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Subject: License Amendment Application to Revise Technical Specifications Regarding Reactivity Control Systems and Emergency Core Cooling Systems for Conversion to a 24 Month Fuel Cycle

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is an application for an amendment to the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS), Unit Number 1 Operating License Number NPF-3, Appendix A, Technical Specifications. The proposed changes involve: Technical Specification (TS) 3/4.1.3.4, Reactivity Control Systems - Rod Drop Time, and TS 3/4.5.2, Emergency Core Cooling Systems - Tavg > 280°F.

The proposed changes would modify the presently specified 18 month surveillance frequencies in TS Surveillance Requirement (SR) 4.1.3.4.c and SR 4.5.2.b to new specified frequencies of once each Refueling Interval. These changes are in accordance with the NRC guidance provided by Generic Letter 91-04, "Changes in Technical Specification Surveillance Intervals to Accommodate a 24-Month Fuel Cycle," and will support conversion of the DBNPS from an 18 month to a 24 month fuel cycle.

The proposed changes would also modify TS SR 4.5.2.b to remove a footnote which is no longer applicable.

The DBNPS is commencing longer fuel cycles during the current Cycle 11. This license amendment application is one of several applications which will be submitted in the next several months in support of the 24 month fuel cycle conversion. These applications are being submitted to the NRC as a Cost Beneficial Licensing Action. As will be demonstrated in each license amendment application, the proposed changes will not adversely impact safety. The proposed changes will provide an estimated cost savings of \$24 million over the DBNPS's remaining operating life.

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Toledo Edison requests that this amendment be issued by the NRC by February 28, 1997.

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