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

Attention: Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Subject: Containment Entry

Reference: (1) License No. DPR-3 (Docket No. 50-29) (2) Letter, W. P. Johnson to NRC, dated August 30, 192

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Section 50.59 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, Yankee Atomic Electric Company hereby proposes the following modification to Appendix A of the Operating License.

PROPOSED CHANGE: Reference is made to Operating License No. DPR-3 issued to Yankee Atomic Electric Company for the Yankee Rowe plant. We propose to amend the license as follows:

Delete Specification 4.4.5.2.e from Appendix A of the current Operating License.

This would remove the requirement for a containment entry twice per week as mentioned in Reference (2).

 REASON FOR CHANGE: The purpose of this change is to remove from the Technical Specifications a previous requirement which, in light of more recent commitments, has become obsolete. In 1971 Yankee committed to a program of Inservice Inspection consistent with the requirements of Section XI of the ASME Boiler & Pressure Vessel Code of January 1, 1970. In order to augment and accelerate this program Yankee committed to, among other things, a containment entry twice per week for a visual inspection of accessible portions of the Main Coolant System. Now that the initial phases of the Inservice Inspection Program have been completed and no relevant problems have been discovered as a result of the visual inspections previously mentioned, Yankee proposes to eliminate the requirement for containment entry and inspection.

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SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS: This proposed change deletes from the Technical Specifications an obsolete inspection requirement imposed prior to today's more rigorous Inservice Inspection Program. This change does not endanger the health and safety of the public. This proposed change has been reviewed by the Nuclear Safety Audit and Review Committee.

SCHEDULE OF CHANGE: Yankee Rowe Technical Specifications will be changed immediately upon Commission approval.

We trust that you will find this information satisfactory; however, should you desire additional information, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY

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D. E. Vandenburgh Senior Vice President

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

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Notary Public Commission Expires September 9, 1977