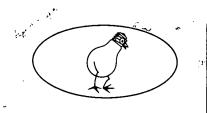
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May 21, 1971

Dr. Peter A. Morris, Director Division of Reactor Licensing U.S. Atomic Energy Commission Washington, D.C. 20545

Subject: Application for extension of Provisional

Operating License DPR-19

Dear Dr. Morris:

Provisional Operating License DPR-19 was issued to Commonwealth Edison Company for the operation of Dresden Nuclear Power Station Unit 2 under AEC Dkt 50-237. This license was issued on December 22, 1969 and expires on June 22, 1971. By copy of this letter, Commonwealth Edison Company requests that this Provisional Operating License be extended six months; i.e., so that it will expire on December 22, 1971. The primary reasons for requesting this extension are as follows:

- 1 Due to start-up problems associated with Dresden Unit 2 we have been unable to compile all of the information which, in our opinion, is required to request a full-term operating license. In preparing a submittal for the full-term operating license, we will have reviewed all ACRS letters which have been issued since the Dresden Unit 2 license was issued to determine ACRS concerns. Each of these concerns will be addressed in our submittal to you for a long-term operating license. However, the magnitude of this material and, as indicated above, operating problems at Dresden Unit 2, have prevented us from completing this submittal.
- 2 One of the issues raised during the Dresden Unit 3 operating license review by your Staff and the ACRS was the concern of radiolytic hydrogen control. We are addressing this concern in a Special Report which is to be submitted to you on May 24. We hope to have reached a resolution of this concern prior to requesting an operating license for Dresden Unit 2.

Dr. Peter A. Morris

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May 21, 1971

We are very much interested in an extension to our present license and in obtaining a full-term license. We stand ready to cooperate with you in any way in order to achieve these ends.

Very truly yours,

Byron Lee, Jr.

Assistant to the President

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 2/5 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 1971.

Notary Public