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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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SUBJECT: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333
Feedwater Nozzle Inspection Program

Reference: NYPA letter, W. J. Cahill, Jr. to NRC (JPN-96-022), "Feedwater Nozzle Inspection Program," dated May 16, 1996.

Dear Sir:

This letter withdraws the request for NRC approval of the two changes described in the referenced letter. The changes pertained to the inspection program for the reactor vessel feedwater (FW) nozzles at the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant. The referenced letter proposed (1) an increase in the inspection interval for the ultrasonic (UT) examination of the feedwater nozzles to every ten years, and (2) an elimination of the diagnostic system (Leakage Monitoring System) that monitors bypass leakage across the FW sparger thermal sleeve seals.

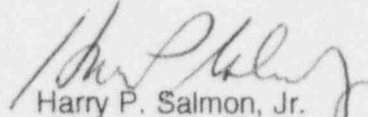
The request is being withdrawn since the letter does not reflect the UT inspections performed on the FW nozzles during the 1996 FitzPatrick outage that occurred subsequent to the time the requested changes were submitted, and does not reflect the most recent Leakage Monitoring System data. Further, the description of a method utilized during a previous UT examination differs with definitions of UT methods stated in a recent BWR Owners Group report. The UT examinations performed during the 1996 outage, as well as previous examinations, confirm the absence of reportable indications in the feedwater nozzles. A separate request to eliminate the feedwater nozzle Leakage Monitoring System may be submitted at some future time, along with the updated supporting information.

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Very truly yours,


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