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Washington, D. C. 20555

License DPR-35  
Docket 50-293

Withdrawal of Proposed Rod Worth Minimizer  
Technical Specification Change

Dear Sir:

By letter dated September 9, 1985, Boston Edison (BECO) requested a change to Section 3.3.8.3.a of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (PNPS) Technical Specifications. By letter of May 20, 1986, the NRC requested statements and descriptions relating to the proposed change.

BECO herein withdraws its request of September 9, 1985.

The original impetus for requesting the change was the anticipated possibility that the RWM might not be available for some time after the plant computer upgrade, which is currently planned for RFO #7. This would lead to the inability of restarting PNPS following the upgrade until such time as the RWM could be demonstrated in compliance with Section 3.3.8.3.a. Additionally, the change would offer future operational flexibility.

Following discussions with the NRC, and after reviewing industry experience with RWM substitutions such as would be allowed by the proposal, we now believe it prudent not to change Section 3.3.8.3.a.

BECO wishes to note, however, that a change may be necessary to allow startup from RFO #7. Should a change be necessary, it will be, as recommended by the NRC, in the form of a temporary exemption for a discrete period of time, and requested on an expedited basis.

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We believe this completes all action on our September 1985 proposal and your May 1986 request.

Should you wish further information on this issue, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

*James M. Lydon*

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