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Subject: Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station
License Amendment Application to Modify Technical Specification 3/4.5.2,
Emergency Core Cooling Systems - ECCS Subsystems - $T_{avg} \geq 280°F$
(License Amendment Request No. 03-0008)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By letter dated May 14, 2003 (Serial Number 2950), the FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) submitted an application (License Amendment Request (LAR) 03-0008) to amend the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS) Unit Number 1, Facility Operating License NPF-3, Appendix A, Technical Specifications. The letter included a request that the license amendment application be processed in the manner provided by 10 CFR 50.91(a)(6) for exigent circumstances.

As described in the May 14 submittal, during the ongoing Thirteenth Refueling Outage, FENOC identified via the station's corrective action program that the High Pressure Injection (HPI) pumps are potentially susceptible to damage from debris small enough to pass through the openings in the containment emergency sump screens, and that pending resolution of this issue, both HPI trains have been declared inoperable. The submittal further noted that due to its complexity, resolution of this issue may take several months, and may include replacement or modification of the existing HPI pumps.

Shortly after the May 14 submittal, FENOC made a decision to pursue modification of the High Pressure Injection (HPI) pumps in lieu of pump replacement. Due to the impact of this decision on the restart schedule and the sequencing of major plant activities in the schedule, FENOC verbally notified the NRC staff on May 16, 2003 that exigent circumstances were no longer

applicable to the license amendment application, and requested that the application be processed in the normal manner. This letter provides written confirmation of that verbal notification.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Patrick J. McCloskey, Manager - Regulatory Affairs, at (419) 321-8450.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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COMMITMENT LIST

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COMMITMENTS	DUE DATE
None	N/A