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Docket No. 50-443

Mr. T. C. Feigenbaum
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Dear Mr. Feigenbaum:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY WAIVER OF COMPLIANCE FROM
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION 4.8.1.1.2.F.4

This letter confirms that on June 26, 1992, I orally granted your request to waive compliance of Technical Specification 4.8.1.1.2.F.4 as described in your June 26, 1992 letter. The waiver was requested to allow operation until commencement of the refueling outage on September 7, 1992 (or the next time the plant enters Mode 5 if earlier) without performance of the emergency bus undervoltage circuitry surveillance. A copy of your request is enclosed for reference.

After careful consideration of your request, the NRC, with both Region I and NRR concurrence, determined that the one-time exception to delay performance of this testing requirement would have a minimal effect on plant safety. We noted that the trip open function of your unit auxiliary transformer (UAT) incoming supply breakers was confirmed during an event that had occurred on June 27, 1991. Also, the capability of the emergency bus undervoltage circuitry to sense an undervoltage condition and trip the incoming supply breakers to 4.16 kv buses E5 and E6 was successfully verified as part of previous operational and startup testing.

I understand that this test will be performed during the refueling outage that is scheduled to begin no later than September 7, 1992, or the next time the plant enters Mode 5, whichever occurs first. Also, you have instituted administrative controls for management of certain switchyard activities to ensure that the reserve auxiliary transformer (RAT) is not used during the duration of this waiver. Further, it is my understanding that, when you revise and perform the test procedure to fulfill Technical Specification 4.8.1.1.2.F.4, you will fully test both the UAT and RAT incoming supply breakers. Finally, you should give due consideration to the timing and plant outage configuration during which you will perform the test so that shutdown risk is minimized.

Sincerely,

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