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Subject: License Amendment Application to Revise Technical
Specifications 3/4.1.3.1, Group Height - Safety and
Regulating Rod Groups, and 3/4.1.3.3, Position Indicator
Channels

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is an application for an amendment to the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS), Unit Number 1 Operating License Number NPF-3, Appendix A, Technical Specifications (TS) to reflect the changes attached. The proposed changes involve TS 3/4.1.3.1, Group Height - Safety and Regulating Rod Groups, and 3/4.1.3.3, Position Indicator Channels.

This request proposes administrative changes to the TS 3/4.1.3.1 Action statement to clarify the proper progression of the Action. This request also proposes to revise the TS 3.1.3.3 Action statement as follows: Revising Action 3.1.3.3.a.2 by stating that Startup and Power Operation may continue; Adding references to Specifications 3.1.3.5 and 3.1.3.9 to Action 3.1.3.3.a.2.c; Revising Action 3.1.3.3.b to clarify that the action applies for the situation of more than one relative position indicator channel per control rod group inoperable, to clarify that the requirements of either Action 3.1.3.3.a.1 or 3.1.3.3.a.2 must be met, and to allow Startup or Power Operation to continue provided the absolute position indicator channels are operable for the affected control rods, and; Adding new Action 3.1.3.3.c to state that the provisions of Specification 3.0.4 are not applicable.

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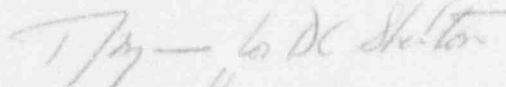
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The current TS 3.1.3.3 prevents plant Mode changes with one or more relative position indicator (RPI) channels inoperable, even though alternate means of rod position indication remain operable and available. This can result in unwarranted delays in starting up the plant. Most recently, a plant startup was delayed by approximately five hours on March 2, 1992 due to inoperable RPI.

Toledo Edison requests that this amendment be issued by the NRC by October 30, 1992. Implementation of the proposed changes could potentially avoid unwarranted startup delays following plant outages, including the upcoming Eighth Refueling Outage (8RFO). The 8RFO is currently scheduled to commence on March 1, 1993.

Should further information be required, please contact Mr. Robert W. Schrauder, Manager - Nuclear Licensing, at (419) 249-2366.

Very truly yours,


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Enclosure

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