Docket No. 50-29

FEBRUARY 2 8 1978

Yankee Atomic Electric Company
ATTN: Mr. Robert H. Groce
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Gentlemen:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 46 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-3 for the Yankee Nuclear Power Station (Yankee-Rowe). This amendment implements the recommended interim Technical Specifications for fire protection sent to you with our letter dated November 25, 1977. This amendment modifies your request in your letter dated July 18, 1977 and incorporates comments in your letter dated December 14, 1977.

In order to achieve expeditious implementation of the fire protection Technical Specifications, Specification 6.2.2(f) is being issued at this time with the minimum number of on-site fire brigade members specified as three (3) as you proposed. This number is less than the minimum number of five (5) given in our generic staff position, Minimum Fire Brigade Shift Size, which was an attachment to the Safety Evaluation Report sent to you on November 25, 1977. We are presently evaluating your justification for this smaller brigade size, and when the evaluation is completed we will request that the minimum number be increased if we do not agree with your position.

In addition to identifying, as proposed by you, the responsibility for fire protection in the "Offsite Organization" and the "Facility Organization", in Figures 6.2-1 and 6.2-2 respectively, we have also included in these figures the administrative change in partial response to your request dated March 23, 1977. Figure 6.2-1 has been changed to reflect the new corporate organizational structure. The new Offsite Organization is acceptable with the addition of the Security Advisor to the Offsite Organization who will report to the Manager of Operations rather than the Assistant Vice President, Operations in the previous offsite organization. Figure 6.2-2 has been changed to add the Administrative Supervisor and his organization, and the Technical

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Assistant to the Plant Superintendent and his organization. In addition, an Assistant Operations Supervisor has been added in the chain of command between the operations supervisor and the Shift Supervisors. Also, Facility Organization positions required to be staffed by licensed personnel have been appropriately identified. We have concluded that these additional changes are administrative in nature and do not involve a significant hazards consideration and are acceptable.

A copy of the Notice of Issuance is enclosed. The related Safety Evaluation was enclosed with our November 25, 1977 letter.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

A. Schwencer, Chief
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Enclosures:
1. Amendment No. 46 to DPR-3
2. Notice of Issuance

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