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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20556 August, 28, 1992

Docket No. 50-333

Mr. Ralph E. Beedle Executive Vice President, Nuclear Generation Power Authority of the State of New York 123 Main Street White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Mr. Beedle:

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF EXEMPTION REQUESTS RELATING TO 10 CFR PART 50, APPENDIX R REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT (TAC NO. M83969)

Enclosed is a copy of an "Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact" for your information. This assessment relates to your request dated June 26, 1992, as revised by letter dated July 31, 1992.

During a recent reassessment of the Fire Protection Program at the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant, your staff determined that six exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R (Appendix R) were necessary. These exemptions were divided into three exemption request categories: revised, new, and temporary. The revised exemption requests ask that existing exemptions be modified to include additional fire areas or equipment. The new exemption request was identified as being required during the recent Appendix R reanalysis. The temporary exemption requests are necessary because modifications necessary to bring the plant into compliance with Appendix R cannot be completed prior to the scheduled startup date.

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The notice has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Environmental Assessment

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