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Washington, D.C. 20555

In the Matter of
Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
(Nine Mile Point, Unit 2)
Docket No. 50-410

Dear Mr. DeYoung:

By letter dated April 26, 1983, Mr. James M. Allan, Acting Regional Administrator, Region I, transmitted to the Applicant a "Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty" in the captioned proceeding. The notice provided, inter alia, that pursuant to the provisions of 10 C.F.R. §2.201, the Applicant should submit its response to your office within 30 days of the date of the notice. The letter also specified that consideration be given to extending the response time for good cause shown.

The purpose of this letter is to request that the time for responding to the notice be extended 30 days for the following reasons. As stated in the notice, the matters raised therein have been under investigation by your staff since June 1982. The background documentation, including several statements from Stone & Webster employees furnished to your staff, is quite extensive. It is also noted that the notice alleges a deliberate falsification of quality assurance records, which will necessarily add to the depth of the investigation by the Company.

Since receiving the notice of violation, the Applicant and its constructor have been making diligent efforts to obtain the necessary information to respond to the allegations. This preliminary review indicates that additional time will be required to reply to specific items in the notice. The Applicant has not yet received the results of the Stone & Webster review of the allegations in the notice

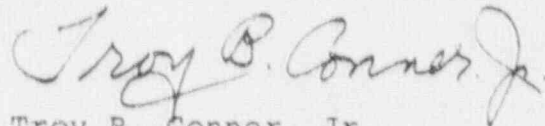
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with the appropriate individuals. Until this review has been completed, the Company will not be able to evaluate the report and take whatever additional steps may be necessary before responding to specific allegations.

In order to assure that the Company's reply properly responds to all allegations concerning quality assurance, the Applicant therefore requests an extension of the time to respond until June 27, 1983. In view of the corrective actions undertaken to date, as noted in the letter from Region I, the extension requested should not pose any problem.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,



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