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Docket No. 50-249

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Honorable Robert D. Ray
Governor of Iowa
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Governor Ray:

The Commonwealth Edison Company (the licensee) is the holder of Facility License No. DPR-25, issued by the Atomic Energy Commission on January 12, 1971. The license authorizes the licensee to operate a boiling water nuclear power reactor designated as the Dresden Nuclear Power Station Unit 3 at the licensee's site in Grundy County, Illinois. The facility is designed for initial operation at approximately 2527 megawatts (thermal).

In accordance with Section E.3 of the Commission's regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), Appendix D of 10 CFR Part 50 (Appendix D), the licensee has furnished to the Commission a written statement of reasons, with supporting factual submission, why the operating license should not be suspended, in whole or in part, pending completion of the NEPA environmental review. This statement of reasons was furnished to the Commission on October 18, 1971.

The Director of Regulation has considered the licensee's submission in light of the criteria set out in Section E.2 of Appendix D, and has determined, after considering and balancing criteria in Section E.2 of Appendix D, that operation of the Dresden Nuclear Power Station Unit 3 authorized pursuant to DPR-25 should not be suspended pending completion of the NEPA environmental review.

Further details of this determination are set forth in a document entitled "Discussion and Findings by the Division of Reactor Licensing, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Relating to Consideration of Suspension Pending NEPA Environmental Review of the Facility Operating License for the Dresden Nuclear Power Station Unit 3, Docket No. 50-249," copy enclosed.

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A copy of a related notice which has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:
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Enclosures:
1. Discussion & Findings
2. Federal Register Notice

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