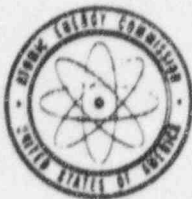


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UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

April 16, 1973

Docket No. 50-219

Jersey Central Power & Light Company
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Gentlemen:

By letter dated January 18, 1973, you requested authorization to load and operate the Oyster Creek reactor core in the configuration described in Facility Change Request No. 4. By letter dated February 22, 1973, you submitted Supplement No. 1 to Facility Change Request No. 4 that changed the fuel assemblies to be loaded during this refueling from Type IIIB to Type IIIE.

We have reviewed this Change Request and its Supplement and in regards to the pertinent safety considerations for the loading of the fuel as described, we have concluded that the proposed loading does not present significant hazards considerations not described or implicit in the Safety Analysis Report and that there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by the loading of the 148 fuel assemblies as described.

However, by letter dated April 3, 1973, we requested additional information that we required in order to complete our evaluation of fuel densification and its effects on normal operation and the loss of coolant analysis and the XV-1 correlation. We have not yet received this information. In addition, your submittal of the appropriate Technical Specification changes has not yet been received. Therefore, authorization to operate with this reload core cannot be granted at this time.

Accordingly, pursuant to 10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.59, you are hereby authorized to load the 148 EXXON Type IIIE fuel assemblies in the configuration described in Facility Change Request No. 4 and Supplement No. 1 thereto.

Sincerely,

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