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RELATED TO APPROVAL OF AN INDIRECT TRANSFER OF LICENSE, DAVIS-BESSE  
NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 1 (TAC NO. M97455)

Dear Mr. Wood:

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The assessment is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 50-346

Enclosure: Environmental Assessment

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONTOLEDO EDISON COMPANYCENTERIOR SERVICE COMPANYANDTHE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANYDOCKET NO. 50-346DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 1ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OFNO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering approval, by issuance of an order under 10 CFR 50.80, of the indirect transfer of Facility Operating License No. NPF-3, issued to Toledo Edison Company, et al., the licensees, for operation of the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1, located in Ottawa County, Ohio.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTIdentification of the Proposed Action:

The proposed action would consent to the indirect transfer of the license with respect to a proposed merger between Centerior Energy Corporation (the parent corporation for Toledo Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and Centerior Service Company, the licensees for Davis-Besse) and Ohio Edison Company. The merger would result in the formation of a new single holding company, FirstEnergy Corporation.

The proposed action is in accordance with the Toledo Edison Company and Centerior Service Company request for approval dated December 13, 1996. Supplemental information was submitted by letter dated February 14, 1997.

The Need for the Proposed Action:

The proposed action is required to obtain the necessary consent to the indirect transfer of the license discussed above. According to the licensees, the underlying transaction is needed to create a stronger, more competitive enterprise that is expected to save over \$1 billion over the first 10 years of FirstEnergy operation.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action:

The Commission has reviewed the proposed action and concludes that there will be no changes to the facility or its operation as a result of the proposed action. Accordingly, the NRC staff concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the NRC staff concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action:

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources:

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1, dated October 1975.

Agencies and Persons Consulted:

In accordance with its stated policy, on April 18, 1997, the staff consulted with the Ohio State official, Carol O'Claire, of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

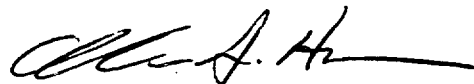
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the Toledo Edison Company and Centerior Service Company submittal dated December 13, 1996, supplemented by letter dated February 14, 1997, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the University of Toledo, William Carlson Library, Government Documents Collection, 2801 West Bancroft Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43606.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of May 1997.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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