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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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SUBJECT: Arkansas Nuclear One - Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-313 and 50-368
License Nos. DPR-51 and NPF-6
Appendix R-Scheduler Exemption
Request for 1 Hour Fire Barriers

Gentlemen:

Our July 1, 1982, Appendix R submittal to you (ØCANØ782Ø2) identified several fire zones which would be provided with 1 hour fire barriers as part of (or all of) their required fire protection. Of those fire zones, 34Y, 40Y, and 73W of Unit 1 and 2109U of Unit 2 were identified as having a schedule for implementation of April 1, 1983.

Our efforts to select a suitable and acceptable 1 hour barrier system began in July, 1982 and several months thereafter were devoted to a serious investigation of available systems. Our investigation included contacting utilities to learn of their experiences, reviewing NRC responses concerning acceptability of different systems, and conducting meetings with potential contractors. Finally, in December, 1982, we were able to begin contractual efforts for the installation of 1 hour barriers at ANO. Concurrently, planning meetings and plant walkdowns were scheduled as means to expedite job completion.

However, despite a concerted effort to begin installing the barriers as early as possible in order to meeting the required April 1 date, our projection for

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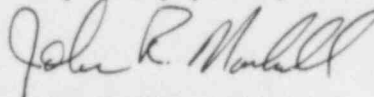
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job completion is now (for the reasons stated) May 1, 1983. Therefore, we request an exemption to the schedule of 10CFR50.48 (April 1, 1983) and request instead that the schedule for installation be extended to May 1, 1983.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John R. Marshall".

John R. Marshall
Manager, Licensing

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