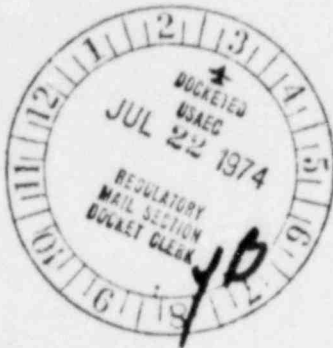




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Mr. John F. O'Leary, Director
Directorate of Licensing
US Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, DC 20545

Re: Docket 50-155
License DPR-6
Big Rock Point

Dear Mr. O'Leary:

This letter is written to confirm information transmitted to a member of your staff during recent telephone discussions concerning our May 30, 1974 request for a variance from the Interim Acceptance Criteria and our June 28, 1974 proposed Technical Specifications Change concerning maximum average planar linear heat generation rates (MAPLHGR).

The calculations described in both the May 30 and June 28, 1974 submittals assumed rod wetting occurred in the unpowered central rod(s) in the Reload G and NFS fuel types. During the telephone discussions, we were informed that sufficient information has still not been submitted to justify use of the rod wetting effect at this time. We feel that data are available which substantiate the rod wetting concept, and requested an opportunity to discuss these data with the Directorate of Licensing staff. Even so, because of the short time period available to review such information and the necessity to issue a Technical Specifications Change for the Big Rock Point Plant regarding appropriate operating limits with regard to the Interim Acceptance Criteria, the Directorate of Licensing staff requested that a MAPLHGR limits be provided with no credit taken for central unpowered rod(s) wetting. We provided the following MAPLHGR limits for the Reload G and NFS fuel types as follows:

Reload G - 7.32 kW/Ft
NFS - 7.56 kW/Ft

The Directorate of Licensing staff agreed to review any additional information submitted by us regarding rod wetting with the objective of allowing credit for rod wetting, if expeditiously justified.

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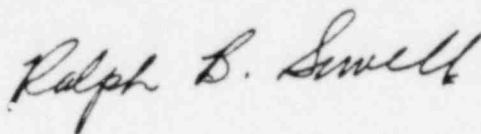
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Further, the Directorate of Licensing staff pointed out, and we agreed, that an operability requirement for the makeup water supply from the fire system to the condenser hot well should be included in the existing Technical Specifications. We both agreed that this would be included by modifying Technical Specifications Section 4.1.2(b) by adding a descriptive phrase concerning the emergency makeup from the fire water system to the condenser hot well in the sentence which presently requires that the emergency condenser, core spray, and backup core spray systems be operable and ready for service at all times during power operation.

Yours very truly,



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Ralph B. Sewell
Nuclear Licensing Administrator