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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Edward J. Butcher, Jr.
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References: (a) License No. DPR-36 (Docket No. 50-309)
(b) MYAPCo. letter to USNRC dated January 4, 1985
(c) NRC letter to MYAPCo. dated March 6, 1985, Revision of
Schedule for Completion of NUREG-0737, Supplement 1 Items

Subject: Completion of Operator Training for SPDS

Gentlemen:

Maine Yankee has just completed our Cycle 8/9 refueling and maintenance outage and returned to power operation. Our original schedule called for completion on October 1, 1985, but unanticipated problems led to a delay of about three and one half weeks. One of the projects completed during the outage was installation of the Safety Parameter Display System (SPDS) hardware. This system will soon be available to operators for use if required.

We find that the extension of the outage, the fact that recent unplanned attrition has reduced the number of Senior Operator License holders one below that needed to sustain a six shift rotation, and the time needed for validating revised Emergency Operating Procedures (EOPs) makes it necessary to modify our schedule to complete EOP implementation and training which was submitted in Reference (b). We now expect to complete our EOP upgrade effort by July 1, 1986. For the reasons described in Reference (b), we believe that concurrent training in the use of the SPDS and the revised EOP's is desirable and more effective. Therefore, we request that the final implementation date for item 1b of Reference (c) be changed to July 1, 1986.

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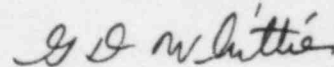
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Since much of the training and validation effort will be completed well in advance of the final completion date, the overall effect of the schedular extension is minimal.

Please call me if you have any questions in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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