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Yankee Atomic Electric Company
 441 Stuart Street
 Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Attention: Mr. L. E. Minnick
 Vice President

Gentlemen:

The Yankee Nuclear Power Station has been operating under technical specifications initially issued with Operating License No. DPR-3 in June 1961. As you know, since these technical specifications were issued, 84 changes have been required. We believe that many of these changes were necessitated by the fact that your technical specifications incorporate your Final Hazards Summary Report as the principal part thereof and therefore contain much design detail which is not necessary in technical specifications.

In August 1966, the Commission published a proposed amendment to 10 CFR Part 50 (copy enclosed) which revises the form of technical specifications. Since that date, licenses issued for the new power reactors have incorporated this new form of technical specifications. Experience with operations under the new form of technical specifications has demonstrated that these licensees have more freedom pursuant to Section 50.59 for making changes to the facility and its operating procedures while still providing the AEC with adequate review to fulfill its responsibilities for public health and safety.

In view of Yankee's long-term license, we strongly urge that you submit proposed technical specifications in the new format for incorporation in your license. A copy of the Connecticut Yankee Technical Specifications, which is in the new form, is enclosed for your information.

We will be pleased to discuss this matter with you if you wish. In this regard, please contact either Robert Schemel or Donald Skovholt.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures:	DRL	DRL	DRL	DRL
1. 10 CFR Part 50	RJF	Fleury	Peter A. Morris, Director	
2. Connecticut Yankee	Schemel	Skovholt	Division of Reactor Licensing	
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