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Attention: Mr. Domenic B. Vassallo, Chief
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Subject: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333
Reactor Protection System Power Supply -
Technical Specification Changes

Reference: NRC letter, D. B. Vassallo to L. W. Sinclair, dated
July 28, 1982, regarding Reactor Protection System
Power Monitoring Design Modification.

Dear Sir:

The Authority was provided with a model Technical Specification on Reactor Protection System (RPS) Electric Power Monitoring via the referenced letter. Since this modification became operational, we have been attempting to prepare and submit proposed changes to the FitzPatrick Technical Specifications, to incorporate the model specifications.

A portion of the changes include under and overvoltage setpoints for the associated protective instrumentation. As part of the modification process, we obtained General Electric's recommendations for these setpoints. Their recommended setpoints could adversely impact plant operations, when the alternate power supply is in use. Although the alternate power supply is in use only a small percentage of the time, the Authority performed a test to establish alternate setpoints that would be appropriate for the FitzPatrick plant. These setpoints were included in a proposed Technical Specification amendment and submitted to our Safety Review Committee (SRC) for review and approval. The amendment request has not been submitted because the Safety Review Committee has asked for independent verification of the setpoints, before it can approve the proposed Technical Specification amendment. This verification must be obtained from technical consultants and will require additional time.

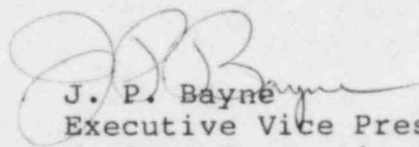
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Mr. J. A. Gray, Jr. of my staff recently notified the NRC Project Manager for FitzPatrick of this situation. During their discussion, the Authority provided a new schedule for resolving this problem. The purpose of this letter is to confirm that schedule.

The Authority will submit either: (1) a proposed Technical Specification amendment for the equipment already installed including justification of the proposed setpoints; or, (2) a description of an additional modification to resolve the issue and an implementation schedule, not later than the third week of April 1983.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. J. A. Gray, Jr. of my staff.

Very truly yours,



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