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ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION IN UPCOMING TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
REACTIVITY CONTROL SYSTEMS, POWER DISTRIBUTION LIMITS, AND
SPECIAL TEST EXCEPTIONS
MILLSTONE POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 2
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By letter dated August 14, 2002, as supplemented on March 11, May 16, and May 23, 2003, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. (DNC or the licensee), submitted a proposed amendment to the Technical Specifications (TSs) for Millstone Power Station, Unit No. 2 (MP2). The proposed amendment would revise the MP2 TSs related to reactivity control systems, power distribution limits, and special test exceptions.

The NRC staff has reviewed the information the licensee provided that supports the proposed TS changes and would like to discuss the following issue to clarify the submittal dated May 23, 2003:

1. Your response to question 5 indicates that you relate the proposed TS 3.2.4 Action b.1 completion time for determining the peaking factor F_r^T to the time to recover from the events that could initiate a T_q shift greater than 0.10. You state that these events are dropped or misaligned CEAs. Your current TSs allow 2 hours to restore alignment following these CEA events.

However, per your proposed TS 3.1.3.1, Action A and your current TS 3.1.3.1.d and TS 3.1.3.1.e, you take action within 1 hour to reduce the consequences of increased peaking factors caused by the misaligned rod (i.e., reducing thermal power level). Since you take actions within 1 hour to eliminate problems with the peaking factors (i.e., F_r^T) in your TSs, isn't it more logical to relate your time to check the peaking factor F_r^T to the 1 hour in your CEA misalignment TSs? Furthermore, as mentioned in your response, NUREG-1432 allows for 1 hour to determine this value. NUREG-1432 also states that the 1 hour provides sufficient time for the operator to evaluate this factor.

ATTACHMENT