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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

License No. DPR-35  
Docket No. 50-293

Request For Extension To Order

Ref. (A) Order for Modification of License  
No. DPR-35, dated January 9, 1981

Dear Sir:

Reference (A), required Boston Edison Company to have operable by April 9, 1981, an automatic system to initiate control rod insertion on low pressure in the control air header of the scram discharge system. To that end, we had designed and scheduled for installation, an air header dump system which met all the design criteria delineated in the referenced order within the required time frame. However, due to equipment procurement problems encountered during our efforts to install the system as described, we are unable to meet the April 9 deadline. Specifically, we are awaiting delivery of an air operated 3-way valve (1" port) manufactured by ASCO, which although was originally scheduled by the manufacturer for delivery by the end of March, will not be available for delivery until April 17.

Therefore, to allow for valve shipment, installation and preoperational testing, it is requested that we be granted an extension until April 22 to be in compliance with the Reference (A) order. We believe Operation during this short period beyond the April 9 date is acceptable and will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, as the failure of the control air system is a low probability event and the actions taken to date in response to IE Bulletin 80-17 provide a significant measure of assurance that such an event will not occur. Every effort is being made by ASCO and BECo to expedite delivery and installation of this valve. We shall notify you in the event that these efforts are successful.

We trust this request is adequate for your consideration; however, should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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