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Docket No. 50-334

Duquesne Light Company
435 Sixth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

Attention: Mr. William A. Conwell
Vice President

Gentlemen:

This is in reply to your request dated September 12, 1969, supplemented by letter dated November 6, 1969, for an exemption from the provisions of Section 50.10(b), 10 CFR Part 50 of the Commission's rules, pursuant to Section 50.12 of the rules to permit the performance of certain work at the site of the Beaver Valley Power Station prior to the issuance of a construction permit by the Commission.

You stated that the requested work is needed to permit construction of the plant to proceed on a schedule that would make the plant available for commercial operation in the summer of 1973. You maintain that delays at this time will significantly affect the ability of your system to meet the public need for power generation. The requested work which we have reviewed at this time consists of the first three items listed in the letter dated September 12, 1969, and modified in the letter dated November 6, 1969. The requested work in these first three items consists of (1) pouring of concrete in containment foundation mat to elevation 690 feet 11 inches; (2) installation of floor plates and cylindrical shell of carbon steel containment liner up to elevation 734 feet; and (3) installation of reinforcing steel in containment wall and in all internal concrete structures up to elevation 734 feet.

We have reviewed your request for an exemption under the provisions of Section 50.12 and the reasons set forth in the support thereof, and have concluded that the granting of the proposed exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest. Accordingly the Commission hereby authorizes you to construct the

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first three items of the reactor facilities heretofore mentioned and described and requested in your letters of September 12, 1969, and November 6, 1969, prior to the issuance of a construction permit.

I wish to emphasize that the granting of this exemption shall have no bearing upon the subsequent granting or denial of the construction permit for the proposed Beaver Valley Power Station, and any work performed pursuant to this exemption shall be performed entirely at the risk of the applicants. Furthermore, the granting of this exemption does not constitute an approval of the type or adequacy of the method of its installation.

Sincerely,

(signed) Harold L. Price

Harold L. Price
Director of Regulation

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