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Attention:

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Mr. D. G. Eisenhut, Director

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References:

(a) License No. DPR-28 (Docket No. 50-271)

(b) Equipment Qualification Final Rule, 10CFR50.49, dated

January 21, 1983

(c) Letter, USNRC to VYNPC, NVY 83-75, dated April 11, 1983

Subject:

Request for Exemption from the Schedular Requirements of the

Equipment Qualification Final Rule

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 10CFR50.48(d), we hereby request an exemption from the requirements of the Equipment Qualification Final Rule, Reference (b). Specifically, we are requesting relief from the provisions of 10CFR50.49(g) which requires that by May 20, 1983, licensees identify electrical equipment important to safety which is already qualified and submit a schedule for either the qualification or replacement of the remaining electrical equipment important to safety; within the scope of the final rule.

The basis for our request stems from the limited amount of time afforded us to properly address the requirements of the final rule. Reference (c), which provided us with the Technical Evaluation Report (TER) prepared by your consultant, Franklin Research Center, was received by us on April 20, 1983. Since the information contained in the TER was essential in formulating our detailed response to 10CFR50.49(g), we were unable to begin this effort until that time. In fact, it is our understanding from discussions with members of your staff that we were one of the last licensees to receive a TER.

Currently, we have completed the required engineering evaluation of electrical equipment important to safety. However, our in-house procedures call for subsequent management review and approval of this evaluation prior to finalizing our submittal. A meeting for this purpose has been scheduled for April 24, 1983. Any comments resulting from this meeting will be resolved as soon as practicable. It is our present intent to provide you with a final submittal no later than June 10, 1983.

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We believe the justification provided above forms an adequate basis for our request for exemption and trust that our proposed schedule is acceptable. Should you have any questions in this matter, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

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