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Docket No: 50-508 and 50-509

Mr. D. G. Eisenhut, Director
Division of Licensing
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Eisenhut:

Subject: SUPPLY SYSTEM NUCLEAR PROJECTS 3 AND 5
OPERATING LICENSE APPLICATION

Reference: Letter, D. L. Renberger to D. G. Eisenhut, Subject:
WPPSS Nuclear Projects 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Operating
License Application Schedules, dated August 8, 1980

The joint operating license (OL) application for the Supply System Nuclear Projects 3 and 5 has been scheduled for submittal to the staff in April, 1982. This date is consistent with the target construction completion date for Unit 3 and represents an acceleration of the schedule provided in the referenced letter.

The Supply System and the Architect Engineer/Construction Manager (AE/CM) have recently completed an extensive review of the construction schedule. A target schedule has been developed which would support construction completion and fuel load as early as August, 1985. The milestones within this target schedule have been accelerated by providing substantial financial incentives to the AE/CM and to construction contractors whose work is on the critical path for meeting the accelerated completion dates. The April, 1982 submittal date for the OL application provides for a two month acceptance review and 38 months after docketing prior to the accelerated fuel load date.

The current construction slowdown on Unit 5 has not, at this time, affected the scheduled completion dates for that unit. This effect will, of course, be reassessed following resumption of full construction activities. The reduction of activities at Unit 5 has assisted the acceleration of activities on Unit 3 and further increases the probability for achievement of the earlier schedule.

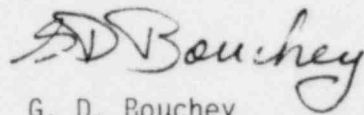
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If you have any questions regarding this schedule, please contact the
WNP-3/5 Licensing Project Manager, K. W. Cook at (206) 482-4428, Ext.
5436.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "G. D. Bouchey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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