Docket No. 50-219

GPU Nuclear Corporation Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station ATTN: Mr. P. B. Fiedler Vice President and Director Post Office Box 388 Forked River, New Jersey 08731

Gentlemen:

We have received a copy of your application dated September 18, 1984, which was filed with the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (ONRR) for review. This application proposed certain Technical Specification (TS) changes relating to water purity of BWR Primary Coolant for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. Fees pursuant to 10 CFR 170 were not remitted with your application since it was your understanding that Systematic Evaluation Program (SEP) related Technical Specification changes were exempt from fees.

While the cost for the major technical review portions of the SEP (which culminated in the determination that certain TS changes were necessary) are being borne by the USNRC, TS changes and other license amendments resulting from the SEP review are not exempt from fees although some review of the change may have been included in the overall SEP review. In February 1979, the matter of fees for the SEP review was discussed and it was determined that the SEP review per se (as reflected in the January 1983 issuance of the Integrated Plant Safety Assessment Report (NUREG-0822 for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station) was not subject to the fee requirements of 10 CFR 170 since the program was initiated by the NRC, but that where the review indicated a need for a license amendment, the license amendment would be subject to fees. This was because such amendments would be requested in connection with the continued safe operation of the facility and would be no different from other applications for license amendments which the USNRC periodically requests (by way of generic letters and rule changes) from licensees due to its role of assuring that facilities are operated in a safe manner. Therefore, we did not contemplate the need to notify those plants undergoing SEP review that any license amendments/TS changes resulting from this review would be fee-bearing. The assessment of fees for your plant for this and other applications resulting from the SEP is viewed as a consistent administration of the fee provisions of 10 CFR 170 and the accomplishment of tasks mandated to the USNRC.

Since your application was filed after the June 20, 1984 effective date of the revision to 10 CFR 170 on fees, it is subject to the fee provision of

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the revised rule. This rule requires licensees to remit an application fee of \$150 with each application for license amendment, relief, exemption and other request. Therefore, it is requested that your Corporation remit the required application fee of \$150 for your September 18 request. Your Corporation will be billed for any additional costs for the review of this application in accordance with 10 CFR 170.12(c) and 170.21.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by: Reba M. Diggs

Reba M. Diggs Facilities Program Coordinator License Fee Management Branch Office of Administration

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