

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Mr. Robert H. Groce Licensing Engineer Yankee Atomic Electric Company 20 Turnpike Road Westboro, Massachusetts 01581

Dear Mr. Groce:

RE: YANKEE ROWE ATOMIC POWER STATION

We are currently reviewing the adequacy of the offsite power systems of nuclear power plants and in particular, the loss of offsite power events at your facility. One aspect of this review concerns the history of experienced total and partial power outages and attendent degraded voltage or frequency conditions of the grid.

In our review of this matter we have drawn upon the information provided to us via Licensee Event Reports and followup letters which have been sent to us. Our records do not indicate that you have experienced any loss of offsite power events either completely or partially. Please review your experiences and, if any are identified, report them in answer to this letter and furnish the related information as included in the enclosure.

Please provide your response for the Yankee Rowe Atomic Power Station to us within 90 days of the receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Ziemann Chief

Operating Reactors Branch #2
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Enclosure: Request for Additional Information

cc w/enclosure: See next page

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LOSS OF OFFSITE POWER SURVEY*

- A. For losses of offsite power where less than all offsite power was lost:*
 - 1. How many circuits to the offsite network are normally available and how many were lost during the event?
 - 2. What was the cause of the event?
 - 3. Why did the other lines not fail when some did fail?
 - 4. Was any voltage increase or decrease experienced just prior to or during the outage? If so, please give details, voltages reached, affects, etc.
 - Was any frequency decay experienced just prior to or during the outage? If so, please give details, lowest frequency reached, decay rate, affects on equipment operation, etc.
 - 6. How long was power unavailable from the circuit?
 - 7. Date of event.
- B. For losses of all offsite power:
 - How long was the power off? How long for partial recovery?
 Please give details.
 - If turbine trip occurred, how soon after did loss of offsite power occur?
 - 3. If power was recovered promptly (10 minutes or less), was it due to automatic or manual actions?
 - 4. Was any voltage increase or decrease experienced just prior to or during the outage? If so, please give detials, voltages reached, affects, etc.
 - Was any frequency decay experienced just prior to or during the outage? If so, please give details, lowest frequency reached, decay rate, affects on equipment operation, etc.
 - 6. Date of event.