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Subject: McGuire Nuclear Station
Docket Nos: 50-369 and 370
Proposed Exigent Technical Specification Amendment
Technical Specification 3.8.2 - DC Sources

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 10CFR50.4 and 10CFR50.91(6), please find attached (Attachment 1) the proposed exigent license amendment to Appendix A (Technical Specification of Facility Operating License NPF-9 and NPF-17 for McGuire Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2) regarding the safety-related 125VDC power system.

The proposed amendment adds battery parameter requirements for low specific gravity cells to TS 3.8.2 and differentiates between those parameters for high specific gravity versus those for low specific gravity cells. The use of low specific gravity cells is being pursued as an option in the overall plan to return battery EVCC to service in the most expeditious manner. This amendment will allow low specific gravity cells to be used in the vital 125VDC system when desired.

It is requested that this amendment be issued in a timely manner to support the current McGuire units' startup schedule. Unit 1 is currently scheduled to enter Mode 4 on 11/7/96 and Unit 2 on 11/11/96. **Thus, approval of this amendment is requested prior to 11/7/96 to support the earlier Unit 1 date.** Additionally, McGuire requests that the NRC exercise the option of 10CFR50.91(6)(i)(B) and 'use local media to provide reasonable notice to the public in the area...' in lieu of the exigent public notification requirements of 10CFR50.91(6)(i)(A). Any delay in approval of this amendment may result in a delay in the return of battery EVCC to service. This would also prevent resumption of operation for the McGuire units and their subsequent increase in power output to 100% power level.

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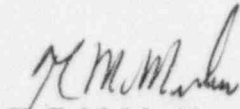
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Attachment 1 contains the proposed TS amendment, Attachment 2 contains the Technical Justification, Attachment 3 contains the No Significant Hazards Statement, Attachment 4 contains the Environmental Impact Statement, and Attachment 5 contains the Justification for Exigent TS Amendment. The proposed TS amendment has been reviewed and approved by the McGuire Plant Operation Review Committee and by the Duke Power Nuclear Safety Review Board.

If you require further information, please contact James E. Snyder at 704/875-4447.

Yours Very Truly,



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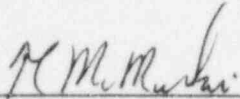
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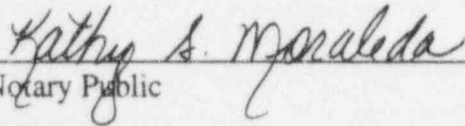
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T. C. McMeekin, being duly sworn, states that he is Vice President, McGuire Nuclear Generation Department, Duke Power Company; that he is authorized on the part of the said Company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this revision to the McGuire Nuclear Station Technical Specifications and that all statements and matter set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.



T. C. McMeekin, Vice President
McGuire Nuclear Station

Subscribed and sworn to me this 1st day of November, 1996.



Notary Public

My Commission expires:

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ATTACHMENT 1
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