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Attention: Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director  
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Subject: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant  
Docket No. 50-333  
Request for Exemption from the Implementation  
Schedule of 10 CFR 50.49 - Equipment Qualification

Reference: 1. PASNY letter, J.P. Bayne to T.A. Ippolito,  
dated September 29, 1981 (JPN-81-78).

Dear Sir:

The Power Authority of the State of New York hereby requests a schedular exemption from the provisions of 10 CFR 50.49(g) for the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant. This paragraph requires the submittal of a response 90 days after the effective date of the rule, i.e., by May 20, 1983. The Power Authority has not yet received a Safety Evaluation Report (SER) for our previous equipment qualification submittal (Reference 1), and we have learned that a draft will not be available until April of 1983. Because the SER provides significant feedback on the Authority's position on equipment qualification, the lack of our review of this SER makes a meaningful response difficult. Since the Rule allows a response time of 120 days from the date of publication, the Power Authority considers that an extension is necessary to give us adequate time to respond from the time we receive the SER. An extension is also appropriate to allow us a response period equivalent to that of other plants.

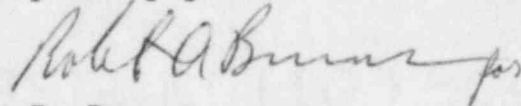
In addition, the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant is tentatively scheduled to begin a refueling outage on May 20 of this year. For these reasons, the Power Authority requests that the response date be extended to August 19, 1983. This extension would allow sufficient time to prepare our response.

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The Power Authority's existing schedule for final completion is in accordance with the Rule.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. J. A. Gray, Jr. of my staff.

Very truly yours,



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