UNITED STATES
FOUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20055

May 1, 1978

Docket No. 50-244

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Gentlemen:

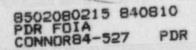
The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 19 to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-18 and an Exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.46(a)(1) for the R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant.

The amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications in response to your application dated January 6, 1978, as supplemented by letters dated January 10, 1978, March 27, 1978, April 6, 1978, April 17, 1978, and April 25, 1978. We have recently noted that your January 6 application, which was received by the NRC on January 9, 1978, was actually dated January 6, 1977.

The amendment incorporates changes to the Arpendix A Technica! Specifications to support econation in Cycle 8 with reload fuel by fixon Nuclear Company (ENC). This fuel has been designed by ENC to be compatible to the fuel supplied previously by Westinghouse. In addition, the amendment allows Technical Specification changes that are required for startup tests.

The Commission has also concluded that your ECCS analysis utilizes upper head fluid (hot leg) temperature and therefore satisfies the provision set forth in the Commission's Order for Modification of License dated August 27, 1976, without changes to the Technical Specifications.

Notice of proposed Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License in connection with the license amendment action was published in the Federal Register on February 21, 1978 (43 FR 7275).



In response to your request dated April 25, 1978, we have granted an Exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.46(a)(1) that ECCS performance be calculated in accordance with an acceptable calculational model which conforms to the provisions in Appendix K, without the errors contained in the analyses previously submitted to the Commission. On March 23, 1978, Westinghouse provided the Commission an oral notification related to these errors.

Copies of the Safety Evaluation related to the license amendment, the staff's Safety Evaluation Report dated April 18, 1978, related to the Exemption and Notice of Issuance of License Amendment are also enclosed. The Exemption and the Notice are being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

- 1. Amendment No. 19 to License DPR-18
- 2. Safety Evaluation
- Exemption w/Safety Evaluation dated 4/18/73
- 4. Hotice

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