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This requirement affects 9 or fewer respondents and, therefore, is not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under P.L. 96-511.

If you have any questions on the improved technical specification review, please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 415-1428.

Sincerely,

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION - UNITS 2 AND 3

IMPROVED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS REVIEW

Improved Technical Specification (ITS) Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.0.5 is a new requirement not contained in the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station (PBAPS) current technical specifications. ITS LCO 3.0.5 would allow equipment previously declared inoperable to be returned to service under administrative controls to allow certain actions. These actions include demonstration of operability of the equipment being returned to service, demonstration of operability of other equipment, or demonstration that variables are within limits. The proposed ITS LCO 3.0.5 is consistent with NUREG-1433 LCO 3.0.5 with one exception. NUREG-1433 does not currently allow equipment to be administratively returned to service to verify that variables are within limits. The addition of this allowance to all of the standard technical specification (STS) NUREGs was previously proposed by the various owners groups and rejected by the NRC staff. The staff's reason for rejecting the proposed change was that the owners groups did not address the specific applications where such an allowance would be used or needed. Similarly, PECO Energy Company (PECO) did not address such specific applications in their ITS submittal. The Bases for both NUREG-1433 and the PBAPS ITS discuss specific examples of when the allowance of LCO 3.0.5 would be needed to demonstrate the operability of the equipment being returned to service or to demonstrate the operability of other equipment. However, when PECO added the additional allowance to LCO 3.0.5 to demonstrate variables that are within limits, no additional Bases were added to provide a specific example of when this allowance would be needed. Please provide specific examples of when the allowance to verify that variables are within limits would be needed.

Once this information is received from PECO, additional consideration of this specific change to the NUREG-1433 version of LCO 3.0.5 will be pursued on a generic basis. The results of the generic determination will then be applied to the PBAPS ITS.

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