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Dear Mr. Garrity:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SHIFT MANNING REQUIREMENTS (NUREG-0737,
ITEM I.A.1.3) AND EXEMPTION FROM FUTURE RULE

We have reviewed your submittal dated July 21, 1982, requesting an extension to January 2, 1984, for implementation of shift staffing requirements for the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station. The proposed rule approved by the Commission will be published in the Federal Register for public comment. Since the final rule is not yet published, an extension cannot be granted at this time.

The proposed rule indicates that the Director of NRR may grant a request for extension of the rule deadline (probably January 1, 1983) to July 1, 1983, if the requests are timely and demonstrate good cause. The NRC will consider Maine Yankee's request for extension after the rule is published in its final form. The extension granted would be limited to July 1, 1983, and would not be January 2, 1984, requested.

If Maine Yankee still desires to request an extension to January 1984, the request would have to be submitted to the Commissioners who have indicated that they will grant extensions in very exceptional cases only.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
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