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Subject: Dresden Nuclear Power Station Unit 1
Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License DPR-2
Technical Specifications, NRC Docket 50-010

Reference a: J. S. Perry letter to U. S. NRC dated October 23, 1996

ComEd submitted a request for an amendment to the technical specifications of the license for Dresden Unit 1 in reference (a). That amendment request revised the technical specifications to a format consistent with the recently approved technical specification upgrade for Dresden Units 2 and 3, and proposed other miscellaneous changes related to the decommissioning status of Unit 1. This letter submits an update to the administrative controls section of the proposed technical specification amendment. The update reflects the transition of overall corporate responsibility for storage of spent nuclear fuel at permanently shutdown ComEd units to the Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategic Services.

Attachment 1 describes the update to the previously submitted amendment request, compares it to the technical specification currently in effect and provides the reason for the change. Attachment 2 is a replacement page 6-2 of the proposed technical specifications which includes the update to the administrative controls section.

The evaluation of significant hazards consideration, environmental assessment and irreversible consequences assessment included with reference (a) have been reviewed in light of this change and the conclusions reached in those assessments are not affected.

This update to the amendment request has been reviewed and approved by ComEd's Onsite and Offsite Review functions in accordance with ComEd procedures.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements contained above are true and correct. In some respect these statements are not based on my personal knowledge, but obtained from information furnished by other ComEd employees, contractor employees and consultants. Such information has been reviewed in accordance with company practice and I believe it to be reliable.

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CornEd is notifying the State of Illinois of this update to the amendment request by transmitting a copy of this letter and attachments to the designated state official.

Please direct any questions you may have concerning this submittal to this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Stephen Perry".

J. Stephen Perry
Site Vice President
Dresden Station

Attachments

Subscribed and Sworn to before me

on this 25th day of

November, 1996.

Michelle Kowal Kowalski
Notary Public



ATTACHMENT 1

Description Of Change And Comparison To Current Technical Specification

In section 6.1, paragraph A.3 on page 6-1 of the current technical specifications (amendment 38) it states "The Chief Nuclear Officer (CNO) shall have the corporate responsibility for overall plant nuclear safety and shall take any measures needed to ensure acceptable performance of the staff in operating, maintaining, and providing technical support to the plant to ensure nuclear safety." In the amendment request of reference (a), the quoted paragraph was moved intact to section 6.2.A.3.

This update revises section 6.2.A.3 of the proposed technical specification to read as follows: "The Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategic Services shall have corporate responsibility for the safe storage of irradiated fuel and shall take any measures needed to ensure acceptable performance of the staff in operating, maintaining and providing technical support to the structures and systems necessary to ensure the safe storage of irradiated fuel."

Two substantive changes have been made in this paragraph. Overall plant nuclear safety has been redefined as safe storage of irradiated fuel, given the decommissioning status of Dresden Unit 1 (fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel). The other change is the shift in overall safety responsibility at the corporate level from the Chief Nuclear Officer to another officer of the corporation, the Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategic Services. The Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategic Services is qualified to fulfill this overall corporate responsibility for safe storage of irradiated fuel at permanently shutdown ComEd plants since he formerly held the position of Chief Nuclear Officer.

The implementation of ComEd's Quality Assurance Program on Dresden Unit 1 activities will remain the same, as well as oversight of the program implementation.

Reason For Change

The transition of responsibility is being made for two reasons. First, it will enable the Chief Nuclear Officer to further focus on improving the performance of ComEd's twelve operating units. Second, ComEd recognizes the need to develop competencies for its long term decommissioning responsibilities associated with nuclear generation. The Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategic Services will devote separate management attention at the executive level to develop this important function, beginning with responsibility for safe storage of irradiated fuel at the permanently shutdown Dresden Unit 1 facility.

ATTACHMENT 2

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PROPOSED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS