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Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Domenic B. Vassallo, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 2
Division of Licensing

Subject: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333
Proposed Staff Actions to Improve and
Maintain Diesel Generator Reliability
(Generic Letter 84-15)

- References:
1. NRC Generic Letter 84-15 dated July 2, 1984 same subject.
 2. PASNY letter, J.P. Bayne to T.A. Ippolito (NRC), dated January 8, 1981 (JPN-81-5), "Post-TMI Requirements."
 3. PASNY letter, J.P. Bayne to D.B. Vassallo (NRC), dated January 26, 1983 (JPN-83-05), "Additional Information on Outages of ECC System, Item II.K.3.17."

Dear Sir:

In Reference 1, the NRC requested all licensees of operating reactors to submit the following information by October 1, 1984.

1. Current programs to avoid cold fast start surveillance tests.
2. Diesel Generator reliability data.
3. Program for attaining and maintaining a reliability goal for the diesel generators.

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In Reference 2, the Authority submitted a report on the emergency core cooling system components outages for the years 1976-1980 that resulted in FitzPatrick Licensee Event Reports (LER's). This report covered problems associated with the diesel generators and the corrective actions which were taken.

Via Reference 3, the Authority provided additional information covering ECC equipment failures which resulted in Occurrence Reports (OR's).

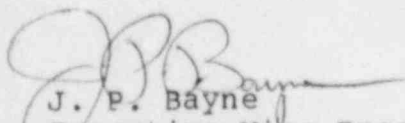
The purpose of this letter is to request the NRC to extend the date for submission of the information requested in the Generic Letter 84-15, for the following reasons:

1. The above date falls within the James A. FitzPatrick outage period of September 15 to October 15 and the Authority's personnel would be fully occupied with the outage activities.
2. There is extensive work involved in assembling all the surveillance test data on each diesel generator.
3. A detailed engineering review of the diesel generator system will have to be done to assess the need for any modifications in order to reduce the number of cold fast start surveillance tests.
4. From October 1, 1984, until the end of the next refueling outage which is scheduled for mid January to mid April 1985, the plant would be down for approximately four months.

Based on the above considerations, the Authority requests that the date for submission of the required information be extended to sixty (60) days after the next refueling outage.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. J. A. Gray, Jr. of my staff.

Very truly yours,


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