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Docket No. 50-423

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Re: 10CFR50.90

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attention: Document Control Desk  
Washington, DC 20555

Gentlemen:

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3  
Proposed Revision to Technical Specifications  
Fire Protection CO<sub>2</sub> Systems

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Pursuant to 10CFR50.90, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO) hereby submits a proposed amendment to Operating License NPF-49 to allow incorporation of the changes identified in this letter into the Millstone Unit No. 3 Technical Specifications. The purpose of this proposed Technical Specification is to provide clarity with regards to the actions to be taken when CO<sub>2</sub> fire suppression systems are taken out of service.

The proposed revised Technical Specification pages are forwarded in Attachment 1. Attachment 2 provides a description of these changes. NNECO has reviewed these proposed changes in accordance with 10CFR50.92 and has determined that the changes do not involve a significant hazards consideration since these proposed changes only provide clarification to the Technical Specifications in order to eliminate confusion with regard to fire watch requirements and do not affect the design, testing, or surveillance requirements of the CO<sub>2</sub> fire suppression systems. These changes will not affect the current coverage or operability status of these suppression systems or prevent them from fulfilling their primary function to extinguish a fire in its early stages. The basis for this determination is discussed in Attachment 2.

The Commission has provided guidance concerning the application of standards in 10CFR50.92 by providing certain examples (March 6, 1986, 51FR7751) of amendments not likely to involve a significant hazards consideration. Although the changes provided herein are not enveloped by a specific example, the proposed changes provide clarification to the Technical Specifications and will not impact the CO<sub>2</sub> suppression system's operability or function, as no hardware modifications will be made, and, therefore, do not impact the consequences of any design basis accident.

Based upon the information provided in this submittal, there are no significant radiological or nonradiological impacts associated with the proposed

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changes, and the proposed license amendment will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

The Millstone Unit No. 3 Nuclear Review Board has reviewed and approved the proposed changes and has concurred with the above determination.

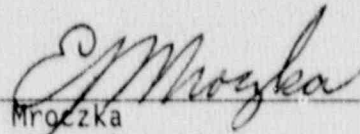
In accordance with 10CFR50.91(b), NNECO is providing the State of Connecticut with a copy of this amendment request.

Regarding our proposed schedule for this amendment, we request issuance at your earliest convenience, with the amendment effective within 30 days upon issuance.

We trust you find this information satisfactory, and we remain available to discuss this with you at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

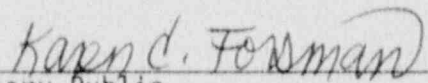
  
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COUNTY OF HARTFORD )

Then personally appeared before me, E. J. Mroczka, who being duly sworn, did state that he is Senior Vice President of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, a Licensee herein, that he is authorized to execute and file the foregoing information in the name and on behalf of the Licensee herein, and that the statements contained in said information are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

  
Karen D. Foxman  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires March 31, 1992