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Docket No. 50-219

Jersey Central Power & Light Company  
ATTN: Mr. R. H. Sims, Vice President  
Madison Avenue at Punch Bowl Road  
Morristown, New Jersey 07960

Gentlemen:

In your letter dated May 15, 1973, you have requested authorization to conduct low power physics tests with the reactor head removed and with a power level less than 5 MWt.

We have reviewed this request and we have concluded that the proposed limited operation does not present significant hazards 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 by operation in the manner proposed.

Accordingly, pursuant to 10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.59, you are hereby authorized to operate the Oyster Creek Reactor with the cycle 3 reload fuel as described in Facility Change Request No. 4 and its supplement No. 1 with the reactor vessel head removed and at fission power levels less than 5 MWt for the purpose of conducting low power physics tests.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by  
D. J. Skovholt

Donald J. Skovholt  
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for Operating Reactors  
Directorate of Licensing

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*Notified Mr. Brandy as OC plant of this authorization 5:30 p.m. 5/15/73 SJP*

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