

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF)
THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY)
(Enrico Fermi Atomic Power)
Plant Unit 2))

Docket No. 50-341

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF LATEST COMPLETION DATE

Pursuant to Section 2.109 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, The Detroit Edison Company ("Detroit Edison") on behalf of itself and the two other co-owners (Wolverine Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Northern Michigan Electric Cooperative Inc.) hereby requests the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the "Commission") to extend the latest completion date for the facility to June 30, 1984.

Detroit Edison received construction permit #CPPR-87 on September 26, 1972. By letter dated July 8, 1976, Detroit Edison Company requested an extension of this construction permit to September 30, 1982. Labor problems, delays in delivery of materials and equipment, and difficulty obtaining funds for construction at rates considered reasonable were the principal reasons for construction delays which required an extension of the construction permit. In response to this request the Commission granted an extension of the construction permit to January 1, 1982. At this time, the Enrico Fermi Atomic Power Plant Unit 2 (Fermi 2) project is approximately 85% complete but cannot be completed by the January 1, 1982, expiration date. The construction schedule for Fermi 2 calls for fuel loading in November, 1982 and commercial operation in November 1983.

The Fermi 2 project has suffered additional delays resulting from many diverse causes beyond the control of Detroit Edison.

In support of the request to extend the latest completion date, Detroit Edison provides the following information:

Unforeseen delays and difficulties were encountered in the regulatory process, including a regulatory review "pause" and the significant impact of responding to the NRC's post-TMI requirements.

It is important to note that significant Detroit Edison and its contractor's engineering manpower has been diverted from the task of completing the plant engineering and construction by the NRC imposed urgency of responding to Lessons Learned, Bulletins and Orders Task Force Recommendations, Action Plan requirements, NUREG-0737 requirements and other NRC post-TMI issuances. This unforeseen and marked change in the regulatory process has imposed a significant strain on the entire nuclear industry and has made more difficult the acquisition of additional manpower to handle the greater workload.

These new requirements have added significantly to the cost of the plant during a period when the Company was experiencing constraints on its construction program which has also affected the completion of the plant.

Detroit Edison believes that the extension requested in this application involves no significant hazards considerations and no undue risk to the health and safety of the

public. Detroit Edison respectfully requests, therefore, that the Commission dispense with the notice and publication requirements as permitted under Section 189(a) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954. Detroit Edison also believes that the extension of the construction permit requested in this application involves no change in the environmental impact reported in the Fermi 2 environmental report or the Commission's environmental impact statement.

For the foregoing reasons, which in the applicant's opinion constitute the good cause shown as required by 10 CFR 50.55(l), Detroit Edison on behalf of itself and its co-owners hereby requests the Commission to extend the latest completion date for the Fermi 2 facility from January 1, 1982, until June 30, 1984.

THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY

By Charles M. Heidel
 Charles M. Heidel
 Executive Vice President
 Operations

Dated:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of June, 1981

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 Notary Public, Macomb County, MI
 My Commission Expires Feb. 4, 1985