

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

Docket Nos. 50-280/281

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Mr. W. L. Stewart Vice President, Nuclear Operations Virginia Electric and Power Company P. O. Box 26666 Richmond, Virginia 23261

Dear Mr. Stewart:

We have reviewed the Virginia Electric and Power Company letter dated January 30, 1987, for the Surry Power Station, which requests an exemption from the Miscellaneous Amendments and Search Requirements to protect the secondary power supply system as vital.

We are denying this request based on 10 CFR 73.55(e)(1) requirements and the station blackout criteria to ensure that auxiliary power is available during power interruptions or outages.

The alternatives discussed in your letter provide satisfactory approaches in meeting the new requirement. Another alternative was discussed with Mr. Luffman of your staff, that would simplify the number of security upgrades needed to meet the new requirement.

We recommend that appropriate plan commitments addressing the secondary power supply system be submitted with your response to the Miscellaneous Amendments and Search Requirements comments being sent under separate cover.

Should you have any questions, please contact the reviewer, Barry Manili at (301) 492-7077.

Sincerely,

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