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Docket No. 50-220

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
 300 Erie Boulevard West
 Syracuse, New York 13202

Attention: Mr. Minot H. Pratt
 Vice President and
 Executive Engineer

Change No. 1
 License No. DPR-17

Gentlemen:

This refers to your TWX dated October 22, 1969, requesting authorization to temporarily invalidate the Condenser Low Vacuum scram circuitry required by Table 3.6.2a(6) of the Technical Specifications for License No. DPR-17. We understand that the bypass of this scram circuit will allow the performance of a turbine test which cannot be conducted with the condenser vacuum within the required scram set point. Your request has been designated Proposed Change No. 1.

Since the requirement for a reactor scram at a condenser vacuum of < 23 inches Hg provides protection for the turbine and under the proposed mode of operation does not have reactor safety implications, we have concluded that the temporary invalidation of the Condenser Low Vacuum scram circuit for the performance of this test does not involve significant hazard considerations not described or implicit in the Safety Analysis Report, and that there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered.

Accordingly, you are authorized to bypass the condenser vacuum sensors as required for the turbine test specified in your TWX of October 22, 1969.

Sincerely,

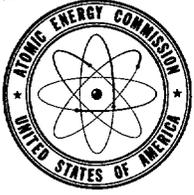
*Called Al Burk, Station
 Superintendent, on 10/23
 and informed him of
 above.*

Peter A. Morris, Director
 Division of Reactor Licensing

cc: Arvin E. Upton, Esquire

OFFICE	LeBoeuf, Lamb, Leiby & MacRae			DRL	DRL	DRL	DRL
SURNAME	RH Vollmer	RM Diggs	DL Ziemann	D Thompson	D J Skovholt	F Schroeder	P A Morris
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Peter A. Morris".

Peter A. Morris, Director
Division of Reactor Licensing

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