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May 31, 1988

Mr. Thomas E. Murley, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

ATTN: Document Control Desk

Subject: Braidwood Station Unit 1  
Application for Emergency Amendment to  
Facility Operating License NPF-72,  
Appendix A, Technical Specifications  
NRC Docket No. 50-456

Dear Mr. Murley:

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90, Commonwealth Edison hereby requests an emergency amendment to Appendix A, Technical Specifications, of Facility Operating License NF-72. The proposed amendment is a one-time only change for Unit 1, Cycle 1 to Technical Specification 4.2.2.2.b, 4.2.2.3, 3.2.3.b and 3.3.3.2.a for the Moveable Incore Detector System. The change proposes to reduce from 75% to 65%, the number of incore moveable thimbles required for the system to be operable.

This change is necessitated due to the discovery of fifteen (15) blocked thimble tubes in Braidwood Unit 1. A substantial effort has been made to clear the blocked thimble tubes resulting in 42 (72%) being clear as of May 31, 1988. This has resulted in Unit 1 being two (2) short of the Technical Specification minimum of 44 (75%). Efforts to clear the remaining thimble tubes have not been successful. The proposed Technical Specification change will allow Unit 1 to operate until the completion of Cycle 1 at which time the blocked thimble tubes will be cleared.

Since all possible efforts have been made to clear the blocked thimble tubes, prompt NRC review and approval of this proposed amendment is requested under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.91a(5). Verbal notification of Commonwealth Edison's intent to request this amendment was provided to NRR on May 27, 1988.

The proposed amendment has received both On-Site and Off-Site review and approval. We have reviewed this proposed amendment in accordance with 10 CFR 50.92(c) and determined that no significant hazards considerations exist. Our review is documented in Attachment B. Attachment C provides a description of the change and the related safety evaluation.

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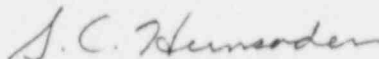
Commonwealth Edison has notified the State of Illinois of this application for an emergency amendment by telephone. A copy of this letter and its attachments has been transmitted to the designated State Official.

Approval of this proposed amendment is required prior to 3:00 p.m., C.D.T. on June 2, 1988.

In accordance with 10 CFR 170, a fee remittance in the amount of \$150.00 is enclosed.

Please direct any questions you may have regarding this matter to this office.

Very truly yours,



S. C. Hunsader  
Nuclear Licensing Administrator

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Enclosure: Fee Remittance

Attachments (A): Proposed Technical Specification Change  
(B): Evaluation of Significant Hazards Consideration  
(C): Description and Safety Evaluation

cc: Braidwood Resident Inspector  
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