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SUBJECT:

SAFETY EVALUATION REGARDING PROPOSED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS CHANGES AT DRESDEN UNITS 2 AND 3 (TAC NOS. M96180 AND M96181)

By letter dated June 20, 1996, as supplemented by letter dated Apecember 30, 1996, and March 5, 1997, Commonwealth Edison Company, the licensee, requested changes to the Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Unitto 2/and 3 part achnical Specifications (TS). The proposed changes incorporate NRC approved thermal limit licensing methodology in the list of approved methodologies used in establishing the cycle specific thermal limits. Other minor editorial changes are also proposed.

The Reactor Systems Branch (SRXB) has reviewed the proposed technical specification and bases changes in the Dresden, Units 2 and 3, TS. The staff has concluded that operation in the proposed manner will not endanger the public health and safety and that issuance of the proposed amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security under the limitations delineated in the associated safety evaluation. Our safety evaluation is provided in Attachment 1. This concludes SRXB efforts for TAC Nos. M96180 and M96181.

Attachment: As stated

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