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Dear Mr. Ring:

A recent study of the additional time needed to complete the operating license hearing process indicates that a number of plants have the potential for being ready to load fuel from a construction standpoint before the NRC decision on issuance of an operating license is reached. In order to eliminate or minimize the impact of the licensing and hearing process on current operating license applications, revised NRC staff Safety Evaluation Report (SER) and Supplemental Safety Evaluation Report (SSER) dates have been established to be used in work load scheduling by the NRC Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR). A list of plants showing our current schedules for technical input to the NRR Division of Licensing (DL) for SER and SSERs is enclosed (Enclosure 1). I am also enclosing a more comprehensive schedule showing the relationship of these schedules to other important dates in the licensing process (Enclosure 2). In general, the changes from previous schedules accelerate the due date for all technical input in order to allow time for a more extended hearing process. The Commission currently is examining the details of the hearing process seeking ways to eliminate unnecessary delays without jeopardizing any legitimate interests of the parties affected or the public health and safety. This examination is not yet complete.

In order for the NRR technical staff to meet these accelerated schedules, all information concerning your application identified as needed by the NRR staff must be provided by you or your contractors at least two weeks prior to the date indicated for staff technical input to DL. However, for SER's scheduled to be issued after June 1981, applicants should provide Equipment Qualification (EQ) information in accordance with IE Bulletin 79-01B at least four months prior to the SER issuance date. This request for EQ information amends the previous guidance provided in a letter from R. Tedesco, Assistant Director for Licensing dated November 25, 1980. Your personal attention and commitment is needed to make these accelerated schedules possible.

I also request that you arrange to have people, who can represent you and who can resolve any last minute open items, in residence near NRR headquarters in Bethesda during the two weeks immediately preceding the scheduled technical input deadlines. Your staff is requested to contact the Licensing Project Manager for specific needs related to the review of your application.

Mr. L. E. Ring, President

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Of course, if information concerning your application is not available when needed, the NRC staff will be unable to avoid changing your plant's priority consistent with other scheduled work. Working under the very tight schedule indicated means that a slip will affect not only your SER issuance date but will also delay other scheduled dates in the licensing and hearing process related to your plant, including the decision date.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. I will keep you advised of additional information concerning this request and of any further schedule revisions.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure 1

Due Dates for Technical Input to SER and SSER

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Last Tech. Input to DL</u>
Susquehanna 1/2	SER	3/23/81
Summer 1	SSER	3/24/81
Sequoyah 2	SSER	4/01/81
San Onofre 2/3	SSER	4/17/81
LaSalle 1/2	SSER	4/30/81
Zimmer 1	SSER	5/01/81
Waterford 3	SER	5/08/81
Comanche Peak	SER	5/22/81
Susquehanna 1/2	SSER	5/26/81
Fermi 2	SER	6/10/81
Shoreham 1	SSER	6/10/81
Waterford 3	SSER	7/16/81
Comanche Peak	SSER	7/17/81
Grand Gulf 1	SER	8/14/81
Fermi 2	SSER	8/14/81
Watts Bar 1/2	SER	9/11/81
Grand Gulf 1	SSER	10/25/81
Watts Bar 1/2	SSER	11/26/81

ENCLOSURE 2  
CY 1981 - 1982 PLANTS

Plant	Estimated Impact (Months)		SER			SSER		Start of Hearing (1)	NRC Decision Date (1)	Construction Completion (2)	
	NRC	APPL	Staff Technical Input to DL	Issue SER (1)	ACRS Mtg	Staff Technical Input to DL	Issue SSER (1)			NRC	APPL
Salem 2	12	12	(C)	(C)	None	(C)	(C)	None	4/81	4/18/80(C)	4/16/80(C)
LaSalle 1 & 2	0	0	2/18/81(C)	3/05/81(C)	4/09/81	4/30/81	5/15/81	None	5/81	9/81	6/81
San Onofre 2 & 3	6	12	(C)	2/06/81(C)	3/12/81	2/19/81(TMI)(C)	2/25/81(TMI)(C)				
						4/17/81	5/8/81	07/81	4/82	10/81	4/15/81
Diablo Canyon 1 & 2											
Low Power	11	13	(C)	(C)	None	2/20/81(C)	3/05/81(C)	05/81	2/82	3/81	1/81
Full Power	12	14	(C)	(C)	None	3/17/81	3/31/81	05/81	3/82	3/81	1/81
McGuire 1 & 2											
Low Power	0	0	None	None	None	(C)	1/81(C)	2/24/81(H <sub>2</sub> )	1/23/81(1)	1/23/81(C)	1/23/81(C)
Full Power	13	13	(C)	(C)	None	2/28/81	3/20/81	06/81	3/82	1/28/81(C)	1/28/81(C)
Farley 2											
Low Power	0	0	(C)	(C)	None	None	None	None	10/23/80(1)	10/23/80(C)	10/22/80(C)
Full Power	0	1	None	None	None	2/19/81(C)	3/06/81(C)	None	3/81	3/81	2/81
Shoreham 1	1	5	3/10/81	3/31/81	5/07/81	6/10/81	7/3/81	01/82	10/82	9/82	5/31/82
Summer 1	8	10	(C)	2/06/81(C)	3/12/81	3/24/81	4/15/81	07/81	6/82	10/81	8/81
Susquehanna 1 & 2	8	17	3/23/81	4/06/81	5/07/81	5/26/81	6/15/81	10/81	11/82	3/82	6/81
Sequoyah 2	1	0	(C)	(C)	None	4/01/81	4/15/81	None	4/30/81	6/81	4/15/81
Zimmer 1	3	8	(C)	(C)	None	5/01/81	5/29/81	10/81	7/82	4/82	11/81
Waterford 3	3	3	5/08/81	5/30/81	7/09/81	7/16/81	7/31/81	03/82	1/83	10/82	10/82
Comanche Peak	2	14	5/22/81	6/11/81	7/09/81	7/17/81	8/12/81	03/82	2/83	12/82	12/81
Fermi 2	0	0	6/10/81	6/30/81	8/09/81	8/14/81	8/31/81	02/82	11/82	11/82	11/82
Grand Gulf 1	0	0	8/14/81	9/07/81	10/13/81	10/25/81	11/15/81	None	12/81	7/82	12/81
Watts Bar 1 & 2	0	1	9/11/81	10/09/81	11/12/81	11/26/81	12/11/81	None	1/82	8/82	11/81
WNP 2	0	0	2/12/82	3/12/82	4/09/82	4/30/82	5/28/82	None	7/82	7/83	7/82

(1) Based on January 30, 1981 Report to Congress

(2) Based on draft information from Office of Management and Program Analysis (MPA) dated February 10, 1981 except for Waterford 3.