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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS RELATED TO TSUP SECTION 3/4.7  
(TAC NOS. M90405, M90406, M90407 AND M90408)

Dear Mr. Farrar:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 143 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-19 and Amendment No. 137 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-25 for the Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3, respectively; and Amendment No. 165 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-29 and Amendment No. 161 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-30 for the Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, respectively. The amendments are in response to your application dated September 17, 1993, as supplemented by letter dated July 20, 1995.

As a result of findings by a Diagnostic Evaluation Team inspection performed by the NRC staff at the Dresden Nuclear Power Station in 1987, Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee) made a decision that both the Dresden Nuclear Power Station and sister site Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, needed attention focused on the existing custom Technical Specifications (TS) being used at both sites.

The licensee made the decision to initiate a Technical Specification Upgrade Program (TSUP) for both Dresden and Quad Cities. The licensee evaluated the current TS for both Dresden and Quad Cities against the Standard Technical Specifications (STS) contained in NUREG-0123, "Standard Technical Specification General Electric Plants BWR/4." The licensee's evaluation identified numerous potential improvements such as clarifying requirements, changing the TS to make them more understandable and to eliminate interpretation, and deleting requirements that are no longer considered current with industry practice. As a result of the evaluation, ComEd has elected to upgrade both the Dresden and Quad Cities TS to the STS contained in NUREG-0123.

The TSUP for Dresden and Quad Cities is not a complete adoption of the STS. The TSUP focuses on (1) integrating additional information such as equipment operability requirements during shutdown conditions, (2) clarifying requirements such as limiting conditions for operations and action statements utilizing STS terminology, (3) deleting superseded requirements and

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modifications to the TS based on the licensee's responses to Generic Letters (GL), and (4) relocating specific items to more appropriate TS locations.

The application dated September 17, 1993, as supplemented July 20, 1995, contains the proposed upgrade of Section 3/4.7 (Containment Systems) of the Dresden and Quad Cities TS.

The review guidance to be used by the NRC staff in the review of the TSUP is described in Section 2.0 of the enclosed Safety Evaluation (SE). The staff reviewed the proposed changes and evaluated all deviations and changes between the proposed TS, the STS, and the current TS.

Based on discussions between ComEd and the staff, it has been mutually agreed upon that the NRC will review the sections of TSUP as they are submitted and provide ComEd an amendment for each submittal. Once all of the TSUP sections have been reviewed and the amendments issued, it is our understanding that ComEd will make one final submittal addressing any changes that may be required as a result of problems uncovered during the course of this effort. Upon receipt and review of this final submittal, the staff will issue a final amendment which addresses any remaining open items and any changes or corrections to the previous amendments. The applicable TSUP TS will be issued with each amendment and will become effective no later than June 30, 1996.

The Notice of Issuance will be included in the Commission's biweekly Federal Register notice.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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- Enclosures:
1. Amendment No. 143 to DPR-19
  2. Amendment No. 137 to DPR-25
  3. Amendment No. 165 to DPR-29
  4. Amendment No. 161 to DPR-30
  5. Safety Evaluation

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