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Subject: Dresden Station Units 2 & 3  
Diesel Generator Annunciator  
System Installation Schedule  
NRC Docket Nos. 50-237 and 50-249

References (a): R. F. Janecek letter to D. L. Ziemann  
dated February 2, 1979

(b): B. B. Stephenson letter to J. G.  
Keppler dated September 28, 1978

Dear Mr. Ziemann:

References (a) and (b) provided our schedule for installation of the following diesel generator modifications at Dresden Station Units 2 and 3.

1. Alarm for manual air shut-off valve placed in the closed position.
2. Alarm for diesel generator output breaker placed in the test position.
3. Circuit revisions to allow multiple diesel air start attempts.
4. Alarm for incorrect droop setting.

The modifications to install alarms for the manual air shut-off valve being placed in the closed position and the alarm for an incorrect droop setting have been installed as committed in Reference (a) on Unit 2, Unit 3, and the shared Unit 2/3 diesel generators at Dresden Station. Because of the extreme difficulty in obtaining the necessary qualified parts for the multiple air start modification, the remaining modifications will not be completed on the previously indicated schedule of July 31, 1979.

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The remaining parts have only recently been received at the station. During the week of July 16 through 20, the remaining modifications to install an alarm for the output breaker in the test position, and to revise the appropriate circuits to allow multiple diesel air start attempts were completed on the Dresden Unit 2 diesel generator. The diesel generator has now completed five successful starts since those modifications were installed, and all start attempts have been satisfactory. Our current schedule calls for five additional starting surveillances on the Unit 2 diesel before we begin the installation of the remaining modifications on the Unit 3 diesel. This testing schedule will provide a total of ten starting surveillances during the two week period following installation of the modifications.

Assuming that no unanticipated problems with the Unit 2 diesel generator are encountered, we plan to begin modifying the Unit 3 diesel generator during the week of August 6-10, 1979 when both of the remaining modifications will be installed. A test schedule similar to that being followed for the Unit 2 diesel will then be undertaken for the Unit 3 diesel generator. Finally, we intend to begin installing the final two modifications on the shared Unit 2/3 diesel generator during the week of August 27-31, 1979.

This revision to the schedule in Reference (a) has been necessitated by the extreme difficulty we have encountered in receiving the necessary qualified relays for the multiple air start modification. The remaining short period of time, now that the necessary equipment has been received, is not sufficient to allow a prudent testing period to be undertaken for the modifications as they are installed without the extended schedule described above.

Please address any additional questions on this subject to this office.

Very truly yours,



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