

April 29, 2003

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SUBJECT: DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT 1 - POWER UPRATE
LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST (TAC NO. MB3280)

Dear Mr. Myers:

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Contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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