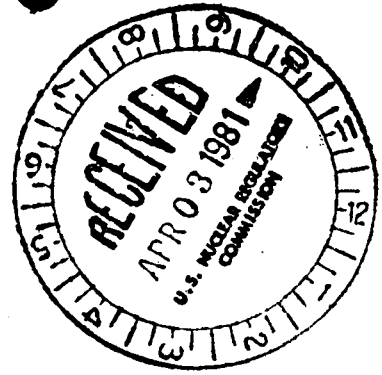




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April 1, 1981

Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Dresden Station Unit 3
 Proposed Amendment to Appendix A,
 Technical Specification, to Facility
 Operating License DPR-25
NRC Docket No. 50-249

Dear Mr. Denton:

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.59, Commonwealth Edison Co. proposes to amend Appendix A, Technical Specifications, to Facility Operating License DPR-25 to delete up to three safety-related shock suppressors (snubbers) on the High Pressure Coolant Injection (HPCI) System.

During recent evaluations of piping in accordance with IE Bulletin 79-14 at Dresden Unit 1, locally high stresses at welded lug attachments were identified on some safety related snubbers on the HPCI system. Although not identical, similar attachments exist on the Dresden 3 HPCI system and are currently being analyzed. Although final analyses are not complete, three snubber locations have the potential to have stresses higher than FSAR allowables and possibly the operability criteria established during the IE Bulletin 79-14 review. In order to eliminate these local stresses and restore the piping to an operable status (stresses lower than the IEB 79-14 operability limit), removal of these snubbers may be required. The snubbers are identified on Table 3.6.1, on page 91e of the Dresden 3 Technical Specifications as snubbers number, 18, 19, and 20 in the drywell.

Until the analyses are complete, we will be unable to specify exactly which, if any, snubbers must be removed. When they are identified, a follow-up letter will be provided which will include snubber identification and pipe stresses, before and after snubber removal. The analyses are expected to be complete by April 3 or 4, 1981.

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Since detailed stress analyses will be performed and will demonstrate that system pipe stresses are lower following snubber removal, this Technical Specification change will have no adverse effect on the public health and safety.

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On-Site and Off-Site review and approval has been completed for removal of one, two, or all three of the snubbers based upon completion of analyses which indicate the reduction of system pipe stresses following snubber removal.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 170, Commonwealth Edison Co. has reviewed this proposed change and determined it to be Class III. As such, a fee remittance in the amount of \$4,000.00 is provided for your use.

Three (3) signed originals and thirty-seven (37) copies of this transmittal are provided for your use.

Very truly yours,



Robert F. Janecek
Nuclear Licensing Administrator
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cc: RIII Inspector, Dresden

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before me this 1st
day of April, 1981



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