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Docket No. 50-29

Yankee Atomic Electric Company
ATTN: Mr. L. H. Heider
Manager of Operation
20 Turnpike Road
Westboro, Massachusetts 01581

Gentlemen:

In our letter dated April 26, 1973, we requested that you include one "extra operator" for conditions of "normal operation" in Table 5.1.2 (that you submitted previously for reference) to meet regulatory guidance for minimum shift crew staffing for a single unit station and that you propose incorporation of the appropriately revised Table 5.1.2 into the current Yankee Technical Specifications. We also requested additional information on the operating experience of individuals that would replace the operators that are normally assigned as shift crew personnel in the event of contingencies, such as strike situations.

We have reviewed your letter dated May 29, 1973, and find that your response to our letter of April 26, 1973, does not provide the needed information.

Our review of your Table 5.1.2 was based on the current regulatory position for minimum staffing requirements for a single unit station. The intent of our position is to assure the ready availability of a sufficient number of properly qualified personnel to perform safety oriented functions, such as taking emergency action and monitoring the status of vital equipment for conditions of "normal operation". While the Yankee staffing in Table 5.1.2 is presently consistent with those included in the Maine Yankee Technical Specifications, a matter that will be considered separately, they fall short of the staffing requirements included in the Vermont Yankee Technical Specifications, as well as that of all current generation Technical Specifications. We request that you reconsider your position in this matter in line with our initial request or you should provide more substantive technical information in support of your position that the "extra operator" is not needed for conditions of "normal operation" at the Yankee plant.

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With regard to the matter of qualifications of Yankee's replacement personnel for contingency situations, such as strikes, we note that all AEC licensed personnel participate in a retraining program regardless of their affiliation with management or union. To complete our review of this matter, we request that you provide a summary of your retraining program, including the following information with respect to replacement personnel participating in this program.

1. The hours each individual participated in this program.
2. Operating experience of each individual since his license renewal, including:
 - a. the number of startups and shut downs at the controls or directing these activities,
 - b. Other control manipulations performed by the individual, and
 - c. Other pertinent operating experience gained during the retraining program.
3. The time the individual has been away from the facility.

Please provide the additional information not later than 30 days from the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
L. J. Skovholt

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