

May 19, 2000

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SUBJECT: DRESDEN, LASALLE AND QUAD CITIES - REVIEW SCHEDULE OF THE  
CONVERSION TO IMPROVED STANDARD TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS  
(TAC NOS. MA8382, MA8383, MA8390, MA8388, MA8378 AND MA8379)

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

By letter dated March 3, 2000, the Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee) submitted an application to convert Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3, LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2, and Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, to the improved standard technical specifications (iSTS). The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's initial review found that the document is acceptable for a detailed staff review. The detailed review is in progress.

The staff expects to complete its review by March 9, 2001, in order to support your implementation date of March 31, 2001. Our ability to meet this aggressive schedule depends upon your prompt and effective resolution of any items identified during the review of not only your iSTS submittal, but the other license amendment requests (LARs) listed in Attachment 2 of your iSTS submittal. Note that the LARs on page 2 of Attachment 2 of your submittal (LARs that have not yet been submitted), will not be reviewed before the iSTS or incorporated into the iSTS, except the Dresden LAR related to the vacuum pump trip that is needed to make Dresden similar to Quad Cities.

The enclosed table summarizes the staff's review schedule. The staff will provide you draft RAIs, grouped by iSTS section and make the questions available to the public at that time. If desired, the staff will support a conference call within 1 week to clarify the questions. The staff will issue the formal RAIs 2 weeks after providing the draft RAIs, or roughly 1 week after any conference call. In order for the staff to meet its schedule, ComEd must respond to the RAIs and revise any sections, as necessary, within 2 months of the date of the draft RAIs, and complete resolution of all open items by December 15, 2000.

The staff's ability to complete its review by March 9, 2001, also depends upon the acceptability of your setpoint methodology that is used for the conversion to a 24-month surveillance frequency. On April 27, 2000, the staff met with ComEd to discuss the details of the methodology. At this time there do not appear to be any discrepancies, but it was agreed that ComEd would resubmit the setpoint methodology by June 5, 2000, with the staff's comments incorporated.

A model safety evaluation (SE) was developed for the H.B. Robinson iSTS conversion (Accession Number 9711050147), issued on October 24, 1997. Prior to this model, iSTS conversion SEs were over 400 pages of text. With the model SE, the total volume was reduced to about 240 pages, with 40 to 50 pages of text and about 200 pages of tables. In the model SE format, changes from the current technical specifications (CTS) to the iSTS are categorized and tabulated as follows: (1) administrative changes, (2) technical changes - less restrictive (specific), (3) technical changes - less restrictive (generic), (4) technical changes - more restrictive, and (5) relocated specifications. In order for ComEd to conform with the model SE, we request that ComEd prepare tables formatted in accordance with the model SE. These tables should be provided to the staff in WordPerfect, Version 6.1 for Windows file format. The staff's review schedule is based on receiving these tables by June 15, 2000, for all sections.

If you have any questions about the staff's review of your submittal, please contact me at (301) 415-1321.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-237, 50-249, 50-373,  
50-374, 50-254, 50-265

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**Dresden 2 & 3, LaSalle 1 & 2, Quad Cities 1 & 2  
iSTS Conversion Review Schedule Target Dates**

Section	Reviewer	NRC Issue Draft RAIs (all plants)	Discuss RAIs (all plants)	NRC Issue Final RAIs (all plants)	Licensee RAI Response (all plants)	Resolve Open Items (all plants)	Draft SE Issued (all plants)	Comments on Draft SE (all plants)	Amendment Issue Date* (all plants)
1.0 Use/Appl	A. Chu	5/30/00	6/06/00	6/13/00	7/31/00	10/02/00	1/19/01	2/02/00	3/9/01
2.0 Safety Limits	T. Tjader	6/30/00	7/07/00	7/14/00	8/30/00	10/30/00	1/19/01	2/02/00	3/9/01
3.0 LCO/SR Appl	A. Chu	5/19/00	5/26/00	6/02/00	7/17/00	9/18/00	1/19/01	2/02/00	3/9/01
3.1 Reactivity Cntl	T. Tjader	6/30/00	7/07/00	7/14/00	8/30/00	10/30/00	1/19/01	2/02/00	3/9/01
3.2 Power Distr	T. Tjader	6/30/00	7/07/00	7/14/00	8/30/00	10/30/00	1/19/01	2/02/00	3/9/01
3.3 Instrumentation	C. Schulten	8/15/00	8/22/00	8/29/00	10/16/00	12/15/00	1/19/01	2/02/00	3/9/01
3.4 RCS	J. Foster	6/30/00	7/07/00	7/14/00	8/30/00	10/30/00	1/19/01	2/02/00	3/9/01
3.5 ECCS	T. Liu	5/30/00	6/06/00	6/13/00	7/31/00	10/02/00	1/19/01	2/02/00	3/9/01
3.6 Containment	R. Giardina	8/15/00	8/22/00	8/29/00	10/30/00	12/15/00	1/19/01	2/02/00	3/9/01
3.7 Plant Sys	C. Harbuck	7/17/00	7/24/00	7/31/00	9/18/00	11/17/00	1/19/01	2/02/00	3/9/01
3.8 Electrical	T. Dunning	8/15/00	8/22/00	8/29/00	10/16/00	12/15/00	1/19/01	2/02/00	3/9/01
3.9 Refueling	T. Tjader	6/30/00	7/07/00	7/14/00	8/30/00	10/30/00	1/19/01	2/02/00	3/9/01
3.10 Special Ops	T. Tjader	6/30/00	7/07/00	7/14/00	8/30/00	10/30/00	1/19/01	2/02/00	3/9/01
4.0 Design Features	A. Chu	6/30/00	7/07/00	7/14/00	8/15/00	10/30/00	1/19/01	2/02/00	3/9/01
5.0 Admin Controls	A. Chu	7/17/00	7/24/00	7/31/00	9/18/00	11/17/00	1/19/01	2/02/00	3/9/01

\*3/31/01 licensee specified ITS implementation date