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Mr. Samuel J. Collins
Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C., 20555-0001

Subject: Request for Extension of Time to Submit an Answer and Request a Hearing for
the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1

Dear Mr. Collins:

Section IV of the NRC's February 25, 2002, Order Modifying Licensee ("Order") states that, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.202, a Licensee must submit an answer to the Order and may request an extension of time in which to submit an answer or to request a hearing on the Order within 20 days of the date of the Order. In addition, the Order states "[w]here good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the time to request a hearing."

For the following reasons, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) hereby requests an extension of time until June 6, 2002 to supplement the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS) answer to the Order being submitted by March 18, 2002, and an equal extension of time in which to request a hearing.

As required by the Order, the DBNPS is submitting a response under separate cover that identifies specific actions to be taken to comply with the applicable requirements and provides a schedule for implementation. As detailed in our answer to the Order, we are unable to complete the necessary evaluations to determine what actions are appropriate and what an appropriate schedule for implementation would be for Interim Compensatory Measure B.2.a. within the required response time.

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Because of the unique nature of the situation that precipitated issuance of the Order, pursuant to Section IV of the Order, the DBNPS requests an extension of time until June 6, 2002 to file an answer for Interim Compensatory Measure B.2.a. The DBNPS also requests that an equal extension of time be granted to file a request for hearing, if necessary, for this answer.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. David H. Lockwood, Manager – Regulatory Affairs, at 419-321-8450.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Bergendahl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Howard W. Bergendahl

GMW/s

Attachments

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COMMITMENT LIST

The following list identifies those actions committed to by the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station in this document. Any other actions discussed in the submittal represent intended or planned actions by Davis-Besse. They are described only as information and are not regulatory commitments. Please notify the Manager – Regulatory Affairs (419-321-8450) at Davis-Besse of any questions regarding this document or associated regulatory commitments.

COMMITMENTS

DUE DATE

File an answer for Interim Compensatory Measure B.2.a.

June 6, 2002