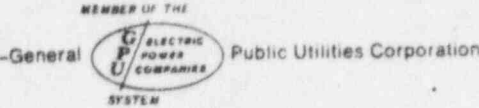


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October 29, 1975

Mr. K. R. Goller
Assistant Director for
Operating Reactors
Division of Reactor Licensing
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Goller:

SUBJECT: OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION
DOCKET NUMBER 50-219
CYCLE 6 RELOAD INFORMATION

Your letter of June 18, 1975 requested information concerning our schedule and plans for refueling the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. On July 25, 1975 we responded indicating our intention to refuel in April and May 1976. Since the station will be shutdown starting late in December (or possibly sooner) for repairs on the turbine-generator condenser, we have decided to conduct the refueling at that time. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our plans in light of this change. Enclosure 1 contains updated responses to the questions asked in your June 18 letter.

The fuel to be inserted during this reload is identical to that previously approved by the NRC and used in Oyster Creek except for a minor change in the mechanical design. Approximately one-tenth of the present core will be replaced. It is not anticipated that any Technical Specification Changes will be required and, since the changes to the fuel and the core appear to be minor, it is anticipated that the safety evaluation will demonstrate that there are no unreviewed safety questions involved with the core modification. If this is the case, we anticipate accomplishing the reload without obtaining prior approval from the NRC in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59. Should our safety evaluation and independent safety reviews demonstrate that unreviewed safety questions are involved with the modification or that Technical Specification changes are required, we intend to submit the request for licensing action and supporting analyses about December 1, 1975. In this case, we would request expeditious review and approval.

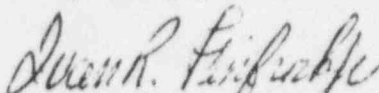
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We trust that this is sufficient information to accommodate your scheduling but if you have further questions, please contact me or Mr. T. M. Crimmins at (201) 334-7888 extension 633.

Very truly yours,



Ivan R. Finfrock, Jr.
Vice President

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Enclosure

ENCLOSURE 1

OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

CYCLE 5B RELOAD INFORMATION

1. *Name of facility:* Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station.
2. *Scheduled date for next refueling shutdown:* December 27, 1975 or earlier, should maintenance schedules on balance of plant components require it.
3. *Scheduled date for restart following refueling:* February 13, 1976 or 7 weeks after shutdown.
4. *Will refueling or resumption of operation thereafter require a Technical Specification Change or other license amendment? If answer is yes, what in general, will these be?* The safety evaluation of the proposed load has not been completed but it is not anticipated that any Technical Specification Changes or license amendments will be required. If the results of the safety evaluation of this refueling demonstrates that no unreviewed safety questions are involved with the fuel or core modification and that no Technical Specification Changes are required, the refueling will be accomplished without seeking prior Commission permission in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59.
5. *Schedule date(s) for submitting proposed licensing action and supporting information:* Should licensing action be necessary, the request and supporting information will be submitted December 1, 1975.
6. *Important licensing considerations associated with refueling, e.g., new or different fuel design or supplier, unreviewed design or performance analysis methods, significant changes in fuel design, new operating procedure:* The fuel to be inserted during this reload is identical to that previously approved for use in the Oyster Creek reactor except for a minor mechanical design change. No other changes in the above items are anticipated.