

March 29, 1985

Docket Nos. 50-338  
and 50-339

Mr. W. L. Stewart  
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Dear Mr. Stewart:

This is in response to your letter dated February 1, 1985, wherein you requested an extension of the deadline for final environmental qualification of certain North Anna Power Station, Units No. 1 and No. 2 (NA 1&2) electrical equipment. Your letter stated that additional time would be required to complete the environmental qualification of hydrogen recombiner equipment.

Your February 1, 1985 letter requested an extension from March 31, 1985 to November 30, 1985 for completion of the qualification program for the NA 1&2 hydrogen recombiners. Your letter further stated that the Justification for Continued Operation (JCO) regarding the hydrogen recombiners was provided in your letters dated August 24, 1981 and October 29, 1984 for NA 1&2, respectively. This JCO has been found acceptable by the NRC and is so stated in the NRC Safety Evaluation for the Environmental Qualification of Electrical Equipment (10 CFR 50.49) for NA 1&2 dated December 11, 1984.

The regulations allow for the granting of requests for extension of the March 31, 1985 deadline by the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation to a date no later than November 30, 1985 for specified pieces of equipment, if these requests are filed on a timely basis and demonstrate good cause for the extension, such as procurement lead time, test complications, and installation problems.

Your February 1, 1985 letter stated that your scheduler extension was due to the hydrogen recombiner motor manufacturer slipping the delivery date from January 5, 1985 to March 1, 1985. You further stated that installation of the subject motors requires 25 days for the two redundant hydrogen recombiners. In addition, you further state that the NA 1&2 Technical Specifications preclude taking more than one recombiner out of service at a time, and therefore, there exists insufficient construction time to complete the modification prior to the March 31, 1985 deadline.

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Based on the foregoing, I find your request for extension was filed on a timely basis and demonstrated good cause for an extension of time to complete final environmental qualification of the specified equipment. An extension is therefore granted until November 30, 1985 for the North Anna Power Station hydrogen recombiners, Nos. 1-HC-HC-1 and 2-HC-HC-1.

Sincerely, ...

Original signed by  
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