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NUCLEAR LICENSING & SAFETY DEPARTMENT

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Resource Management
Division of Accounting and Finance
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: William O. Miller, Chief
License Fee Management Branch
Office of Administration

Dear Mr. Miller:

SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
Unit 2
Docket No. 50-417
License No. NPF-29
File: 0260/L-800.0
Ref: MAEC-85/0049
AECM-85/2-0005
MAEC-85/0153
Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 2
Bill No. D0192
AECM-85/2-0016

On May 8, 1985, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) sent to Mississippi Power & Light (MP&L) a second Notice of Bill for Collection, No. D0192, requesting that MP&L remit \$1,032,937.00 plus interest charges of \$21,140.10.

NRC regulations, 10 CFR 15.31, provide that the NRC may extend the due date of a bill when the debtor disputing the bill explains why the debt is incorrect in fact or law. In the view of MP&L, that provision assumes that the debtor be provided sufficient explanation of the basis for the bill to be able to ascertain whether it is incorrect. However, the description of services rendered in the original bill indicated only that the assessment was for the operating license review in connection with Grand Gulf, Unit 2 for the period "Post-CP issuance through June 23, 1984."

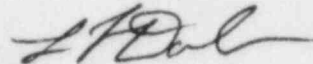
Accordingly, on March 14, 1985 MP&L responded to the initial request by asking that it be provided with specific information needed to assess the correctness of the bill. This requested information included the nature, dates and staff offices performing reviews for which MP&L was charged. MP&L also requested that the deadline by which the fee payment is due be extended until thirty (30) days after it received this information on the grounds that the requested information was necessary to determine whether the debt is incorrect in fact or in law within the meaning of 10 CFR 15.31 and 170.51.

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MP&L again requests that it be provided with the information requested in its March 14, 1985 response and that the deadline by which fee payment is due be extended until thirty days following receipt of this information. MP&L further requests that all interest charges be voided.

Yours truly,



L. F. Dale
Director

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