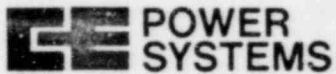


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Subject: Comments on Proposed Rule, 10 CFR 2.764

Dear Sir:

Combustion Engineering (C-E) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed change to 10 CFR 2.764, which was presented in the Federal Register (Vol. 47, No. 206, pp. 47260-2) on October 25, 1982. We have reviewed the proposed rule and generally support the amendment to the rules for the review of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board decisions granting power reactor construction permits.

The amendment modifies the effectiveness review procedures for construction permits and limited work authorizations such that they are on a par with the procedures in effect for operating licenses. C-E believes that the proposed rule will help avoid unnecessary delays in the issuance of construction permits while still providing adequate provisions for addressing significant safety-related issues. It is hoped that this action by the NRC portends further efforts to reevaluate and amend the licensing process such that the uncertainties in the licensing process will be minimized without negative impacts on the measure of safety afforded to the public.

If you have any questions or our position, please contact me or Ms. J. C. Ennaco of my staff at (203)688-1911, Extension 2595.

Very truly yours,

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