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Dear Mr. Cloninger:

SUBJECT: GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION (GGNS), UNIT 1 -
LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST DATED AUGUST 19, 1988

By letter dated August 19, 1988, System Energy Resources, Inc. (the licensee) requested changes to the GGNS, Unit 1, Technical Specifications (TS) in response to Generic Letter 87-09 regarding TS Sections 3.0 and 4.0. With regard to TS Section 3.0.4, the proposed changes would provide new operational flexibility for some TS and would provide requirements equivalent to present TS for others. The proposed changes to Surveillance Requirements 4.0.3 would provide additional time (24 hours) to make surveillance tests in certain cases where the test was not run within the specified time interval rather than require plant shutdown for missed surveillance tests. The proposed change to TS 4.0.4 would clarify the present TS 4.0.4 in light of revisions to TS 4.0.3.

The NRC staff is reviewing your submittal and finds that additional information is needed to complete its review. Proposed TS 3.0.4 and 4.0.3 should be made the same as those in Enclosure 4 to Generic Letter 87-09. A safety analysis should be provided for each TS change that provides new operating flexibility because of the proposed change to TS 3.0.4. The safety analysis should demonstrate that each proposed TS change will result in an acceptable level of safety for the specified operation of the facility. In addition, for each TS change provide the basis for your conclusion that the three standards in 10 CFR 50.92 are met. A description of administrative controls or maintenance, startup operation and refueling activities should be provided to demonstrate that plant startup and refueling activities will usually be conducted when all required equipment is operable. This description of administrative controls should be the level of detail usually provided in the FSAR. Provide also a commitment to include this description of administrative controls in the next update of the UFSAR.

In order to complete our review as scheduled, you are requested to provide the above information by November 9, 1988. This request was discussed with Mr Kent Fortenberry on October 3, 1988.

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