



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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May 10, 1988

Docket

Docket No. 50-267

Mr. R. O. Williams, Jr.
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Public Service Company of Colorado
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Denver, Colorado 80201-0840

Dear Mr. Williams:

SUBJECT: FIRE PROTECTION FOR FORT ST. VRAIN

In a letter dated April 1, 1985 (P-85113), you requested certain exemptions from the technical requirements of Appendix R, Sections III.G and III.J to 10 CFR Part 50 for the Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station (FSV). Additional descriptions of your program were provided in other correspondence which is referenced in the enclosed Safety Evaluation (SE).

Based on our evaluation of your submittals, as listed above, we conclude for the exemptions requested, that the FSV alternate fire protection configuration provides an equivalent level of safety to that achieved by conformance with Appendix R. Therefore, the exemption requests as described in the enclosed Exemption are granted.

A copy of the "Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact" was sent to you by our letter dated September 16, 1987, and published in the Federal Register on September 28, 1987 (52 FR 36319).

You were provided an opportunity to comment on the factual aspects of our SE by letter dated December 18, 1987, and responded by letter dated February 3, 1988 (P-88046). Certain comments related to the facts in the SE and provided by you have been reflected in the SE.

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As per our letter of September 29, 1987, your dates for completion of your Appendix R modifications are schedule commitments. Any changes to these commitments should be requested from and approved by this office.

A copy of the Exemption is being filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

/s/

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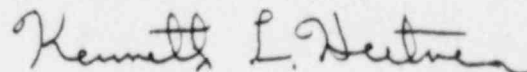
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