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

Attention: Mr. Domenic B. Vassallo, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 2
Division of Licensing

Subject: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333
Proposed Change to the Technical Specifications
Regarding Primary Containment Airlock Test
Requirements (PTS-80-20)

- References:
1. Amendment to the Code of Federal Regulations
10 CFR 50 Appendix J, dated October 22, 1980.
 2. NYPA letter, J.P. Bayne to D.B. Vassallo (NRC),
dated October 1, 1984 (JPN-84-60) regarding
same subject.
 3. PASNY letter, J.P. Bayne to T.A. Ippolito (NRC),
dated November 18, 1981 (JPN-81-91) regarding
same subject.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are three (3) signed originals and nineteen (19) copies of a document titled, "Application for Amendment to Operating License", together with forty (40) copies of Attachments I and II thereto, comprising a statement of the proposed changes to Appendix A of the Technical Specifications and the associated Safety Evaluation.

In Reference 1, the NRC amended the requirements for leak testing of containment airlocks. The Authority submitted an application for amendment to Section 4.7.A of Appendix A of the Operating License via Reference 2.

In Reference 2, the time specified for testing the airlocks, which are opened during periods when containment integrity is required, was increased from 24 hours to 72 hours, and test pressure/leakage criteria for the airlocks was specified. This application for amendment supercedes Reference 2 in its entirety.

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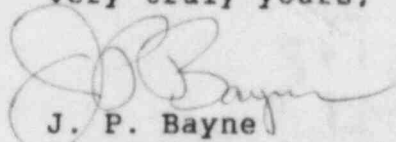
In addition to the previously mentioned changes in this application, a seal test has been specified in lieu of the airlock test when: containment integrity is to be established following a period during which it was not required; and, no maintenance has been performed on the airlock that could affect its sealing capability. Test pressure/leakage criteria for the seals have also been specified. Appendix J to 10 CFR 50 requires a complete airlock test under the above conditions and the Authority hereby requests an exemption from this requirement in accordance with 10 CFR 50.12. Justification for this exemption request is provided in Attachment II.

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.91, a copy of this application, with attachments, is being provided to the designated New York State official.

The Authority previously classified this Application for Amendment to the Operating License as Class III. A check in the amount of \$4,000.00 was included with our earlier application (Reference 3) as the filing fee per 10 CFR 170.22, which the Authority had paid under protest pending a final determination of the legality of the fee schedule.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed changes, please contact Mr. J. A. Gray, Jr. of my staff.

Very truly yours,



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BEFORE THE UNITED STATES
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In the Matter of)
NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY) Docket No. 50-333
James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant)

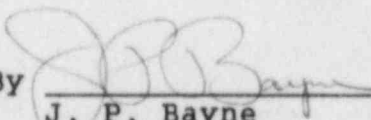
APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO
OPERATING LICENSE

Pursuant to Section 50.90 of the regulations of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the New York Power Authority, as holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-59, hereby applies for an Amendment to the Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A of this license.

This proposed change to the James A. FitzPatrick Technical Specifications seeks to amend Section 4.7.A to the Operating License relating to primary containment airlock test requirements. The proposed change is prompted by the Commission's amendment to 10 CFR 50, Appendix J, dated October 22, 1980, regarding leak testing of containment airlocks.

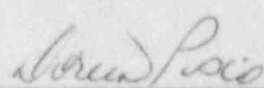
The proposed change to the Technical Specifications is presented in Attachment I to this Application. The Safety Evaluation is included in Attachment II. The Authority seeks an exemption to 10 CFR 50 Appendix J, Paragraph III.D.2(b)(ii) and the justification for this exemption request is also provided in Attachment II.

NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY

By 
J. P. Bayne
First Executive Vice President
Chief Operations Officer

State of New York
County of Westchester

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 2nd day of May, 1985.


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Notary Public, State of New York
No. 4737373
Qualified in Westchester County
Term Expires March 30, 1987

Notary Public