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Dear Mr. Mroczka:

SUBJECT: REVISION TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS - ENGINEERED SAFETY FEATURES
RESPONSE TIME

Re: Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 3 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-49 for Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3. This amendment is in response to your application dated April 6, 1987, and supplemental letters dated April 7, 1987 and April 8, 1987.

The amendment would increase the engineered safety features (ESF) response time for Low Steamline Pressure in Technical Specification Table 3.3-5, Item 4.a by 15 seconds to 27 seconds with offsite power and 37 seconds without offsite power.

The staff has reviewed the circumstances associated with your request and has concluded that this change is needed to avoid a delay in startup. Therefore, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91(a)(5), justification for the issuance of an emergency technical specification change existed.

A notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to License will be included in the Commission's biweekly Federal Register notices. A copy of our related Safety Evaluation is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 3 to
License No. NPF-49
2. Safety Evaluation

*See previous concurrences

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