

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

BOSTON EDISON COMPANY

(Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station,
Unit No. 1)

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Docket No. 60-293
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MODIFICATION OF JANUARY 9, 1981 ORDER REQUIRING
AN AUTOMATIC AIR HEADER DUMP SYSTEM

I.

The Boston Edison Company (licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-35 which authorizes the operation of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1, at steady state reactor power levels not in excess of 1996 megawatts thermal (rated power). The facility consists of a boiling water reactor located at the licensee's site near Plymouth, Massachusetts.

II.

On January 9, 1981, the Commission issued an Order modifying the license, effective immediately, requiring an operable automatic system to initiate control rod insertion at low pressure in the control air header. The Order, published in the Federal Register on January 26, 1981, (46FR 9271), required the automatic air header dump system to be operable by April 9, 1981, or the facility be placed in cold shutdown within 72 hours.

The licensee by letter dated April 3, 1981, requested an extension of the April 9, 1981 deadline due to a small delay in the procurement schedule for critical system component.

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The requested minor extension of time is consistent with the intent of the January 9, 1981 Order to provide the required additional margin of safety within a short time period. Operation of the facility up to April 22, 1981 will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety.

III.

Accordingly, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, including Sections 103 and 161i, and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Parts 2 and 50, IT IS ORDERED that the April 9, 1981 completion date required in the January 9, 1981 "Order for Modification of License" be extended to April 22, 1981. The Order of January 9, 1981, except as modified herein remains in effect in accordance with its terms.

IV.

Any person whose interest may be affected by this Order may request a hearing within 20 days of the date of publication of this Order in the Federal Register. Any request for a hearing will not stay the effective date of this Order. Such request for hearing shall be addressed to the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, and shall set forth with particularity the nature of their interest and the manner in which such interest may be affected by this Order. A copy of the request should also be sent to the Executive Legal Director, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555.

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V.

If a hearing is held concerning this Order, the issue to be considered at the hearing shall be:

Whether the completion date for the automatic air header dump system required by the January 9, 1981 Order for Modification of License, be extended from April 9, 1981 to April 22, 1981.

Operation of the facility on terms consistent with this Order is not stayed by the pendency of any proceedings on the Order.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Division of Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Effective Date: April 8, 1981

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