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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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April 9, 1998

*See List to  
Amendments*

Mr. D. N. Morey  
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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS - JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT,  
UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M99338 AND M99339)

Dear Mr. Morey:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 136 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-2 and Amendment No. 128 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-8 for the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant (FNP), Units 1 and 2. The amendments change the Technical Specifications (TS) in response to your submittal dated July 23, 1997, as supplemented September 30, October 27, and December 18, 1997, and February 12, 1998.

The amendments revise the Pressure-Temperature Limit Heatup, Cooldown, and Hydrostatic Testing curves for FNP Units 1 and 2 and relocate the curves from the TS to a Pressure and Temperature Limits Report for each unit.

The technical content of the initial submittal was not complete and lacked important information needed to approve the license amendments. Specific examples included referencing WCAP-14040-NP-A, Revision 2, "Methodology Used to Develop Cold Overpressure Mitigating System Setpoints and RCS Heatup and Cooldown Curves" and Generic Letter 96-03, "Relocation of the Pressure Temperature Limit Curves and Low Temperature Overpressure Protection System Limits," without complying with all aspects of these documents. In addition, the submittals did not clearly address deviations taken from these methodologies. While your staff provided timely responses to staff requests for additional information, in some instances this information needed to be clarified or corrected through repeated conference calls, which caused further delays in the overall review process.

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A copy of the related Safety Evaluation is also enclosed. A Notice of Issuance will be included in the Commission's biweekly Federal Register notice.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-348 and 50-364

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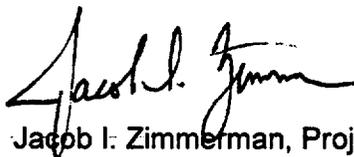
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