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PROPOSED RULE PR-73 (45 FR 15937)

May 12, 1980

Mr. Samuel J. Chilk Secretary of the Commission Attention: Docketing and Service Branch U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chilk:



Re: Federal Register Docket 80-7342

On March 12, 1980 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission published in the Federal Register 45 FR 15937 proposed amendments to its physical security regulation, of 10 CFR 73 related to access controls to nuclear power plant vital areas. Regarding this proposed amendment, Niagara Mohawk is in general agreement with the comments submitted by Mr. Donald F. Knuth of KMC, Inc. in a letter dated May 9, 1980 on behalf of the Physical Security Coordinating Group.

In addition to these comments, Niagara Mohawk disagrees with the requirement that the amendments be effective 75 days after publication in the Federal Register. The effective date for those portions of the amendments which may require the installation of equipment should be sixty (60) days after equipment is delivered to the plant.

Very truly yours,

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

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