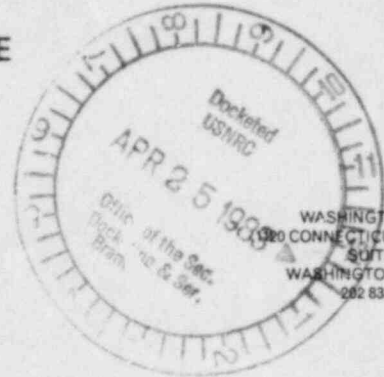


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April 18, 1983

In the Matter of )  
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COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY ) Docket Nos. 50-454 OL  
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(Byron Nuclear Power Station, )  
Units 1 & 2) )

Hon. Ivan W. Smith  
Administrative Judge and Chairman  
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Judge Smith:

This letter is sent in accordance with the commitment expressed in my letter to you of January 18, 1983, to keep the Board and the parties informed regarding estimates of the fuel load date of Byron Unit 1. The schedule of construction activities and pre-operational testing has resulted in a change in the estimate to a date later than August 31. The current estimate is that fuel will be loaded in Unit 1 in November, 1983. While it is conceivable that fuel load could be accomplished earlier than November, the Company is using that date for planning purposes. There are, of course, contingencies which could cause fuel load for Unit 1 to occur later than November.

I will continue to keep the Board advised of any changes in the scheduled fuel load date for Byron Unit 1.

Sincerely,

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One of the Attorneys for  
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