

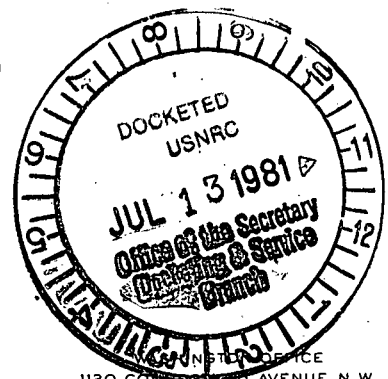
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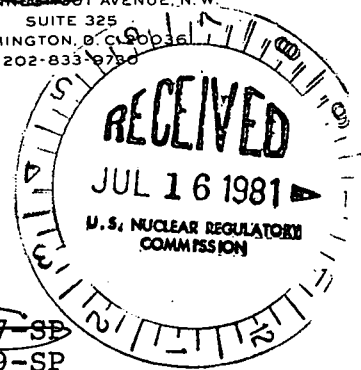
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD



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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:

Please find enclosed the affidavit of Robert F. Janecek notifying the Board of a possible change in Commonwealth Edison's plans concerning the disposition of the old spent fuel storage racks after their removal from the Dresden Units 2 and 3 spent fuel pools. This affidavit is being supplied to the Board pursuant to the full disclosure requirements set forth in Duke Power Company (William B. McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2), ALAB-143, 6 AEC 623 (1973).

The potential change of plans concerns the possibility of relocating old spent fuel storage racks removed from the spent fuel pools for Dresden Station Units 2 and 3 to Quad Cities for installation. The old storage racks which would be relocated are identical to the racks currently installed in the Quad Cities spent fuel pools.

The NRC Staff has been notified of the possibility of relocating old storage racks from Dresden to Quad Cities. In the past, the Board has not objected to the removal of empty racks from the spent fuels in either the Zion or Dresden spent fuel pool modification proceeding. Commonwealth Edison would have the authority to conduct this relocation operation absent the requested operating license amendment the subject of this proceeding. Accordingly, Commonwealth Edison does not intend to delay the transfer of not more than eight racks from Dresden to Quad Cities until after the Board renders a decision in this proceeding, unless the Board orders differently. As noted in Mr. Janecek's affidavit, any transfer of racks which might be required will not begin prior to September 1, 1981.

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A copy of this cover letter and Mr. Janecek's affidavit are being supplied as a matter of courtesy to the licensing board recently established for the Quad Cities spent fuel pool modification proceeding. As is the case at Dresden, the Quad Cities Nuclear Station has the authority to install these additional old storage racks since the design currently employed at both the Dresden and Quad Cities Nuclear Station is identical, and this will not increase the spent fuel storage capacity at Quad Cities above the currently authorized limit.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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