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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Dresden Nuclear Power Station Units 2 and 3
Partial Implementation of Technical Specification Amendments 134 and 128
NRC Docket Nos. 50-237 and 50-249

- References: (a) J. F. Stang to D. L. Farrar letter dated June 13, 1995.
- (b) Teleconference between USNRC (J. Stang) and ComEd
(P. Piet, P. Holland), dated June 14, 1995.

In Reference (a), the NRC staff issued Amendments 134 and 128 to Appendix A (Technical Specifications) of Facility Operating Licenses DPR-19 and DPR-25 (Dresden Nuclear Power Station Unit 2 and Unit 3). Reference (a) noted that the license amendment was effective immediately, to be implemented no later than December 31, 1995.

During the Reference (b) teleconference, ComEd described the additional reactor power changes that they must implement for Dresden Unit 2 and Unit 3 to ensure that sufficient margin exists from the Condenser Low Vacuum SCRAM setpoint to allow for Circulating Water reversal through the main condenser. Circulating water is reversed through the main condenser weekly to mitigate condenser tube fouling and improve thermal heat transfer. The circulating water is reversed typically after a small power decrease to perform weekly control rod drive exercising in accordance with the Technical Specifications. Increasing circulating water temperatures (due to increasing outside ambient temperature) require an additional reduction in power to ensure sufficient margin to the SCRAM setpoint. The additional power reduction represents an unnecessary challenge to a known pin-hole fuel leak in the Dresden Unit 3 reactor core.

In order to avoid unnecessary cycling of Dresden Unit 3 which is required to perform condenser circulating water reversals, by date of this letter, ComEd will implement the new setpoint for the Condenser Low Vacuum SCRAM approved in Technical Specification Upgrade Program (Section 2.0, Safety Limits and Limiting Safety System Settings) Amendments 134 and 128. In order to appropriately control the implementation of the revised setpoints, the attachment to this letter provides revised versions (in the current format) of the current Technical Specification pages that include the revised settings. ComEd will implement the remainder of Amendments 134 and 128 for Dresden Station during the full implementation of the Technical Specification Upgrade Program.

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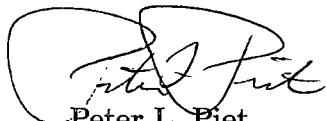
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The new Condenser Low Vacuum SCRAM setpoint will be adopted in both the Dresden Unit 2 and Unit 3 Technical Specifications. Although Unit 2 does not contain any known fuel defects, circulating water flow reversal is performed weekly and often an additional power decrease is required to ensure adequate margin to the SCRAM setpoint exists. In addition, to avoid any unnecessary confusion to site Operating personnel, the setpoint will be consistent between both Dresden Unit 2 and Unit 3.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact this office.

Respectfully,



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Attachment: Unit 2 TS Pages 3/4.1-5 and B 3/4.13
Unit 3 TS Pages 3/4.1-5 and B 3/4.13

ATTACHMENT

Revised Current Technical Specification Ppages