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SUBJECT: JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
Docket No. 50-333
Proposed Changes to the Technical Specifications to Relocate Operability
and Surveillance Requirements for Crescent Area Ventilation to an Authority
Controlled Procedure (JPTS-96-007)

- References:
1. NUREG-1433, "Standard Technical Specifications," General Electric Plants, BWR/4, Revision 1, dated April 1995
 2. NEDO-31466, "Technical Specification Screening Criteria Application and Risk Assessment," dated November 1987
 3. NRC Letter to Mr. George A. Hunger, Jr., "Issuance of Improved Technical Specifications, Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Unit Nos. 2 and 3, (TAC NOS. M90746 and M90747)," dated August 30, 1995
 4. NRC Letter to Mr. Guy R. Horn, "Cooper Nuclear Station - Amendment NO. 163 to Facility Operating License NO. DPR-46 (TAC NO. M86319)," dated May 19, 1993

Dear Sir:

This application for an amendment to the James A. FitzPatrick Technical Specifications (TS) relocates Specification 3.11.B/4.11.B "Crescent Area Ventilation" and associated Bases from the TS to an Authority controlled procedure. These requirements are implicit in the definition of OPERABLE in the FitzPatrick TS, and their relocation will not adversely affect Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) or Reactor Core Isolation Cooling (RCIC) system operability. This change, as with the existing TS, will not permit the ECCS and RCIC system to be considered operable without adequate area ventilation.

This proposed change is consistent with Standard Technical Specifications (STS) (Reference 1), and NEDO-31466 (Reference 2). The FitzPatrick TS definition of OPERABLE provides the necessary controls, and appropriate actions should the area coolers become inoperable for any reason.

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The NRC approved similar changes for the Peach Bottom Atomic Power (Reference 3) and the Cooper Nuclear Stations (Reference 4).

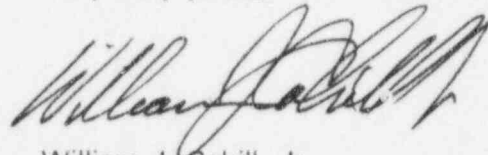
The Authority requests approval of these proposed changes to the TS by June 30, 1996 in anticipation of higher lake water temperatures which may occur during the Summer of 1996.

The signed original of the Application for Amendment to Operating License is enclosed for filing. Attachments I and II to this application contain the proposed changes to the TS and the associated safety evaluation, respectively. A mark-up of the affected TS pages is included in Attachment III. Commitments made by the Authority in this submittal are included in Attachment IV.

A copy of this application and the associated attachments are being provided to the designated New York State official in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. C. D. Faison.

Very truly yours,



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