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Subject: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant  
Docket No. 50-333  
License No. DPR-59  
**Schedule for Responses to Requests for  
Additional Information Regarding  
Proposed Improved Technical Specifications**

Reference: See Below

Dear Sir:

In Reference 1, the NRC requested a 60-day response to approximately 200 separate requests for additional information (RAI) concerning the proposed Improved Technical Specifications (ITS) submitted to the NRC by the Authority for the FitzPatrick plant. In Reference 2, the Authority provided a response schedule, on a section-by-section basis, to the NRC. The Authority stated that responses to questions regarding proposed ITS Sections 3.6 and 3.8 would be submitted to the NRC no later than April 1, 2000 and that responses for the remaining RAI questions would be provided to the NRC no later than April 15, 2000. In Reference 3, the Authority provided the NRC with responses to the questions regarding proposed ITS Sections 3.6 and 3.8. However, due to the resources necessary to prepare for refueling outage (RFO) 14 (currently scheduled for Fall 2000), the Authority will not be able to meet the April 15, 2000 due date for responding to the remaining Reference 1 RAI questions. The Authority will provide responses for the remaining Reference 1 RAI questions to the NRC no later than June 30, 2000.

The Authority has recently received an additional RAI from the NRC (Reference 4). In this RAI, the NRC requests a 60-day response to approximately 70 separate RAIs concerning the proposed ITS. Based on the resources necessary to prepare for refueling outage (RFO) 14 (currently scheduled for Fall 2000), and the schedule associated with responding to the Reference 1 RAIs, the Authority will not be able to provide responses within 60 days. The Authority will provide a response for the Reference 4 RAI questions to the NRC no later than July 31, 2000.

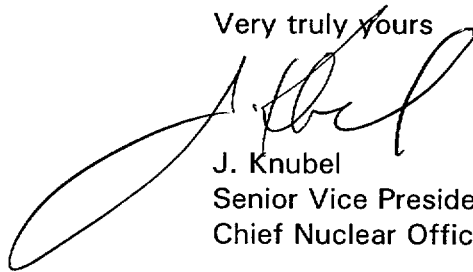
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The NRC stated in References 1 and 4 that if the 60-day response schedule could not be met, the Authority should contact Mr. Guy Vissing (NRC Project Manager for the FitzPatrick plant). The Authority staff has discussed plans for providing the requested information with Mr. Vissing and based on the discussions, the Authority plans to submit responses to the RAIs in the timeframe discussed above.

The Authority requests issuance of the draft ITS safety evaluation report (SER) in November 2000 and the final ITS conversion SER in January 2001. This is based on the above noted plans, the time required for NRC review of the RAI responses, and preparation of revisions to the ITS submittal by the Authority. The January 2001 date will support the current schedule for implementing ITS in June 2001. This was discussed and agreed to by the NRC in a teleconference on April 12, 2000.

Attachment 1 contains the list of commitments. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. G. Tasick at (315) 349-6572.

Very truly yours

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to J. Knubel, is written over the typed name and title.

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References:

1. NRC letter to J. Knubel (NYPA), Request for Additional Information Regarding Sections 1.0, 3.0, 3.3.5, 3.3.6, 3.3.8, 3.3.9, 3.4, 3.6, 3.8, 3.9, and 5.0 of the Improved Technical Specifications (TAC No. MA5049), dated December 10, 1999
2. NYPA Letter, J. Knubel to NRC, " Response to Request of Additional Information Regarding Proposed Improved Technical Specifications," (JPN-00-004), dated February 11, 2000
3. NYPA Letter, M. J. Colomb to NRC, " Response to Requests for Additional Information Regarding Improved Technical Specification Sections 3.6 and 3.8," (JAFP-00-0078), dated April 4, 2000
4. NRC letter to J. Knubel (NYPA), Request for Additional Information Regarding Section's 2.0, 4.0, 3.0, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5, 3.7, and 3.10, of the Improved Technical Specifications (TAC No. MA5049), dated February 9, 2000

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Attachment 1 to JPN-00-009  
**ITS Request for Additional Information (RAI)**

**List of Commitments**

<b>Commitment No.</b>	<b>Commitment Description</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
JPN-00-009-01	Respond to RAI Received on December 13, 1999 Regarding ITS Sections 1.0, 3.0, 3.3.5, 3.3.6, 3.3.7, 3.3.8, 3.4, 3.9, 4.0, and 5.0.	6/30/2000
JPN-00-009-02	Respond to RAI Received on February 15, 2000 Regarding ITS Sections 2.0, 3.0, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5, 3.7, and 3.10.	7/31/2000