 30, 1981, letter stated that AP&L would not be able to meet the requirements for two Senior Reactor Operators (SROs) on shift by July 1, 1982, as required by both Item III.A.1.2 and Item I.A.1.3 - "Shift Manning", but instead proposed to provide two SROs per shift by July 1, 1983. It remained AP&L's intention to comply with the remainder of Table III.A.1.2-1 by July 1, 1982.

In anticipation of the July 1, 1982, schedule for increased shift staffing, AP&L began hiring and training the required additional personnel in late 1981. These efforts have been successful and we now have sufficient personnel to provide the required shift manning.

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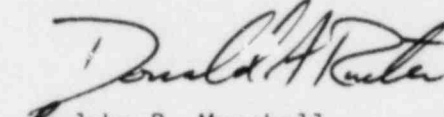
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Before this shift work could be implemented for personnel other than operator, however, modifications to the contract between AP&L and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) were required.

The IBEW contract expired on June 1, 1982. Negotiations on a new contract began in March of 1982 and AP&L has proposed the necessary provisions which would allow routine shift work by union members other than operators. These negotiations were recessed by the IBEW on June 1, 1982, prior to resolution of the remaining items. Although the provision for shift work is not an item of contention, it is an integral part of the new contract. The union has agreed to resume negotiations on July 19, 1982. Since negotiations will not resume prior to July 1, 1982, it is no longer possible to meet our previous commitment.

As discussed above, AP&L has expended considerable effort to comply with the recommended shift staffing levels of Item III.A.1.2 and is continuing in our efforts to reach a settlement of the union negotiations. We plan to implement the recommended shift staffing within four weeks of successful completion of these negotiations. Although a schedule cannot be predicted with any certainty, we expect this will result in a delay of only a few months beyond the original schedule. In the interim, all non-union positions included in Item III.A.1.2 will be added and any deficiencies will be filled by augmentation within one hour as discussed in our November 30, 1981, letter.

Very truly yours,



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