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License No. DPR-35
Docket No. 50-293

Request for Extension on Shift Manning
NUREG 0737, Item I.A.1.3

- References:
- (A) BECo Ltr. #82-56, dated February 15, 1982, to Mr. D. B. Vassallo (NRC)
 - (B) BECo Ltr. #82-168, dated June 8, 1982 to Mr. D. G. Eisenhut (NRC)
 - (C) BECo Ltr. #82-293, dated September 2, 1982, to Mr. D. G. Eisenhut (NRC)

Dear Sir:

In Reference (A), Boston Edison described its planned method of satisfying the guidelines of NUREG 0737, Item I.A.1.3. by establishing a six shift rotation, and by qualifying six (6) additional Reactor Operators and three (3) additional Senior Reactor Operators. Our efforts on the preparation of license candidates were constrained at that time by the impact of the refueling outage, and the unavailability of simulator time. We committed to meet the manning guidelines by September 17, 1982 in Reference (A).

The September date was constrained in turn by the time necessary to receive the NRC Licensing Exam results. Reference (C) described this constraint and requested an extension to December 17, 1982.

We regret that we again must request schedular relief. When our initial plan was developed we did not expect such a high failure rate of candidates, nor could we accurately forecast the attrition rate of existing personnel. These developments, which are not endemic to Pilgrim, have made it impossible to fulfill our commitment by December 17, 1982.

We have developed a new plan to satisfy our commitments. This plan, when completed, will provide twelve (12) Senior Reactor Operators, twelve (12) Reactor Operators, and twelve (12) Tour Qualified Nuclear Plant Operators for shift manning. The schedule for implementation indicates final completion by April, 1984.

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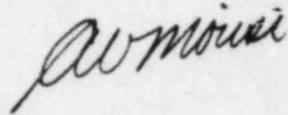
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Our interim action is to continue the employment of a five shift rotation rather than the intended six. We believe this will deploy our current personnel resources in a best effort to meet the intent of the NUREG for most shifts until adequate licensed personnel exist.

We wish to emphasize, and we believe our past actions and submittals demonstrate, that we have in good faith attempted to recruit, train, and license the necessary complement of personnel to comprehensively satisfy the guidelines of Item I.A.1.3. Unfortunately, a series of circumstances have militated against the conclusion of our effort, and compels us to request an extension to April, 1984.

We appreciate your attention to this issue. Should you have any questions concerning this request, please contact us.

Very truly yours,



cc: Commissioner Asselstine
c/o Secretary of the Commission
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