



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555
August 30, 1988

Docket No. 50-461

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Dear Mr. Holtzscher:

SUBJECT: CLINTON POWER STATION - LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST DATED JULY 11, 1988

By letter dated July 11, 1988, Illinois Power Company, et al. (the licensees) requested changes to the Clinton Power Station (CPS) Technical Specifications Sections 3.0.4, 4.0.3, 4.0.4 and Bases Sections 3.0 and 4.0. In addition, the amendment deletes numerous Technical Specification statements which presently take exception to the provisions of Specification 3.0.4. These changes were proposed by the licensees in accordance with Generic Letter 87-09, which includes recent initiatives undertaken in accordance with the NRC staff and the nuclear industry to improve Technical Specifications.

The staff has reviewed the submittal dated July 11, 1988 and has concluded that it is deficient in that it failed to provide an adequate technical basis to allow the NRC staff to reach an appropriate decision. Specifically, your submittal did not include a Safety Evaluation addressing the technical basis for the changes or an Environmental Assessment, both of which are needed to support the requested changes. Generic Letter 87-09 does not contain plant-specific information concerning the technical safety basis and therefore should not be interpreted as a blanket approval for Technical Specification changes. Each amendment request must be evaluated on its own merits to ensure that the plant-specific situation is appropriate to support the change.

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Since your submittal did not include a Safety Evaluation addressing the technical basis for the changes or an Environmental Assessment, the staff has determined that your submittal is not adequate. For further information or clarification, please contact me at (301) 492-1397.

Sincerely,

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