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Docket Nos. 50-416
and 50-417 ✓

Mr. N. L. Stampley, Vice President
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P. O. Box 1640
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Dear Mr. Stampley:

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT COMPLETION DATES
(Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2)

Your letter dated April 28, 1978 tendering for acceptance review the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station Operating License application requested that we extend the earliest and latest completion dates for Construction Permits CPPR-118 and CPPR-119 as specified in Section (h) of your "Application for Licenses." At that time, we advised you that we would defer action on your request until a few months before October 1, 1979, the latest completion date presently specified in CPPR-118. The purposes of this letter are (1) to provide you with the opportunity to modify your requested completion dates should you so desire, (2) to request additional information to enable us to extend the completion dates and (3) to advise you that your request, which would result in amendments to Construction Permits CPPR-118 and CPPR-119, must be accompanied by the appropriate fees.

Some fifteen months have elapsed since you requested that we extend the earliest and latest completion dates for Construction Permits CPPR-118 and CPPR-119 as specified in Section (h) of your "Application for Licenses." By now, you should be able to estimate with greater certainty your completion dates for both units. As a result of our first-round requests for additional information and discussions with you, you are also aware of potential impacts of our review on the design and construction of your plant. In addition, you are aware of the impact of the accident at Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Unit 2 on our review schedule. Considering these and other factors, we are providing you with the opportunity to modify your requested completion dates should you so desire.

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As a result of our review of the information provided in Section (h) of your "Application for Licenses," we find that we need certain additional information to enable us to extend the completion dates. Specifically, we request that for each unit you provide us with (1) a list of the critical path factors that necessitate extending the completion dates, (2) a brief description of each of these factors including a brief assessment of its safety significance and (3) your best estimate in months of the contribution of each of these factors to the total time that you are requesting that the completion dates be extended (the sum of the contributions for each unit should equal the total time that you are requesting that the completion dates be extended for that unit).

Your request that we extend the completion dates for Construction Permits CPPR-118 and CPPR-119 constitutes in effect an application for amendments to your construction permits. Section 170.12(c) of 10 CFR Part 170 requires that a proposed determination of the amendment class, the basis therefore and the appropriate fee accompany such applications. We have determined from our preliminary review that your requested action falls into Class II (\$1,200) for Unit 1 because it is administrative in nature and Class I (\$400) for Unit 2 because it is a duplicate of that for Unit 1. Your request, therefore, should be accompanied by a check, draft or money order in the amount of \$1,600 payable to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Should we determine that the requested actions were classified incorrectly, we will refund any overcharges or bill you for any additional fee as appropriate.

We request that you provide us with the additional requested information and fees by August 31, 1979.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

John F. Stolz

John F. Stolz, Chief
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