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Mr. Darrell G. Eisenhower, Director  
Division of Licensing  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

License No. DPR-35  
Docket No. 50-293

Subject: Acceleration of 1984 Refueling Outage

- References: (A) Boston Edison letter dated August 4, 1983 from Mr. W.D. Harrington to Mr. D.G. Eisenhower
- (B) Boston Edison letter dated August 10, 1983 from Mr. W.D. Harrington to Mr. D.G. Eisenhower

Dear Sir:

As you requested, Boston Edison has again reviewed the plans, assumptions, and costs associated with accelerating the January 1, 1984 refueling outage to permit earlier inspection of the recirculation system piping.

We have developed an alternate date of December 10, 1983. This date will disturb the planning which has been prepared in support of January 1, 1984, and will complicate acquiring the necessary personnel to perform the work.

The plan for December 10 includes a 3 day Christmas weekend when outage and inspection work will come virtually to a halt. This will cost our customers approximately \$1.8 million dollars of lost savings.

We believe that the increasing safety margins inherent in our coastdown, which will begin in October, coupled with our interim surveillance measures, more than serve to justify continued operation until January 1, 1984.

In past discussions with you, we have detailed our short and long term plans to comprehensively address this issue. We are confident that our actions are adequate

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and afford both safety and service. We believe that your review of our actions has lead you to share that confidence. However, if you find it to be necessary, we can accommodate a December 10, 1983 date.

Very truly yours,

*J. M. Ballentine*  
for WDH

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts)  
County of Suffolk )

Then personally appeared before me J.M. Ballentine, who, being duly sworn, did state that he is Vice President - Nuclear Operations of Boston Edison Company, the applicant herein, and that he is duly authorized to execute and file the submittal contained herein in the name and on behalf of Boston Edison Company and that the statements in said submittal are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

My Commission expires: *October 21, 1988*

*Peter M. Kahler*  
Notary Public