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BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT UNIT 2
DOCKET NO. 50-324
LICENSE NO. DPR-62
REQUEST FOR ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION

Dear Dr. Grace:

This letter provides the written followup of a request made during a telephone conversation at 1430 hours on May 13, 1988, between members of your staff and Mr. R. M. Poulk, Jr. of my staff concerning enforcement discretion for Technical Specification 3.6.2.1

While troubleshooting the Division I suppression pool temperature monitoring system due to a constant alarm condition, it was determined that the alarm module was inoperable. As this module can not be repaired on site by design, it must be returned to the vendor for repairs and a new/rebuilt module installed to restore operability. Research of the on-site supply facilities has determined that the spare module was used in April 1988 to repair another identified problem and that a replacement has not yet been delivered. Discussions with the vendor has indicated that a replacement module is available in California; however, it does not currently meet the requirements of our outstanding purchase order (it is a repaired unit vice a new unit). Activities are underway to expedite the transfer of the rebuilt module to the Brunswick site; however, it is not expected to be received, installed, and declared operable until sometime Saturday, May 14, 1988.

It is expected that Unit 2 will be ready to commence a normal reactor startup by 2400 hours on May 13, 1988. Due to the inoperability of the Division I suppression pool temperature monitoring system and the absence of a Technical Specification 3.0.4 exemption for mode changes for Specification 3.6.2.1, enforcement discretion is requested to allow the startup of Unit 2. It is requested that the requirements of Technical Specification 3.0.4 be exempted for Technical Specification 3.6.2.1 for the purpose of allowing a Unit 2 startup until the module is made operable, but not to exceed May 23, 1988 at 1200 hours. If the unit is not at least in the run mode by this time and the module is not repaired, further approval will be requested if required.

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Dr. J. Nelson Grace -2-May 13, 1988 During the time period that the Division I suppression pool temperature monitoring system is inoperable and the unit is in the startup process, the Division I temperatures will be monitored every thirty minutes and initialed on the temperature chart which is located in the Control Room. In addition to the temperature indications being available in the Control Room (recorder for both divisions), the Division II system, which monitors like parameters within the suppression pool, is operable and will provide the alarm function. Very truly yours, 7.25 C. R. Dietz, General Manager Brunswick Steam Electric Plant RMP/tlw Enclosure cc: Dr. J. N. Grace Mr. E. D. Sylvester BSEP NRC Resident Office