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SUBJECT: LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE - QUAD CITIES NUCLEAR POWER STATION,  
UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M96415 AND M96416)

Dear Ms. Johnson:

On February 13, 1991, the NRC issued Amendment No. 128 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-29 and Amendment No. 123 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-30 for the Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, respectively, to recapture the construction period of the plants. These amendments changed the expiration date for the respective plant license to 40 years from the date of issuance of the full power license (issued on December 14, 1972), thereby making each license expiration date December 14, 2012. The 40 year time frame was established in accordance with 10 CFR 50.51.

By letter dated November 14, 1995, Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) requested a change to the operating licenses of Quad Cities, Units 1 and 2. This letter requested to change each license expiration date from 40 years from the date of issuance of the full power operating license to 40 years from the date of the initial low power operating license, because the time of 40 years from the date of issuance of the full power operating license was used.

In 10 CFR 50.51 it states, "Each license will be issued for a fixed period of time to be specified in the license but in no case to exceed 40 years from date of issuance." The licenses of Quad Cities, Units 1 and 2, presently meet this criteria, as the regulations do not specify for which operating license (initial low power or full power) the 40 years is referenced. In the past, the expiration date of licenses to nuclear power station facilities have been granted either from the initial low power or the full power operating license. The NRC requests that ComEd advise the staff as to whether it wants to proceed with the change in the license expiration date for both units or whether ComEd wishes to withdraw the request.

Your response to this request by February 1, 1997, would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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