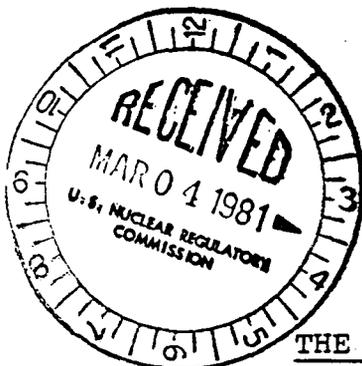


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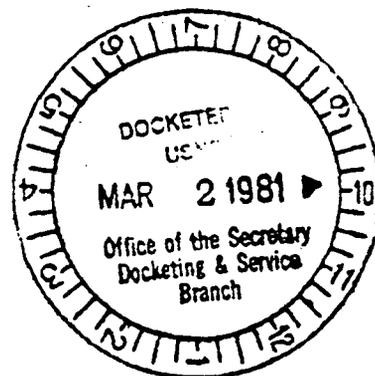
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In the Matter of)
COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY) Docket Nos. 50-237-SP
(Dresden Station, Units 2 & 3)) (50-249-SP
(Spent Fuel Pool Modification)

Dear Administrative Judges:

Applicant has no objections to the findings of fact proposed by the NRC Staff; accordingly, we will not be filing a formal reply.

This letter is also to inform you that Mr. Ragan has discovered a mistake in his supplemental testimony on fuel channel bowing. At pp. 1-2, Mr. Ragan stated that an electrical interlock limits the additional weight of the grapple resting on top of the fuel assembly to about 50 lbs. He now informs me that, in fact, while there is a 50 lb. interlock on the fuel handling equipment, it does not work in the way indicated in Mr. Ragan's testimony. Normally, the approximately 500 lb. weight of the grapple does rest momentarily on the fuel assembly following insertion of the fuel assembly into the racks. This weight, plus the weight of the fuel assembly itself, would tend to make the fuel assembly insert fully into the storage location. None of the other numbers or conclusions in Mr. Ragan's testimony or the testimony of Applicant's other witnesses are changed. Mr. Ragan will make a formal correction to his testimony under oath at the hearings in this matter.

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Finally, pursuant to our informal agreement on discovery, Intervenor has requested from Applicant certain drawings and other documents containing information considered proprietary by G.E., Exxon Nuclear, and CarTech. While I do not anticipate any difficulty in getting these documents from the vendors, they have asked me to request a protective order from this Board pursuant to 10 CFR §2.790, which we will do in the next few weeks. I hope this will be by an Agreed Motion with the State of Illinois.

Sincerely,



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