Docket No. 50-220

September 30, 1981

Mr. Donald P. Dise
Vice President - Engineering
c/o Miss Catherine R. Seibert
Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
300 Erie Boulevard West
Syracuse, New York 13202

Dear Mr. Dise:

SUBJECT: FIRE PROTECTION SCHEDULAR RELIEF - NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT (UNIT 1)

We have completed our review of your letter dated September 11, 1981. Prior to this time you had requested, and received NRC approval for, schedular relief regarding four fire protection modifications. Of these four items, three have been completed. Your letter requested further schedular relief for the remaining item, Fire Detection Systems. We have reviewed your submittal and have decided to grant the requested extension in accordance with 10 CFR 50.48(d).

The fire detection system was to be installed by September 30, 1981. However, in your letter you indicated that equipment delivery problems have resulted in a revised installation date of November 1, 1981. Furthermore, you indicated that preoperational testing might extend beyond November 1, 1981.

We have reviewed your efforts to obtain fire detection equipment in a timely fashion. We have concluded that you have made a best effort and that your effort is considered good cause for granting schedular relief. However, such relief cannot extend beyond November 17, 1981 in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50 Appendix R. Therefore, as verbally agreed to by members of your staff, the fire detection system must be completely installed, preoperationally tested and functional by November 17, 1981.

In order to ensure public health and safety, you indicated that compensatory measures will be taken prior to detection system completion. A high degree of early warning is already provided by normal plant tours, and security personnel make hourly tours of all main buildings within the plant. In addition, operating and maintenance personnel make irregular tours for various reasons. Finally, during system preoperational testing, fire watches will be posted as specified by Technical Specifications for removal from service of one extinguishing system. We have concluded that these interim measures, in conjunction with plant procedures for the control of combustibles, adequately reduce potential fire damage to equipment required for safe plant shutdown.

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Based on our review, we conclude that Niagara Mohawk's efforts to date and equipment unavailability are good cause for extending the fire detection system completion date. Furthermore, we conclude that such an extension will not adversely affect public health and safety. Accordingly, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.48(d) the modification completion date has been extended to November 17, 1981. The aforementioned interim measures shall remain in effect until preoperational testing has been satisfactorily accomplished, and the system has been declared operational.

A copy of the related Notice of Extension, which is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication, is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
H. R. Denton

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF COMPLETION DATES

By letter dated September 11, 1981 Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (the licensee) requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) extend a completion date for the fire protection modifications for the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station Unit 1 located in Oswego County, New York.

The fire detection system modification completion date has been extended to November 17, 1981.

The Commission's Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has concluded that good cause has been shown and that such postponement will not adversely affect the public health and safety. Accordingly, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.48(d) the request has been granted.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the licensee's request dated September 11, 1981 and (2) the Director's letter to the licensee dated which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and at the Oswego County Office Building, 46 E Bridge Street, Oswego, New York 13126.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this