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Dear Mr. Proffitt:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AN AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-4 -
NORTH ANNA POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 1

Your letter of March 13, 1979 requested an amendment to Operating License No. NPF-4 which would provide exemptions to certain requirements of the Technical Specifications. The specific exemptions requested involved the deferral of several surveillance requirements until the anticipated refueling date of September 1979. In a letter dated May 4, 1979, you identified the fact that the earliest of the surveillance requirements is due to be performed by May 15, 1979 and requested our timely approval of your request.

In telephone conversations between the NRC (O. D. Parr) and VEPCO (E. S. Grecheck) on May 10, 11, 1979, VEPCO further identified the test which must be performed by May 15, 1979 as Technical Specification 4.8.1.1.2.C.3. Technical Specification 4.8.1.1.2.C.3 requires that each diesel generator shall be demonstrated OPERABLE at least once per 18 months during shutdown simulating a loss of power in conjunction with a safety injection test signal. Technical Specification 4.8.1.1.2.C.3 was last performed on June 30, 1977.

We have reviewed your request to defer Technical Specification 4.8.1.1.2.C.3 until September 1979. Based on the information provided to date we concluded that you have not provided an acceptable basis for extending the surveillance interval beyond the 18 months plus 25 percent. In a subsequent telephone conversation between the NRC (O. D. Parr) and VEPCO (A. Baum) on May 11, 1979, the NRC was informed that VEPCO had decided to shutdown the weekend of May 12, 13, 1979 to conduct the test.

Sincerely,
Original Signed by
O. D. Parr

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