123 Main Street White Plains, New York 10601 914 681.6950 914 287.3309 (Fax)



James Knubel
Senior Vice President and
Chief Nuclear Officer

July 27, 2000 JPN-00-024

United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Attn: Document Control Desk Mail Station P1-137 Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject:

James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant

Docket No. 50-333

Withdrawal of Proposed Technical Specification Regarding the Elimination of the Operability Requirements for the Average Power Range Monitors in the

Refuel Mode Amendment (JPTS-00-001).

Reference:

JPN-00-020, NYPA letter to NRC, "Proposed Change to the Technical Specifications to Eliminate the Operability Requirements for the Average

Power Range Monitors in the Refuel Mode (JPTS-00-001).

Dear Sir,

On June 14, 2000, the Authority submitted a Technical Specification Amendment (Reference) to eliminate the operability requirements for the Average Power Range Monitors (APRMs) in the Refuel Mode. Based on discussions with the NRC and the time constraints between the application submittal date and the James A. FitzPatrick refuel outage date, the Authority is withdrawing the referenced amendment request. The referenced submittal also provided a response to a Request for Additional Information regarding the Improved Technical Specification submittal for the FitzPatrick Plant. The Authority will provide the requested information in a separate submittal.

No new commitments are made by the Authority in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. George Tasick at (315) 349-6572.

Very truly yours,

Knubel

Senior Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer

Cc: next page

A001

Cc: Regional Administrator
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Office of the Resident Inspector U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission P.O. Box 136 Lycoming, NY 13093

Mr. Guy Vissing, Project Manager Project Directorate I Division of Licensing Project Management U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Mail Stop 8C2 Washington, DC 20555