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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attention: Document Control Desk  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Subject: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant  
Docket No. 50-333  
Proposed Change to the Technical Specifications  
Regarding Spiral Off-load/On-load Refueling  
(JPTS-87-005)

References: 1. NRC letter, R. M. Gallo to R. J. Converse, dated  
March 9, 1987 transmitting Inspection Report  
50-333/86-23.

Dear Sir:

This application proposes to revise the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant Technical Specifications to eliminate inconsistencies identified by the Authority and in Inspection Report 86-23 (Reference 1). These inconsistencies are in the Specifications for spiral core off-load/on-load refueling and control rod drive maintenance.

Specifications to permit spiral core off-load/on-load refueling were originally incorporated into the FitzPatrick Technical Specifications as part of Amendment 59. Most of the changes proposed by this amendment do not affect the intent of Amendment 59 and do not involve changes to the plant hardware or operating procedures. These changes serve only to clarify existing specifications. Accordingly, they have been classified as administrative changes. One change, involving spiral on-loading around an installed SRM, will require minor procedural changes.

The Authority plans to off-load fuel using spiral procedures during the next refueling outage. This outage is currently scheduled to start late in August. Therefore, prompt staff attention to this proposal is requested.

Enclosed for filing is the signed original of a document entitled "Application for Amendment to Operating License," with Attachments I and II thereto, comprising a statement of the proposed changes to the Technical Specifications and the associated Safety Evaluation.

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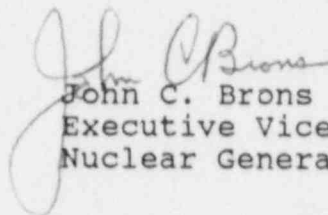
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In accordance with 10 CFR 170.12, a check in the amount of \$150.00 is enclosed as payment of the application fee for the review of the proposed changes to the Technical Specifications.

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

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding these proposed changes, please contact Mr. J. A. Gray, Jr. of my staff.

Very truly yours,

  
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