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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director

Dear Mr. Denton:

SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
Unit 1
Docket No. 50-416
License No. NPF-13
File: 0260/L-860.0
Withdrawal of Commitment to
Retain Gas Turbine Generators
AECM-84/0447

By letters dated February 26, 1984 (AECM-84/0113) and May 6, 1984 (AECM-84/0271), Mississippi Power and Light (MP&L) committed to maintain the gas turbine generators (GTGs) onsite and available until the TDI diesel generator (D/G) owners group final report on the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS) TDI D/Gs has been submitted and approved by your staff and until all technical concerns have been resolved to the satisfaction of the NRC staff and MP&L, respectively.

MP&L has reviewed pertinent documents related to the reliability of the GGNS TDI D/Gs and hereby concludes that the GTGs installed onsite are no longer required to augment the onsite power supply system.

Based on the successful results of the NRC ordered inspection of the D/Gs, as reported to your staff in letter dated July 5, 1984 (AECM-84/0345), MP&L concludes that the GGNS TDI D/Gs fully comply with the requirements of General Design Criteria (GDC) 17. In addition, as discussed in supplement 6 to the GGNS SER and letters from D. G. Eisenhower to J. B. Richard, dated August 31, 1984, the NRC staff has also concluded that the GGNS TDI D/Gs meet GDCs-1, 2, and 17. Furthermore, the revised technical specifications issued with Amendment 13 to the GGNS Operating License (NPF-13), authorizing full power operation, remove all references to the GTGs. By virtue of the revised technical specifications and the above noted references, MP&L concludes that the NRC staff placed no reliance on the availability of the GTGs in their evaluation of the GGNS standby diesel generators.

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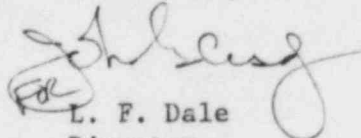
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In that MP&L places no reliance on the GTGs and because questions regarding qualification and reliability of the GGNS TDI D/Gs have been resolved to the NRC's satisfaction, MP&L withdraws its commitment to maintain the GTGs onsite and available.

This matter has been discussed with the NRC Project Manager, Mr. Dean Houston. Based on those discussions, held September 6 and 7, 1984, MP&L understands that the NRC concurs with the position presented here.

Yours truly,


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Director

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