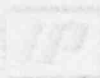


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March 13, 1980

Mr. Richard C. DeYoung, Director
Division of Site Safety & Environmental Analysis
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. DeYoung:

Clinton Power Station Units 1 & 2
Docket Nos. 50-461 and 50-462
Construction Permits No. CPPR-137 & CPPR-138

On December 1, 1979, Illinois Power Company tendered the operating license application for the Clinton Power Station (CPS) for NRC Staff acceptance review, in accordance with 10CFR2.101(a). Included in the transmittal were the required copies of the CPS Environmental Report - Operating License Stage (ER-OLS).

In a telephone discussion with Mr. Donald E. Sells, NRC Chief of Environmental Branch 2, on February 28 we expressed our desire for NRC authorization for some proposed changes to the environmental pre-operational monitoring program which was approved during the construction permit stage. This letter is to confirm that telephone communication and to formally request an early NRC review and approval to use the revised pre-operational monitoring program as presented in Chapter 6 of the CPS-ER(OLS).

The desired changes to the monitoring program and the accompanying rationale are specifically provided in Section 6.1.6 of the CPS-ER(OLS). The proposed changes are made as a result of the field experience gained during the monitoring program that has been conducted since Lake Clinton was formed. For ease of reference, Subsection 6.1.6.8 of the CPS-ER(OLS) presents a summary of the entire pre-operational monitoring program to be conducted upon NRC approval.

We sincerely hope that NRC review can be expedited to achieve approval by the end of April so that we may make the necessary contractual arrangements with our environmental consultant. Our contract for terrestrial monitoring is handled on a yearly basis and runs from May through the following April. Approval of the aquatic monitoring (covered in Subsections 6.1.6.1 through 6.1.6.6 of CPS-ER(OLS)) would allow us to implement the program changes prior to embarking on a new quarterly sampling effort. Presently we are

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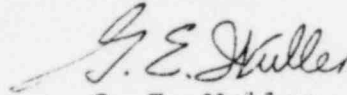
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conducting duplicate sampling, i.e., at those locations specified in the Clinton Final Environmental Statement as well as those locations proposed in the ER(OLS). This is both time-consuming and costly, and thus we kindly request an early response on our proposed changes to the pre-operational monitoring program.

Please advise soon if you have any questions or need additional information concerning any of the proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Robert A. Gilbert
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