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Subject: Clinton Power Station Withdrawal of Request for Exemption from 10CFR73.55(d)(5), Use of Hand Geometry Devices (Biometrics)

Dear Madam or Sir:

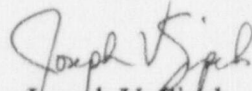
By letter U-602671 dated January 14, 1997, Illinois Power (IP) requested an exemption from certain requirements of 10CFR73.55, "Requirements for Physical Protection of Licensed Activities in Nuclear Power Reactors Against radiological Sabotage," for the Clinton Power Station (CPS). This exemption was necessary for IP to implement an alternative unescorted access control system which would eliminate the need to issue and retrieve key card badges at the CPS protected area entrance/exit locations. /o

Since IP requested the subject exemption request certain activities have obviated the need for NRC approval of the request. First, IP has delayed the implementation of a biometrics control system at CPS. This delay can be attributed to IP resources being dedicated to CPS restart activities versus the resources required to develop and implement a biometrics control system. Secondly, since 10CFR73.55(d)(5) has been revised to remove the requirement that individuals not employed by NRC power reactor licensees but who require frequent and extended unescorted access to protected and vital areas return picture badges upon exit from the protected area, a biometrics access control system can be implemented in accordance with the requirements of 10CFR50.54(p) without prior Nuclear Regulatory Commission approval. A004

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Based on the above information, IP respectfully requests withdrawal of its January 14, 1997, request for exemption from 10CFR73.55(d)(5).

Sincerely yours,


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