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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

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Docket No. 70-220

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
300 Erie Boulevard West
Syracuse, New York 13202

Attention: Mr. Minot H. Pratt
Vice President and
Executive Engineer

Gentlemen:

Your TWX dated June 26, 1970, *attached* requested that your surveillance program for system expansion monitoring during heatup, in accordance with Page 2-1, Paragraph 3, of your report, "Program for Restoration to Service of Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station", be considered a startup test so that the inerting of the primary containment may be delayed until the completion of this test.

We note that this test is analogous to "Test No. 10 - System Expansion" of the Startup Test Program described in FSAR Supplement No. 6, with refinements in measurements and increased sensitivities being utilized to assure system movement as designed for restoration of the plant to service. We agree that this test falls within the meaning of startup testing as set forth in paragraph 3.3.1 of the Technical Specifications of Provisional Operating License No. DPR-17.

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Sincerely,

Peter A. Morris, Director
Division of Reactor Licensing

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