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RECORD OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

Wednesday, August 15, 1979

9:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.

H. Brent Clayton NRC NRR-DPM-Quality Assurance Branch 492-7741

Brent was offering some ideas on establishing a startup test benchmark for comparison with the TMI-2 startup test program.

The Standard Review Plan, Section 14.2, in Acceptance Criteria #10 mandates that a licensee must schedule a minimum of nine months for <u>preoperational</u> testing (before fuel loading) and a minimum of three months for <u>startup</u> testing (after fuel loading).

TMI-2's test program was not completed by December 31, 1978; the last tests were completed on January 2, 1979. Dick Keimig, IE-Region I, 8-488-1252, has more information on TMI-2 test program. Also Don Haverkamp, IE-Region I.

Brent felt Crystal River 3 was a good recent example of a B&W startup test program.

Fuel load12/4/76Initial Criticality1/14/77Commercial Operation3/13/77Finish startup tests4/26/77

Chris Nelson, NRR, Division of Operating Reactors, x-27435, is the Licensing Project Manager for Crystal River 3.

I asked Brent if he knew of any plants that had either: a) declared commercial operation <u>before</u> completing startup tests or b) declared commercial operation after completing startup tests.

D.C. Cook 2 declared commercial operation 7/1/78 and to date has not completed test program.

Brent believes there are examples (besides TMI=2) of units declaring commercial operation before test completion.

To prepare a schedule showing the time each test was performed, probably would have to review Monthly Operating Reports. The Startup Test Reports do not generally show dates for test completion.

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TMI-2's Startup Test Reports are:

Initial Report (Fiche #7901050143) 12/28/78 (9 months after initial criticality per Section 6.9.1.3 of TMI-2 Tech Specs, Operating License DPR-73) Report noted that "Test procedures for power ascension were not completed by time report written."

3/23/79 Supp. #1 (Fiche #7903290162)

6/11/79 Supp. #2 (Fiche #7906260455) Notes that Final Report to be issued when manpower available.

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