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SUBJECT: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant  
Docket No. 50-333  
**Proposed Change to the Technical Specifications  
Elimination of the Main Steam Isolation Valve Closure Function and  
Scram Function of the Main Steam Line Radiation Monitor (JPTS-90-008)**

- References:
1. Licensing Topical Report NEDO-31400, "Safety Evaluation for Eliminating the Boiling Water Reactor Main Steam Isolation Valve Closure Function and Scram Function of the Main Steam Line Radiation Monitor," May 1987.
  2. NRC Safety Evaluation Report, letter from Ashok C. Thadani, NRC to George J. Beck, BWR Owners Group, "Acceptance for Referencing of Licensing Topical Report NEDO-31400," May 15, 1991.

This application for an amendment to the James A. FitzPatrick Technical Specifications proposes to eliminate the reactor scram and Main Steam Isolation Valve closure requirements associated with the Main Steam Line Radiation Monitors (MSLRM). The change is in accordance with Licensing Topical Report NEDO-31400 (Reference 1), as approved in an NRC Safety Evaluation Report (Reference 2).

The FitzPatrick plant has experienced spurious trips of the MSLRM channels on numerous occasions in the past. Failure of one of the MSLRM was a contributing factor to an automatic reactor scram on May 25, 1993. This event is described in LER 93-013. The Authority requests expeditious review of this application in the interest of eliminating a potential source of spurious reactor transients.

The signed original of the Application for Amendment to Operating License is enclosed for filing. Attachments I, II, III to this application contain the proposed changes to the Technical Specifications, the associated Safety Evaluation, and a markup of the affected Technical Specification pages.

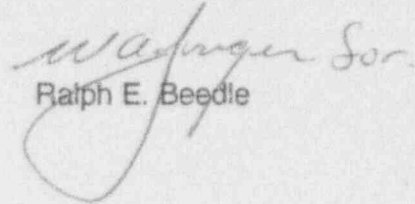
A copy of this application and the associated attachments is being provided to the designated New York State official in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91.

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