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

Subject: Dresden Station Units 2 and 3
Quad Cities Station Units 1 and 2
Proposed Technical Specifications
Changes Concerning Economic
Generation Control (EGC)
NRC Docket Nos. 50-237, 50-249,
50-254 and 50-265

Dear Mr. Denton:

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.59, Commonwealth Edison proposes to amend Appendix A, Technical Specifications to Operating License DPR-19, DPR-25, DPR-29 and DPR-30 for Dresden Station Units 2 and 3 and Quad Cities Station Units 1 and 2, respectively. These amendments, in the form of an attachment, incorporate changes to the surveillance requirements for EGC operation.

EGC operation has been allowed by Technical Specifications at both sites for a number of years and has been installed and tested. As no real need existed, this equipment has not yet been placed in routine operation. However, Commonwealth Edison is currently in a situation where automatic generation control of at least some of our Nuclear units is urgently needed. With seven operating units and an electric demand that changes relatively rapidly because of our large industrial customers, we are in a situation where our fossil units can no longer provide adequate minute-to-minute load following on our system. Therefore, it is our aim to have EGC in operation at Dresden and Quad Cities stations this year.

Upon recognition of the fact the tighter administrative controls are necessary for EGC operation when compared against normal operations, we are voluntarily submitting this amendment. These changes will require a licensed operator prior to, and once per shift while in EGC operation, review various parameters for acceptability. We wish to point out that this amendment is not required for EGC operation, the current Technical Specifications allow its operation, and all the needed administrative procedures will be in place prior to operation.

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Due to an misunderstanding of how EGC operates, certain Region III personnel raised the issue of whether EGC operation violates provisions of 10 CFR 50.54, paragraphs I and J. However, as EGC is an automatic system, which can only be placed in operation by the licensed operator and its operating range limited by the bounds set by the operator himself, NRR has determined its operation is consistent with 10 CFR 50.54.

As we already have approval to operate EGC at both stations and this amendment merely increases the surveillance requirements, its operation will have no effect on the health or safety of the public. This amendment has been On-Site and Off-Site reviewed.

We have reviewed 10 CFR 170 and have determined that this request constitutes a combined Class I and Class III request at each station. Accordingly, a fee remittance in the amount of \$8,800 is enclosed.

Please address any questions you may have concerning this matter to this office.

Three (3) signed originals and fifty-seven (57) copies of this transmittal are provided for your use.

Very truly yours,



B. Rybak

Nuclear Licensing Administrator

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- cc: R. Bevan - NRR
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SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 29th day of May, 1983

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