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Re: 10 CFR 50.12
10 CFR 50, Appendix R

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2
10 CFR 50, Appendix R
Revised Schedule Affecting Previously Requested Exemption

In a letter dated February 14, 2000,⁽¹⁾ pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO), on behalf of Millstone Unit No. 2, requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix R, Section III.J. The exemption is necessary because of design modifications which affect the Millstone Unit No. 2 Appendix R safe shutdown strategy requiring operator access and egress through portions of the yard area which do not meet the specific requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix R, Section III.J. In the aforementioned letter, NNECO informed the NRC Staff that the modifications are being implemented during the upcoming Millstone Unit No. 2 refueling outage (2R13). Therefore, NNECO requested NRC review and approval of this exemption prior to Mode 4 restart from 2R13, tentatively scheduled for May 26, 2000.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Staff that this modification has been removed from the 2R13 outage scope. The associated design modification is progressing and will be implemented at a later date. The specific schedule has yet to be determined but is anticipated to be no later than 2R14, tentatively scheduled for March 2002.

⁽¹⁾ Stephen E. Scace letter to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2, 10 CFR 50, Appendix R, Request for Exemption," dated February 14, 2000.

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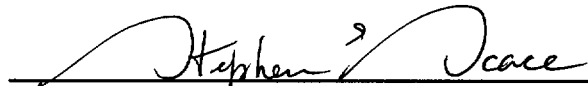
Therefore, NNECO revises the request for NRC Staff review and approval of the exemption prior to Mode 4 restart from 2R13 and will submit a request for review and approval of the subject exemption request based on the revised schedule when the modification schedule has been determined.

There are no regulatory commitments contained within this letter.

If you have any questions with the above submittal, please contact Mr. Ravi Joshi at (860) 440-2080.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen E. Scace". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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