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March 11, 1983

Docket No. 50-293

Mr. A. Victor Morisi
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Dear Mr. Morisi:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 67 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-35 for Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. This amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications in response to your application dated June 14, 1982 and subsequent discussions between the NRC staff and your staff. These changes have been discussed with and agreed to by members of your staff.

This amendment deletes the Appendix B Environmental Technical Specifications (ETS) which pertain to non-radiological water quality-related requirements, as required by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.

Your basis for the requested deletion of water quality limits and monitoring programs is that these aquatic requirements are now under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as established by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972. Therefore, water quality conditions in existing reactor operating licenses should be removed as a matter of law where the licensee holds, as you do, an effective National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

We concur in the deletion of the aquatic requirements and will rely on the NPDES permit system which is administered by EPA for regulation and protection of the aquatic environment. However, the NRC staff still wishes to remain informed about any changes in your NPDES permit and any violations of this permit. Accordingly, as discussed with your staff, you have agreed to provide NRC with a copy of any changes to the NPDES discharge permit and any permit violations requiring notification to the permitting agency at the time this information is reported to or received from the permitting agency. This information is to be submitted to the appropriate Regional Administrator with a copy to the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

Please confirm this commitment in writing within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

We have determined that the deletion of these water quality requirements is a ministerial action required as a matter of law and will not result in any significant environmental impact. Having made this determination, we have further concluded that the amendment involves an action which is insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact and pursuant to 10 CFR 51.5(d)(4) that an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this

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Since the amendment applies only to deletion of water quality requirements, we have concluded that: (1) because the amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated, does not create the possibility of an accident of a type different from any evaluated previously, and does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety, the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration, (2) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (3) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

A copy of the Notice of Issuance is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by
D. B. Vassallo*

Domenic B. Vassallo, Chief
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Enclosures:

- 1. Amendment No. 67 to DPR- 35
- 2. Notice of Issuance

cc w/Enclosures
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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

BOSTON EDISON COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 50-293

PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 67
License No. DPR-35

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Boston Edison Company (the licensee) dated June 14, 1982 complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 3.B of Facility Operating License No. DPR-35 is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 67, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Domenic B. Vassallo, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #2
Division of Licensing

Attachment:
Changes to the
Technical Specifications

Date of Issuance: March 11, 1983

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 67

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-35

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Delete Appendix B in its entirety.

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 50-293BOSTON EDISON COMPANYNOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITYOPERATING LICENSE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 67 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-35, issued to Boston Edison Company (the licensee), which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. The amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendment deletes the Appendix B Environmental Technical Specifications (ETS) which pertain to non-radiological water quality-related requirements, as required by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment. Prior public notice of the amendment was not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

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The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment is a ministerial action required as a matter of law and will not result in any significant environmental impact and pursuant to 10 CFR 51.5(d)(4), an environmental impact statement, or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal, need not be prepared in connection with issuance of the amendment.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated June 14, 1982, (2) Amendment No. 67 to License No. DPR-35, and (3) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated March 11, 1983 . All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. and at the Plymouth Public Library on North Street in Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360. A single copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Licensing.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 11th day of March 1983.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Domenic B. Vassallo, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #2
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