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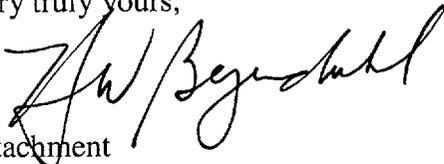
Subject: Request for Suspension of Review of 10CFR50.55a Requests for Alternatives for the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1 Control Rod Drive Mechanism Nozzles (RR-A20, RR-A21, and RR-A22) (TAC Number MB3843)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to request suspension of the NRC Staff's review of 10CFR50.55a requests RR-A20, RR-A21, and RR-A22 related to repair of the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS), Unit 1 Control Rod Drive Mechanism (CRDM) nozzles that were transmitted by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) letters Serial Number 2750 (dated January 11, 2002), Serial Number 2765 (dated February 26, 2002), and Serial Number 2777 (dated April 25, 2002). On May 23, 2002, FENOC notified the NRC Staff that it had purchased the unused Midland Nuclear Plant reactor pressure vessel head, and that the replacement of the head was the preferred option for returning the DBNPS to service. Therefore, the repair of the CRDM nozzles is no longer being actively pursued as part of the as the primary option. However, since the repair option could potentially still be considered in the future depending on various factors, the NRC Staff's review of 10CFR50.55a requests RR-A20, RR-A21, and RR-A22 is only requested to be suspended at this time. FENOC will notify the NRC Staff in the future of any changes in this status.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Mr. Patrick J. McCloskey, Manager-Regulatory Affairs, at (419) 321-7148.

Very truly yours,


Attachment

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COMMITMENT LIST

The following list identifies those actions committed to by the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS) in this document. Any other actions discussed in the submittal represent intended or planned actions by the DBNPS. They are described only for information and are not regulatory commitments. Please notify the Manager - Regulatory Affairs (419-321-7148) at the DBNPS of any questions regarding this document or associated regulatory commitments.

COMMITMENTS

DUE DATE

None