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Washington, DC 20555-0001**Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3  
Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-19 and DPR-25  
NRC Docket Nos. 50-237 and 50-249****Subject: Confirmation of Need for License Amendment Request for Reduction in the  
Number of Safety Valves Required for Reactor Vessel Overpressure Protection****References: (1) Letter from Preston Swafford (ComEd) to U.S. NRC, "Request for Technical  
Specifications Change: Reduction in the Number of Safety Valves Required for  
Reactor Vessel Overpressure Protection," dated February 29, 2000****(2) Letter from R. M. Krich (ComEd) to U.S. NRC, "Request for Technical  
Specifications Changes for 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 Implement Improved Standard Technical Specifications," dated  
March 3, 2000****(3) Letter from R.M. Krich (ComEd) to U.S. NRC, "Request for License  
Amendment for Power Uprate Operation," dated December 27, 2000**

The purpose of this letter is to document the results of verbal discussions with the NRC concerning the status of the subject license amendment request. In Reference 1, Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) Company proposed changes to the Technical Specifications (TS) of Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-19 and DPR-25 for Dresden Nuclear Power Station (DNPS), Units 2 and 3, to exclude the safety valve function of the target rock valve from the safety valves required to be operable in TS Section 3/4.6.E, "Primary System Boundary - Safety Valves." This request was similar to an exigent TS amendment previously approved for DNPS Unit 3. We submitted this amendment request in time to support NRC approval of our license amendment request to convert to the Improved Technical Specifications (ITS), described in Reference 2.

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In late August 2000, preliminary evaluations conducted as part of the DNPS Extended Power Uprate (EPU) project appeared to show that the changes proposed in the amendment request for the target rock safety valve would not be supportable under EPU conditions. At that time, we verbally notified Mr. L. Rossbach, the NRC Project Manager for DNPS, that withdrawal of the amendment request was highly likely. We re-affirmed this several times over the following two months.

In early December 2000, the evaluations for the EPU project were completed and it was determined that the requested changes for the target rock safety valve are acceptable under EPU conditions, contrary to our earlier assumptions. Thus, in early December we verbally notified Mr. Rossbach that we would not be withdrawing the requested amendment, and that we would request the NRC to complete its review to support approval of our ITS amendment request in March 2001, in accordance with our previous discussions. Subsequently, the EPU license amendment request was submitted as noted in Reference 3.

Should you have any questions concerning this subject, please contact Mr. Allan R. Haeger at (630) 663-6645.

Respectfully,



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