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SUBJECT: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333
**Proposed Change to the Technical Specifications Regarding
Inservice Leak and Hydrostatic Testing Operation (JPTS-95-004)**

REFERENCE: LER-95-007, Enforcement Discretion Required for Control Room
Ventilation Operability Requirements, dated April 20, 1995, (JAFF-95-
0190) to NRC Document Control Desk from Harry P. Salmon, Jr.

Dear Sir:

This application for an amendment to the James A. FitzPatrick Technical Specifications (TS) proposes to allow reactor coolant system pressure tests to be performed while remaining in the Cold Shutdown Mode. Primary containment integrity is not required in the Cold Shutdown Mode thus allowing unrestricted access to the primary containment for the performance of inspections. The changes will also allow outage activities on other systems to continue. The changes, with minor exceptions, adopt Special Operations Section 3.10.1, "Inservice Leak and Hydrostatic Testing Operation," from Standard Technical Specifications (STS), NUREG-1433. Minor exceptions are required to ensure consistency within FitzPatrick TS, reflect differences between FitzPatrick TS and STS, and ensure the same level of ECCS redundancy afforded by STS during pressure testing. These exceptions will be eliminated when the FitzPatrick TS are converted to STS.

Editorial changes to improve the table of contents, relocate text, use consistent terminology, and reflect the addition of new TS pages are also proposed.

The Authority committed to submit this amendment application in LER-95-007 (Reference) to eliminate the need for future requests for enforcement discretion during reactor coolant system pressure tests. Approval of this amendment application will eliminate the need for future requests because TS requirements which do not provide any safety benefit will not be applicable during pressure tests. In addition, approval of this amendment application will significantly lower cost by reducing critical path time during outages.

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GE Nuclear Energy (GE) reviewed this amendment application for conformance with 10 CFR 50.92, and for technical adequacy and consistency with FitzPatrick TS and STS. GE's review did not result in any technical concerns, and GE concluded that this amendment application does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The signed original of the Application for Amendment to the Operating License is enclosed for filing. Attachment I contains the proposed new Technical Specification pages, and Attachment II is the Safety Evaluation for the proposed changes. A markup of the affected Technical Specification pages is included as Attachment III.

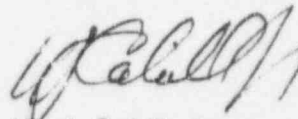
There are no commitments contained in this submittal.

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

The Authority requests approval of this amendment application by July 1996, in order to support preparations for the next refueling outage.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. C. D. Faison.

Very truly yours,



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