

**Jersey Central Power & Light Company**



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ATTN: Tom Warbach

April 23, 1973

Mr. Donald J. Skovholt  
Assistant Director for Operating Reactors  
Directorate of Licensing  
United States Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Mr. Skovholt:

SUBJECT: CHANGE REQUEST NO. 14  
PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE DPR-16  
DOCKET NO. 50-219  
OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

Enclosed are three signed originals and 37 copies of the subject Change Request. The need to install a replacement fuel grapple, when the lower three sections of the present grapple were found in a rusted condition, has prompted this Change Request. The new grapple is to be of the latest design and the difference in weight between the old and new grapples results in the need to change to the load setting presently defined in Technical Specification 3.9.C. The change described herein would reestablish the margin of safety presently defined in the Technical Specifications.

In accordance with Technical Specification requirements 6.1.C.1.d.3 and 6.1.C.2.d.1, this proposed change has been reviewed by the Plant Operations Review Committee and the General Office Review Board and bears the approval of both bodies.

Very truly yours,

Ivan R. Pinfield, Jr.  
Vice President

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Attachment H  
Change No. 13 To The Technical Specifications  
Provisional Operating License No. DPR-16  
Jersey Central Power and Light Company  
DOCKET NO. SO-219

CHANGE REQUEST NO. 14

PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE DPR-16 (DOCKET SO-219)

Applicant hereby requests the Commission to change the Technical Specifications (Appendix A of the above captioned license) as follows:

1. SPECIFICATION TO BE CHANGED:

- a. First sentence of Section 3.9.C, page 3.D-1.
- b. Paragraph 3, Sentence 6 of Technical Basis, page 3.9-2.

2. CHANGE REQUIRED:

- a. Change first sentence to read: "The refueling interlocks shall be operable with the fuel grapple hoist loaded switch set at ≤485 lb. during fuel handling operations with the head off the reactor vessel."
- b. Change paragraph 3, sentence 6 of Basis to read: "The total load on this hoist when the interlock is required consists of the weight of the fuel grapple and the fuel assembly. This total is approximately 773 lbs. in the extended position in comparison to the load limit of ≤485 lbs."

3. DISCUSSION:

This Change Request is submitted in light of the need to install a replacement fuel grapple when the lower three sections of the present grapple were found in a rusted condition. This condition was attributed to the loss of the nickel plating which protects the carbon steel base metal.

The technical basis for the load setting limit defined in Section 3.9.C of the Technical Specifications is that the combined weight of the

grapple and fuel assembly is significantly greater than the refueling interlock load setting. This will assure that the refueling interlocks will be operable whenever fuel is on the grapple and the bridge is over the cavity. The interlock will not permit the simultaneous withdrawal of a control rod and insertion of a fuel assembly into the core. Since the combined weight of the new grapple and a fuel assembly is 773 lbs, it is necessary to reduce the present load setting of <1000 lbs to <485.

JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

By Dick H. Hall  
Vice President

STATE OF NEW JERSEY }  
COUNTY OF MORRIS }  
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Sworn and subscribed to before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 1973.

Marion P. Rawnsley  
Notary Public

MARION P. RAWNSLEY  
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY  
My Commission Expires Jan. 21, 1974

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF )  
JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY ) DOCKET NO. 50-219

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a copy of Change Request No. 14 to  
Provisional Operating License DPR-16 for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant  
dated April 23, 1973, and filed with the United States Atomic Energy Commission  
on April 23, 1973, has this 23rd day of April 1973, been served on the Mayor of  
Lacey Township, Ocean County, New Jersey, by deposit in the United States mail,  
addressed as follows:

The Honorable Lawrence J. McNally  
Mayor, Lacey Township  
P. O. Box 475  
Forked River, New Jersey 08731

JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

By John P. Hickey  
Vice President

DATED: April 23, 1973