

October 31, 1990

Docket No. 50-293

Mr. Ralph G. Bird
Senior Vice President - Nuclear
Boston Edison Company
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RFD #1 Rocky Hill Road
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Dear Mr. Bird:

SUBJECT: EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR PART 55.59(a) -
REQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS - PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION

By letter, dated July 12, 1990, Boston Edison Company (BECO) requested an exemption from the requalification requirements of 10 CFR 55.59(a) to allow the Pilgrim Operator Requalification Examination required by 10 CFR 55.59(a)(2) to end in May of each year and to allow the next requalification program required by 10 CFR 55.59(a)(1) to exceed the 24 month period.

Currently the requalification examination for the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station is required to be given by March 1992. This exemption extends the requalification period from March 1992 to May 1992 and will result in a permanent adjustment to the 24 month requalification cycle and the requalification examination schedule.

The Commission has granted this exemption pursuant to 10 CFR Part 55.11. A copy of the exemption is enclosed and is being filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

A Notice of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact was published in the Federal Register on September 20, 1990 (55 FR 38762).

Sincerely,

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Ronald B. Eaton, Senior Project Manager
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Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the following exemption:

Boston Edison Company is exempt from the requirements of 10 CFR 55.59(a) for a period of March 1992 to May 1992 with respect to the requalification testing examination and for a period of March 1992 to May 1992 with respect to the 24 month requalification program.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32 the Commission determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (55 FR 38762).

For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's request dated July 12, 1990, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. and at the Plymouth Public Library, 11 North Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Steven A. Varga, Director
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Dated at Rockville, Maryland
this 31st day of October, 1990.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the matter of,
BOSTON EDISON COMPANY
(Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station)

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EXEMPTION

I.

The Boston Edison Company (BECO) is the holder of Operating License No. DPR-35 which authorizes the operation of Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (PNPS). The license provides, among other things, that the licensees are subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect.

The facility is a boiling water reactor at the licensee's site located in Plymouth County, Massachusetts.

II.

By letter dated July 12, 1990 the licensee requested an exemption under 10 CFR 55.11 from 10 CFR 55.59(a)(1) in order to extend the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station annual requalification examination from March 1992 to May 1992 and the end of the 24 month requalification program cycle from March 1992 to May 1992. Currently the annual requalification testing is required by March 1992 and the 24 month requalification program cycle ends in March 1992. The exemption was requested to align the Pilgrim Station with the new NRC national examination schedule. Generic Letter 90-07, "Operator Licensing National Examination Schedule" provided an examination schedule for all licensees to equalize NRC examiners workload due to limited NRC resources. A November and May examination

schedule was established for Pilgrim. This one-time exemption will result in a permanent adjustment to the 24 month requalification cycle and the requalification examination schedule.

III.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.11, "The Commission may, upon application by an interested person or upon its own initiative, grant such exemptions from the requirements of the regulations in this part [10 CFR Part 55], as it determines are authorized by law, and will not endanger life or property and are otherwise in the public interest."

The proposed exemption would align the Pilgrim requalification cycle and the requalification examination schedule with the NRC national examination schedule. This exemption will not increase the risk of facility accidents. Thus, post-accident radiological release will not be greater than previously determined, nor does the proposed exemption otherwise affect the quantity of radiological plant effluents, nor result in any significant increase in occupational exposure. Likewise, the exemption does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological or non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed exemption.

IV.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined, pursuant to 10 CFR 55.11, that an exemption as described in Section III is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property, and is otherwise in the public interest.

Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the following exemption:

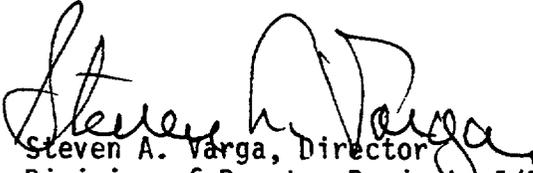
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Dated at Rockville, Maryland
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