



UNITED STATES
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Docket Nos. 50-295
and 50-304

Mr. Thomas J. Kovach
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Dear Mr. Kovach:

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY WAIVER OF COMPLIANCE FROM ZION NUCLEAR POWER STATION
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND CONFIRMATORY ORDER TO EXCLUDE
CERTAIN PATHWAYS ON UNIT 1 AND UNIT 2 FROM APPENDIX J, TYPE C,
LEAK TESTING REQUIREMENTS

By letter dated March 9, 1991, Commonwealth Edison Company (CECo) requested a Temporary Waiver of Compliance (TWOC) from Zion Nuclear Power Station's Technical Specification (TS) 3/4.10 and Confirmatory Order Item A.3 dated February 29, 1980. CECo also provided a proposed TS change to temporarily exclude certain Unit 1 and Unit 2 containment pathways from the requirement to perform Type C leak testing in accordance with 10 CFR 50, Appendix J.

The pathways identified for both units included: Penetration P-76, Valve 1(2)SI8933; Penetration P-77, Valves 1(2)PP0103, 0102, 0103, 0104; Penetration P-23, Valve 1(2)MOV-2RC0002, and Penetration P-33, Valves 1(2)MOV-CC685 and 1(2)MOV-CC9438. In addition to the above valves, you identified valve 2RC0002 thru Penetration P-86 for Unit 2 as requiring relief from testing requirement of the TSs and the Confirmatory Order until March 31, 1991.

On March 11, 1991, the staff discussed the issue of a TWOC with representatives from CECo. During this conversation, CECo requested that the relief from the leak testing requirement for all pathways except Valve 2RC0002 be granted until the emergency TSs are issued. CECo requested a relief for the pathway thru Penetration P-86, Valve 2RC0002 until it is Type C tested by 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 1991.

Considering these pathways have been recently identified by CECo as requiring leak rate testing, the fact that some modifications will be required in the majority of pathways to accomplish Type C testing requirements, and considering CECo's compensatory actions where appropriate, the staff granted an oral waiver of compliance on March 11, 1991. This letter serves to confirm the

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oral approval granted on March 11, 1991. This TWOC remains in effect until an emergency TS change is issued.

Sincerely,

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