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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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Docket Nos. 50-404  
and 50-405

Mr. W. L. Proffitt  
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Dear Mr. Proffitt:

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATES FOR NORTH  
ANNA POWER STATION, UNITS 3 AND 4

We have reviewed your request of November 21, 1978 for extending the latest completion dates for Construction Permits CPPR-114 and CPPR-115 for your North Anna Power Station, Units 3 and 4. You requested that the Construction Permit for Unit No. 3 be extended from December 31, 1978 to November 1, 1986 and for Unit No. 4 from December 31, 1979 to December 1, 1987. While there exist no definitive guidelines for the length of time a Construction Permit can be extended, the requested extensions of nearly eight years per unit substantially exceed the length of time for which previous Construction Permits have been extended for other permittees. We will evaluate your request to extend the latest completion dates of your Construction Permits using the standard of "a reasonable length of time" as stated in 10 CFR 50.55(b). In this case, a reasonable length of time may be interpreted as the end of the calendar year in which your current schedule calls for fuel loading of Units 3 and 4, i.e. December 31, 1983 and December 31, 1984, respectively.

Justification for extending the latest date for completion of a Construction Permit consists of a showing of good cause based upon events or circumstances beyond the control of the applicant which have occurred or will occur subsequent to the issuance of the Construction Permit. In addition, the delayed activities must be cumulative to support the requested latest date for completion to its appropriate extent.

We will need this type of detailed information as a basis for evaluating your request. Please provide the following additional information:

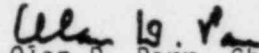
- (1) In your request, you show some good causes for your delays; however, you also mention "...additional unquantifiable potential delays...". Please indicate how you arrived at your latest completion dates and provide detailed information to support those dates.

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- (2) In your request, you also state that "...design changes are being made to conform with current regulatory requirements." With respect to these design changes which have caused delays, please identify these changes and specify their impact on your request for an extension.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact us.

Sincerely,



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