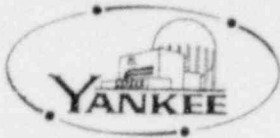


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YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY



20 Turnpike Road Westborough, Massachusetts 01581

July 1, 1975

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

Attention: Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

- Reference:
- (1) License No. DPR-3 (Docket No. 50-29)
 - (2) USAEC Letter dated March 1, 1974, signed by D. J. Skovholt
 - (3) Yankee Proposed Change No. 112, dated January 3, 1974. Revised Technical Specifications and Final Safety Analysis Report.
 - (4) Westinghouse Standard Technical Specifications dated September 1, 1974.

Dear Sir:

The Technical Specifications, Appendix "A" to reference (1), does not require calibration of instrumentation protective devices at any stated frequency; Section 509 only requires tests to be made during scheduled shutdown periods. Pending resolution of reference (3) the plant has attempted to conform to the Surveillance Frequency requirements of reference (2) which reads as follows:

Surveillance Frequency. Unless otherwise stated in the specifications, periodic surveillance tests, checks, calibrations, and examinations shall be performed within the specified surveillance intervals. These intervals may be adjusted plus or minus 25%. The operating cycle interval as pertaining to instrument and electrical surveillance shall never exceed 15 months. In cases where the elapsed interval has exceeded 100% of the specified interval, the next surveillance interval shall commence at the end of the original specified interval.

During our May to August 1974 refueling all required calibrations of instrumentation systems were performed, 13 in the months of May and June alone and three more in July and August. With the 15 month surveillance cycle of reference 2 these 16 systems must be recalibrated in the months of August, September and October of 1975. Our next shutdown is the refueling outage scheduled for October 18, 1975, however, the plant will be unable to start instrument calibrations until about

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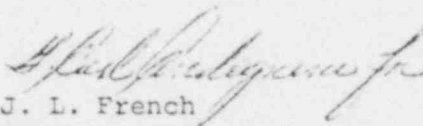
the 1st of November, 1975. Assuming the plant can obtain the release of those systems that were tested in May and June of 1974 their calibration cycle will thus be 17 months. Due to scheduled steam generator modification and inspections, some of these systems may not be released until later in the outage.

We therefore, request an extension of the instrumentation calibration frequency requirements from 15 months to the 1975 refueling outage. All calibrations will be completed within 18 months from the time they were last performed. This 18 months frequency will be consistent with the requirements for most other plants and the Standard Technical Specifications of reference (4).

We request your prompt consideration of this extension since under the 15 month frequency requirements of reference (2) we will have to shut the plant down to cold conditions prior to August 23, 1975 to perform instrument calibrations. We estimate a minimum of a three week shutdown would be required to perform all the instrument calibrations required.

Very truly yours,

YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY


J. L. French
Manager of Operations

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