

ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY



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Docket No. 50-461

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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

SUBJECT: CLINTON INDEPENDENT DESIGN REVIEW

Dear Mr. Milhoan:

My letter of May 31, 1984, to Mr. Keppler, Regional Administrator, Region III, provided a description of an Independent Design Review (IDR) of the Clinton Power Station that we propose be performed by Bechtel Power Corporation (BPC).

Supplementing that proposal, enclosed is a copy of a protocol that we propose to use in the conduct of the IDR to assure that contacts between BPC and IP (including its contractors and subcontractors) are documented and that all substantive communications between BPC and IP are accomplished in meetings which are open to public observation. The protocol is essentially similar to that approved by the NRC for the conduct of the independent review and audit under the Commission's November 12, 1982, Order regarding the Zimmer Nuclear Power Station.

We are planning to adhere to the enclosed protocol while we await NRC comments and concurrence regarding our May 31, 1984, proposal.

Sincerely yours,

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Vice President

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Enclosure

cc: NRC Resident Office
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PROTOCOL GOVERNING CONDUCT OF
INDEPENDENT DESIGN REVIEW (IDR)
OF CLINTON POWER STATION (CPS)

In the conduct of the IDR by Bechtel Power Corporation (BPC), the following protocol shall be adhered to:

1. Recommendations, findings, evaluations and all exchange of correspondence, including drafts, between BPC and Illinois Power Company (IP) (including its contractors and subcontractors) will be submitted to the Regional Administrator at the same time as they are submitted to IP.
2. BPC may request documentary material, meet with and interview individuals, conduct telephone conversations, or visit the site to obtain information without prior notification to the NRC. All communications and transmittals of information shall, however, be documented and such documentation shall be maintained in a location accessible for NRC examination. Communications between BPC and IP solely with respect to the financial and administrative aspects of the IDR contract are outside the scope of this protocol.

3. If BPC wishes to discuss with IP substantive matters related to information obtained, to provide an interim report to IP, or to discuss its findings or conclusions with IP in advance of completing its report, or if IP desires such communication, such discussions shall be accomplished in meetings open to public observation. In this regard, IP shall provide a minimum of five days advance notice to the Regional Administrator of any such meeting. The Regional Administrator shall make reasonable efforts to notify representatives of interested members of the public of the meeting, but the inability of any such person to attend shall not be cause for delay or postponement of the meeting. Transcripts or written minutes of all such meetings should be prepared by the organization requesting the meeting and provided to the NRC in a timely manner. Any portion of such meetings which deals with proprietary information may be closed to the public.
4. All meetings between the Staff and IP and/or BPC will be open to public observation, except where the Staff determines that it is appropriate to conduct a meeting(s) in private with IP and/or BPC.

5. All documents submitted to, or transmitted by, the NRC subject to this protocol, unless exempt from mandatory public disclosure, will be placed in the NRC Public Document Rooms in Clinton, Illinois, and Washington, D.C., and will be available there for public examination and copying.