



William J. Cahill, Jr.  
Chief Nuclear Officer

November 26, 1996  
JPN-96-051

United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
ATTN: Document Control Desk  
Mail Station P1-137  
Washington, DC 20555

**SUBJECT: JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT**  
**Docket No. 50-333**  
**Proposed Changes to the Technical Specifications to Relocate**  
**Requirements for Snubbers to Plant Controlled Documents (JPTS-96-001)**

- References:
1. NUREG-1433, Standard Technical Specifications, General Electric Plants, BWR/4, Revision 1, dated April 1995.
  2. NEDO-31466, Technical Specification Screening Criteria Application and Risk Assessment, dated November 1987.
  3. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 10, Part 50, Paragraph 50.36, Technical Specifications.

Dear Sir:

This application for proposed amendment to the James A. FitzPatrick Technical Specifications (TS) requests that the snubber operability, surveillance, and records requirements in the TS be relocated to plant controlled documents. These proposed changes are based on the guidance presented in NUREG-1433 (Reference 1) and NEDO-31466 (Reference 2), and on the criteria presented in NRC regulation 10 CFR 50.36 (Reference 3), and are consistent with NRC and industry efforts to simplify the TS. The plant controlled documents associated with the relocated requirements will be referenced in the first FSAR update due more than six months after NRC issuance of the amendment.

Approval of the proposed amendment is requested prior to the start of the next Inservice Inspection (ISI) program ten year interval which commences on June 28, 1997. This will avoid conflicts between the current surveillance requirements in the TS and the ASME Boiler & Pressure Vessel Codes. The Authority requests a ninety (90) day period after the amendment is issued to implement concurrently the plant controlled procedures and the requested Technical Specification revisions.

The signed original of the Application for Amendment to Operating License is enclosed for filing. Attachments I and II to this application contain the proposed changes to the TS and the associated safety evaluation, respectively. A mark-up of the affected TS pages is included in Attachment III. Attachment IV summarizes the commitments made in this submittal.

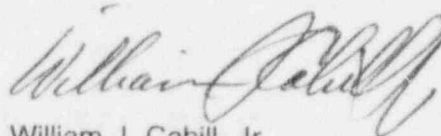
9612040194 961126  
PDR ADOCK 05000333  
P PDR

ADDI/

A copy of this application and the associated attachments are being provided to the designated New York State official in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. C. D. Faison.

Very truly yours,



William J. Cahill, Jr.  
Chief Nuclear Officer

att: as stated

cc: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
475 Allendale Road  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Office of the Resident Inspector  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
P.O. Box 136  
Lycoming, NY 13093

Ms. Karen Cotton, Acting Project Manager  
Project Directorate I-1  
Division of Reactor Projects - I/II  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Mail Stop 14 B2  
Washington, DC 20555

Mr. F. William Vaientino, President  
New York State Energy, Research,  
and Development Authority  
2 Rockefeller Plaza  
Albany, NY 12223-1253