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Perry Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-440
Withdrawal Of License Amendment Request Regarding A Modification To The
Reactor Core Isolation Cooling System Initiation Logic

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter requests the withdrawal of Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) review and approval of a previously submitted license amendment request dated June 5, 2000 (Letter PY-CEI/NRR-2465L). The applicable license amendment request involved a proposed plant modification that would have changed the Perry Nuclear Power Plant (PNPP) as described in the Updated Safety Analysis Report. The proposed modification installs a time delay to the Main Turbine and Feedwater Pump Turbine trip signal associated with a Reactor Core Isolation Cooling (RCIC) system automatic initiation. The addition of this time delay would have provided some protection from unnecessary reactor scrams that result from inadvertent RCIC initiations. A completed 10 CFR 50.59 Safety Evaluation determined that the proposed modification would add a new failure mode to the existing RCIC initiation turbine trip logic and could potentially add a very remote new failure effect. Therefore, this modification was considered an unreviewed safety question and a license amendment request was submitted for NRC review and approval.

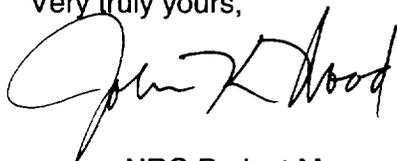
To accommodate work planning efficiencies with implementation of the power uprate project (Technical Specification Amendment 112), a new modification has been planned for the PNPP's next refuel outage to configure the plant's control valves to a partial arc admission, as opposed to the existing full arc configuration. During planning for the implementation of the partial arc modification, PNPP personnel identified the need to modify the safety analysis assumptions of the RCIC time delay license amendment request.

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Therefore, it is requested that the proposed license amendment request involving the RCIC time delay be withdrawn until the necessary safety analysis assumptions are finalized, subsequent to implementation of the partial arc modification.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Gregory A. Dunn, Manager - Regulatory Affairs, at (440) 280-5305.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John K. Wood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

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