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SUBJECT: NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NO. 2 - REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, SCHEDULAR EXEMPTION TO 10 CFR 54.17(c)
RE: LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION (TAC NO. MB3532)

Dear Mr. Conway:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is reviewing the proposed schedular exemption, requested by your letter dated January 4, 2002. On March 28, 2002, we communicated by e-mail (publicly available in ADAMS Accession No. ML020920044) our need for additional information to complete this review, and held telephone conferences with your staff on April 17 and May 13, 2002. This letter formally conveys our request for additional information (RAI).

Your request did not provide sufficient information to justify the bases for granting the schedular exemption. Specifically, the application did not address how the operating experience of Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1 (NMP-1), which is a Boiling Water Reactor (BWR)/2 design, can be applied to NMP-2, which is a BWR/5 design. The containment designs and thermal output of these two designs are significantly different. Consequently, additional information is needed to either justify the applicability of NMP-1's BWR/2 operating experience as the basis for the exemption request, or discuss how industry-wide BWR/5 operating experience can make up for NMP-2's lack of sufficient operating experience. In the May 13, 2002, telephone conference, we discussed a few options with your staff, including possibly using additional operating experience in the relevant areas of other BWR plants with Mark II containments that may have 20 or longer years of operating experience.

Please respond within 45 days of receipt of this RAI. If more time is needed, or if you need clarification, feel free to call me at 301-415-1451.

Sincerely,

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