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Mr. W. G. McDonald, Director  
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Dear Mr. McDonald:

Construction Permit CP51-66  
Docket No. 50-320

We are pleased to be able to supply you with the information you requested in your recent telegram (received September 10, 1974) regarding construction schedules and the AEC's "yellow book." Our replies to your seven questions follow:

1. The schedule as stated in the August issue of the yellow book should be changed to show an estimated fuel loading readiness date of July, 1977, and an estimated start of commercial operation date of May, 1978.
2. We are presently experiencing construction delays due to financial problems, however, we do not anticipate any further delays beyond those which are reflected in the two new estimated dates given in 1. above.
3. We do not anticipate any construction delays due to a decreased need for power.
4. We are experiencing construction delays due to financial problems only, and not to a combination of financial problems and a decreased need for power (see 2. and 3. above).
5. We have recently experienced a work force reduction due to budgetary and engineering cutbacks, but we do not anticipate a slowdown in construction activities beyond that which is indicated in the new commercial operation start date given in 1. above.

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- 6. We have not recently been granted a Construction Permit or Limited Work Authorization, so this question does not apply.
- 7. We have no intention to halt construction activities and demolish the site.

We trust that this is sufficient to have adequately answered your questions. If not, please do not hesitate to contact us further.

Sincerely,  
 Signed - R. C. Arnold  
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 Vice President

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