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Mr. William G. Meese
President
The Detroit Edison Company
2000 Second Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Mr. Meese:

This is in reply to your request dated June 11, 1970, for an exemption, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, from the provisions of 10 CFR 50.10(b) which would permit the performance of certain work at the site of Unit 2 of the Enrico Fermi Power Plant prior to the issuance of a construction permit by the Commission.

You stated that the requested work would permit construction to proceed on a schedule that would make the plant available for commercial operation by February 1, 1974. You maintain that delays at this time would significantly affect the ability of your system to meet the public need for power generation. The requested work consists of (1) placement of concrete to form the drywell and suppression chamber supports, the base slab and portions of the external walls of the reactor building, and (2) installation of the steel which constitutes the torus, vent lines and lower section of the drywell.

Our review of your application for a construction permit has progressed sufficiently for us to consider phase (1) of your request for an exemption. Meanwhile, our review of your PSAR, and additional material which is to be submitted in the near future, will continue. It should not be inferred from our present action that phase (2) of your request will or will not be approved upon completion of our review.

We have reviewed your request for an exemption under the provisions of Section 50.12 and the reasons set forth in the support thereof, and have concluded that the granting of the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest. Accordingly, the Commission hereby authorizes you, at this time, to proceed with the placement of concrete to form the drywell and suppression chamber supports, the base slab and portions of the external walls of the reactor building as described and requested in your letter of June 11, 1970, prior to the issuance of a construction permit.

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I wish to emphasize that the granting of this exemption shall have no bearing upon the subsequent granting or denial of a construction permit or of any further exemption for the proposed Unit 2 of the Enrico Fermi Atomic Power Plant, and any work performed pursuant to this exemption shall be performed entirely at the risk of the Detroit Edison Company. Furthermore, the granting of this exemption does not constitute an approval of the type or adequacy of the method of installation.

Sincerely,

(Signed) H. L. Price

Harold L. Price
Director of Regulation

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Mr. William G. Neese
President
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2000 Second Avenue
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Dear Mr. Neese:

This is in reply to your request dated June 11, 1970, for an exemption, pursuant to Section 50.12, from the provisions of Section 50.10(b) which would permit the performance of certain work at the site of Unit 2 of the Enrico Fermi Power Plant prior to the issuance of a construction permit by the Commission.

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We have limited our current review of your request for an exemption to item (1) of the requested work; and, therefore, it should not be inferred that item (2) of your request will or will not be approved upon completion of our review.

We have reviewed your request for an exemption under the provisions of Section 50.12 and the reasons set forth in the support thereof, and have concluded that the granting of the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest. Accordingly, the Commission hereby authorizes you, at this time, to proceed with the placement of concrete to form the drywell and suppression chamber supports, the base slab and portions of the external walls of the reactor building as described and requested in your letter of June 11, 1970, prior to the issuance of a construction permit.

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