



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

September 15, 1992

Docket Nos. 50-348  
and 50-364

Mr. W. G. Hairston, III  
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Dear Mr. Hairston:

SUBJECT: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR JOSEPH M. FARLEY  
NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M81071 AND M81072)

On July 31, 1992, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff met with your staff to discuss potential revisions to the A.C. electrical system Technical Specification (TS) 3/4.8.1 for Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Farley). The meeting was held in response to NRC staff concerns contained in our letter to you dated May 7, 1992, and as discussed in a subsequent meeting with your staff on June 15, 1992. The NRC staff has concerns that Farley TS 3/4.8.1, as currently written, provides latitude beyond that normally allowed by TSs in the areas of diesel generator and offsite circuit operability, allowed outage times, and diesel generator availability. In the July 31, 1992, meeting, your staff presented conceptual changes to TS 3/4.8.1 that they felt addressed the NRC staff's concerns. A summary of the meeting and proposed revisions are contained in our meeting summary dated August 14, 1992. At the conclusion of the July 31, 1992, meeting, the NRC staff indicated that it would consider the information presented and would inform you of the acceptability of your proposals.

The NRC staff has considered your proposed revisions to TS 3/4.8.1. The revisions presented, although only conceptual, appear to result in a significant improvement in TS 3/4.8.1. However, details of the revisions were not discussed at the meeting and significant changes to the TS will be required to fully implement the proposed revisions. Therefore, in order for the staff to make a final determination that your proposed revisions resolve our concerns as well as meet your operating needs, we request that you submit TS amendment requests incorporating the proposed changes. Please submit the amendment requests within 90 days of the date of this letter as discussed in the July 31, 1992, meeting.

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If you have additional questions concerning this matter, you may contact Stephen Hoffman, the NRC Farley Project Manager, at 301 504-1463.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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