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Mr. David A. Heacock
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SUBJECT: MILLSTONE POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 3 – ACCEPTANCE REVIEW RE:
RELOCATION OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION SURVEILLANCE
FREQUENCIES (TAC NO. ME6695)

Dear Mr. Heacock:

By letter dated July 5, 2011, as supplemented by letter dated September 12, 2011,¹ Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. (DNC or the licensee) submitted a license amendment request for Millstone Power Station, Unit No. 3 (MPS3). The proposed amendment would relocate certain technical specification (TS) surveillance frequencies to a licensee-controlled program by adopting Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF)-425, Revision 3, "Relocate Surveillance Frequencies of Licensee Control – Risk-Informed Technical Specification Task Force Initiative 5b." The proposed change would also add a new program, the Surveillance Frequency Control Program (SFCP), to the TSs, in accordance with TSTF-425. TSTF-425² is approved for use by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and was announced in the *Federal Register* on July 6, 2009 (74 FR 31996).

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of this amendment request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), an amendment to the license (including the technical specifications) must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

¹ Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Nos. ML11193A225 and ML11262A0030, respectively

² ADAMS Accession No. ML090850642

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By letter dated August 22, 2011,³ the NRC staff informed DNC that supplemental information was needed in order to complete the acceptance review. DNC provided the necessary supplemental information in the September 12, 2011, letter.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application, as supplemented, and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1603.

Sincerely,



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