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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Att: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Gentlemen:

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
Docket No. 50-219
Technical Specification Change Request No. 242
Implementation of 10 CFR 50 Appendix J, Option B

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.4(b)(1), enclosed is Technical Specification Change Request (TSCR) No. 242. Also enclosed is a Certificate of Service for this request certifying service to the chief executive of the township in which the facility is located, as well as the designated official of the State of New Jersey, Bureau of Nuclear Engineering.

The proposed change to the Technical Specifications would allow the implementation of 10 CFR 50, Appendix J, Option B. A summary of the proposed changes is included in Enclosure 1. The changed pages are located in Enclosure 2.

In addition to requesting the change to the specified documents, four exemptions from the specifics contained in those documents are requested. These exemptions are discussed in detail in Enclosure 1.

This request meets the requirements for submittal as a Cost Beneficial Licensee Action in the areas of both cost and radiation exposure reduction. Oyster Creek is presently licensed to operate for approximately 13 more years. Under the existing Appendix J criteria, this would require four primary containment integrated leak rate tests (PCILRTs). Additionally, there will be seven outages requiring local leak rate testing (LLRTs). Under Option B, only one more PCILRT would be required, and the scope of each of the seven LLRTs would be decreased by approximately half. This would result in a cost savings of approximately \$9.72 million from the PCILRT savings and \$658,000 from the LLRT savings for a total of \$10.38 million over the next thirteen years. More importantly, however, the reduction in testing requirements would result in a decrease of 10.5 person-rem to site personnel.

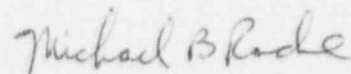
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This Technical Specification Change Request is requested for implementation prior to the upcoming refueling outage. As the next refueling outage is scheduled to commence on September 7, 1996, approval of this submittal is requested by June 30, 1996, to allow sufficient time for planning and scheduling. An implementation date of July 30, 1996 is requested.

This submittal has been evaluated under the criteria of 10 CFR 50.92 and has been determined to contain No Significant Hazards. This determination has been reviewed and concurred by onsite safety review groups.

If any further information or assistance is required, please contact Mr. John Rogers, of my staff, at 609.971.4893, at any time.



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Enclosures

cc: Regional Administrator, NRC Region I
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Mr. Kent Tosch, Director
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Dear Mr. Tosch:

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
Facility Operating License No. DPR-16
Technical Specification Change Request No. 242

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91(b)(1), please find enclosed a copy of the subject document which was filed with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission on February 23, 1996.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. B. Roche".

M. B. Roche
Vice President and Director
Oyster Creek

Enclosure
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