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

Attention: Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Reference: (a) License No. DPR-36 (Docket No. 50-309)

(b) USNRC Letter to All Licensees of Operating Plants and Applicants for Operating Licenses and Holders of Construction Permits dated July 31, 1980.

Subject: Interim Criteria for Shift Staffing

Dear Sir:

Reference 2 requires that anytime Maine Yankee is being operated in Modes 1-4 (Power Operation, Startup, Hot Standby or Hot Shutdown respectively) the minimum shift crew shall include two licensed senior reactor operators (SRO) one of whom shall be designated as the shift supervisor, two licensed reactor operators (RO) and two unlicensed auxiliary operators (AO).

The above requirements mandate Maine Yankee to increase its present licensed operator staff by nine licenses, two senior reactor operator licenses and seven reactor operator licenses prior to July 1, 1982 in order to have six qualified rotating shifts. In order to meet the staffing criteria prior to July 1, 1982, Maine Yankee presently has five personnel in senior reactor operator licenses training and six personnel in reactor operator license training; all to sit for the appropriate licenses at the end of May 1981. In the fall of 1981 another senior reactor operator and reactor operator training course will commence with licensing in the spring of 1982.

Upon completion of the above, Maine Yankee will meet the interim criteria for shift staffing prior to July 1, 1982.

We trust that this information is acceptable to you, however, should you have any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

MAINE YANKEE ATOMIC POWER COMPANY

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