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Exemption Request (TAC #75335)

Gentlemen:

By letters dated November 21, 1989 (PY-CEI/NRR-1072L) and January 30, 1990 (PY-CEI/NRR-1128L), a request for exemption was made from the filing date for NRC Form 474 "Simulation Facility Certification." 10 CFR 55.45(b)(2)(iii) sets a filing date for Form 474 of March 26, 1991. The letters noted that despite our accelerated production schedule, the replacement simulator will not be in a certifiable state of completion by March 26, but that we expected to be able to file the certification form on or about May 17, 1991 following completion of acceptance testing at the vendors facility.

At that time, it was anticipated that licensed operator testing would be conducted in August, therefore Form 474 needed to be filed by the end of May. Since that time, operator testing schedules have been finalized, and the first operator test dates after March 26, 1991 will be in February 1992, thereby lessening the need for filing the certification form in May. A recent project status evaluation identified that the simulator factory acceptance test schedule had slipped; however, since the need for a May filing date has changed, it is requested that any issued exemption provide an additional time period before the filing is required.

Accordingly, it is requested that the expiration date of any issued exemption be June 28, 1991. This requested date provides for a prompt certification filing and a recognition of unforeseen occurrences in ongoing preacceptance testing of the simulator.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

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