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Subject: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333
**Proposed Changes to the Technical Specifications
Regarding LPCI Pump Flow (JPTS-90-005)**

- Reference:
1. NYPA Letter (JPN-90-013), J.C. Brons to NRC, dated February 9, 1990, requesting changes to the RHR Pump Technical Specifications on an exigent basis.
 2. Amendment 153 to the James A. FitzPatrick Operating License, dated February 28, 1990, temporarily extends the allowable out-of-service time for one LPCI and Containment Cooling subsystem from 7 days to 14 days and reduces the RHR pump flow rate allowable value from 9900 gpm to 8910 gpm.

Dear Sir:

In Reference 1, the Authority requested under exigent circumstances temporary changes to the James A. FitzPatrick Technical Specifications. Amendment 153 (Reference 2) approved these changes.

One of these changes reduced the surveillance test flow acceptance value for a Residual Heat Removal (RHR) pump from 9900 gpm to 8910 gpm. This application for a Technical Specification amendment makes this temporary change permanent.

The lower minimum RHR pump flow rate will eliminate problems inherent in testing the pumps near runout flow conditions. This will permit more accurate and repeatable inservice testing. This change does not involve modifying any plant systems, structures, or components. Rather, credit is taken for the large margins contained in the 10 CFR 50, Appendix K loss of coolant accident (LOCA) analyses.

Enclosed for filing is the signed original of a document entitled "Application for Amendment to Operating License," with Attachments I and II thereto, comprising a statement of the proposed changes to the Technical Specifications and the associated Safety Evaluation.

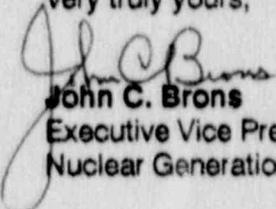
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In accordance with 10 CFR 50.91, a copy of this application and the associated attachments are being provided to the designated New York State official.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding the proposed changes, please contact Mr. J. B. Eimers of my staff.

Very truly yours,


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