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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

References: (a) License No. DPR-3 (Docket No. 50-29)
(b) USNRC Letter to YAEC, dated April 10, 1980

Attachment: (1) Revised Technical Specification Pages: 3/4 0-1,
3/4 0-2, B 3/4 0-2 and B 3/4 0-2A

Dear Sir:

Subject: Use of the Term OPERABLE

Pursuant to the request for a license amendment delineated in Reference (b) and Section 50.59 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, the Yankee Atomic Electric Company hereby requests the authorization to make the following change:

PROPOSED CHANGE: This change clarifies the use of the term OPERABLE as it applies to the single failure criterion for safety systems in power reactors.

REASON FOR CHANGE: These modifications, as requested by the USNRC, clarify the meaning of the term OPERABLE to assure that it is properly applied to the Yankee Rowe facility. The proposed 6 hour HOT SHUTDOWN criterion, as described in the model technical specifications, is not included in this submittal because our existing 31 hour criterion is deemed more conservative than this new 37 hour criterion.

BASIS FOR CHANGE: The modifications to our Technical Specifications are based on the description of the term OPERABLE as described in Reference (b) and meet the requirements proposed by Reference (b).

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS: The Technical Specification modifications will assure that no set of equipment outages would be allowed to persist that would result in the facility being in an unprotected condition. These proposed modifications have been reviewed by the Yankee Nuclear Safety Audit and Review Committee.

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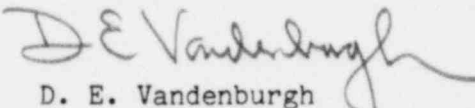
FEE DETERMINATION: The USNRC, by letter (Reference (b)), requested that Yankee Atomic submit a proposed change to the Technical Specifications; adhering to the guidance outlined in said letter, to assure acceptable use of the term OPERABLE as it applies to the single failure criterion for safety systems in power reactors. We conclude that this amendment is exempt from any fees defined in 10CFR170.12(c) since this amendment results from a written NRC request for an application to amend the Technical Specifications.

SCHEDULE OF CHANGE: The Yankee Rowe Operating License will be amended immediately upon Commission approval.

We trust you will find this information satisfactory; however, should you have any questions relative to this matter, please contact us.

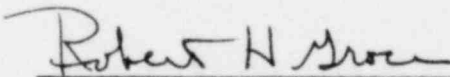
Very truly yours,

YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY


D. E. Vandenburg
Senior Vice President

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS)
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COUNTY OF WORCESTER)

Then personally appeared before me, D. E. Vandenburg, who, being duly sworn, did state that he is a Senior Vice President of Yankee Atomic Electric Company, that he is duly authorized to file, execute and sign the foregoing request in the name and on the behalf of Yankee Atomic Electric Company, and that the statements therein are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.


Robert H. Groce Notary Public
My Commission Expires September 14, 1984

