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

Subject: Dresden Nuclear Station Revision to Commitment Schedule to Modify the
Reactor Water Clean-Up Facility Changes
NRC Docket Nos. 50-237 / 50-249

- References
- a) J. B. Hosmer (ComEd) to USNRC letter dated December 10, 1996
 - b) J. S. Perry (ComEd) to USNRC letter dated January 14, 1997
 - c) R. M. Pulsifer (USNRC) to I. M. Johnson letter dated February 18, 1997.
 - d) J. B. Hosmer to USNRC letter dated August 27, 1996

The purpose of this letter is to inform the staff of a change to implementation schedule for the facility changes needed to provide automatic isolation of the Reactor Water Cleanup System (RWCU) on a High Energy Line Break (HELB) outside the drywell.

In reference a) ComEd committed to install automatic isolation capability to the RWCU Systems during the next refueling outages, D2R15 and D3R15 for Unit's 2 and 3 respectively. The NRC staff (the Staff) responded by requesting if it were feasible to advance the schedule for at least the Unit 3 modifications to the near term fourteenth refueling outage (D3R14) for Unit 3 which began on March 28, 1997. ComEd responded in Reference b) by stating that completion of the modification for Unit 3 during D3R14 could not be done mainly due to insufficient time to design the modification. The Staff recommended in Reference c) that ComEd consider performing work on-line to facilitate a possible completion of the modifications during a forced outage or outage of sufficient duration

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During the modification process, a better design was developed which will provide greater assurance that the new system will perform its intended function. The implementation of this design requires the procurement of longer lead time items which will not arrive until after the scheduled completion of D2R15.

Based on receipt of material after D2R15, the following schedule has been developed :

During D2R15

- 1) Installation of relays, bypass switches and associated control wiring in Main Control Room Panel 902-4.

Post D2R15

- 1) Install and operationally authorize Trains A and B of the automatic isolation system, including detection, annunciation, and isolation functions.

The post D2R15 items will be completed by September 15, 1998

ComEd continues to maintain the compensatory actions stated within Reference d). In addition ComEd has completed replacement of the IGSCC susceptible piping in the RWCU system, thereby, reducing probability of an RWCU piping break outside the drywell.

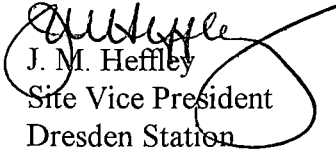
ComEd recognizes that schedule slippage surrounding this modification is a concern to the staff. Therefore, ComEd will be performing as much Unit 3 work as possible prior to D3R15. This schedule will assure completion of the modifications to the Unit 3 RWCU system in accordance with the dates presented in the above reference letters

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