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RE: Docket No. 40-8728

Dear Ross:

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of seven-hundred sixty dollars (\$760.00) requested by Mr. Douglas Weiss of the License Fee Management Branch for Amendment No. 6 to the above referenced file.

Teton's R and D License has been changed (amended) six times in approximately eighteen (18) months. These changes have been worked out between myself and Mr. Fred Ross of your staff and reflect good project management on the part of Mr. Ross. This is a benefit to Teton. The current fee request, however, has come as an unplanned surprise, and therefore created some problems. The only official request for an amendment has just recently been tendered under separate cover and therefore, the minor amendment fee is expected. On the other hand, changes made through working on a project, submitting and evaluating new data, etc. may or may not result in fees. The uncertainty of this makes planning difficult. Amendment No. 6 is a good example of the type of thing that creates a problem in that the last sentence is written as follows: "Any changes to the above monitoring plan shall require NRC approval in the form of a license amendment." The first question asked after reading this is do you mean that they are going to charge us for improving our plan? The operator often needs more flexibility than some license conditions allow in order to do a good job. This must be facilitated without jeopardizing the regulatory authorities' position. I would look forward to working with members of your staff in the future to eliminate unanticipated fees and to provide the flexibility needed to maintain a good operation.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

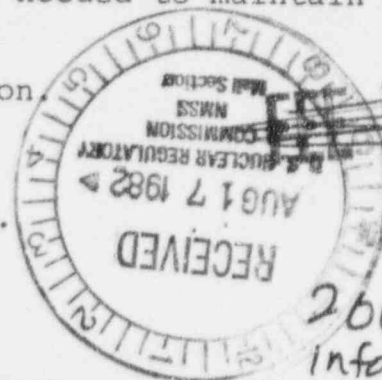
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Richard R. Appel

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Enclosure

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Applicant
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Type of Fee	Amendment
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