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Secretary of the Commission Attention: Docketing and Service Branch U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Proposed Rule Change to 10CFR50.47

Dear Sir:

Illinois Power Company supports the proposed rule change amending 10CFR50.47(d). This proposed change establishes more clearly what emergency preparedness requirements are needed for fuel loading and low power operations of nuclear power plants.

The proposed rule amends 10CFR50.47(d) to establish, as a prerequisite for low power operation, seven standards affecting offsite emergency preparedness that the NRC believes to be appropriate for fuel loading and low power operations. Illinois Power Company believes that the requirements that the proposed rule places on the offsite elements of the emergency preparedness plan at low power operations are reasonable and properly focused.

If there are any questions regarding this response, please contact me at (217) 935-8881, extension 3400.

Sincerely yours,

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