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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: LaSalle County Station Unit 2
Emergency Amendment to Technical
Specification for Facility Operating
License NPF-18 Reactor Scram on Low
Control Rod Drive (CRD) Pump
Discharge Pressure Modification
NRC Docket No. 50-374

References (a): B. Rybak letter to H. R. Denton dated
July 31, 1984.

Dear Mr. Denton:

Per the referenced letter Commonwealth Edison submitted an emergency amendment to Facility Operating License NPF-18 requesting relaxation from the requirements of Amendment No. 3 which implemented surveillance requirements and trip setpoint settings for the subject modification. That request was made due to spurious scrams found during testing. In that letter we stated that we could not identify the origin of the spurious scrams. Further investigation suggests the probable cause of the problem to be the conservative instrument setpoints which may not have sufficient margin against the current discharge pressure of the CRD pump. Additional analysis would be necessary to determine a proper setpoint which would avoid unnecessary scrams while fulfilling the intended safety function of this modification.

Given the need for additional time to confirm the cause of the problem the likelihood of altering the existing low pressure discharge setpoint and the time necessary for a proper analysis we now propose that the NRC vacate Amendment No. 3. We will proceed with necessary review of our original submittal and resubmit with the appropriate changes as soon as possible. Given the fact that the License Condition 2.C(7) does not require completion until all startup testing is done, we feel that a no significant hazards consideration still stands with this request for vacation.

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Please direct any questions you may have concerning this matter to this office.

One signed original and forty (40) copies of this transmittal are provided for your use.

Very truly yours,



B. Rybak
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