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Subject: License Amendment Request Regarding Shutdown Operation of the
Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Facility Operating License Number
NPF-3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Toledo Edison is submitting the attached license amendment request for NRC review and approval in accordance with 10CFR50.59(c). This proposed amendment involves the shutdown operation of the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS), Unit 1 during the ongoing Tenth Refueling Outage (10RFO).

The DBNPS is currently in a shutdown refueling condition (Mode 6) for the 10RFO. Prior to relying on Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) No. 1 to support operable Decay Heat Removal (DHR) equipment during the refueling outage, previously identified EDG start time trends were investigated. As a result of this investigation, a load imbalance in the generator poles was discovered. Therefore, the generator was shipped offsite to be reworked.

This license amendment proposes that during 10RFO, an alternate electrical lineup be utilized. The Station Blackout Diesel Generator (SBODG) will be the standby emergency power source available to supply loads normally supplied by EDG No. 1, if required.

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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. James L Freels, Manager - Regulatory Affairs, at (419) 321-8466.

Very truly yours,


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The following information is provided to support issuance of the requested license amendment to the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS), Unit Number 1, Facility Operating License Number NPF-3. This change involves shutdown operations of the DBNPS during the ongoing Tenth Refueling Outage (10RFO).

A. Time Required to Implement: This proposed action is to be implemented upon NRC issuance of the License Amendment.

B. Reason for Change (License Amendment Request Number 96-0005):

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C. Safety Assessment and Significant Hazards Consideration: See Attachment 1.

D. Environmental Assessment: See Attachment 2.