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Dockets Nos. 50-155 and 50-255

Mr. Kenneth W. Berry
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Dear Mr. Berry:

SUBJECT: BIG ROCK POINT AND PALISADES PLANTS - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS AND FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT - TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM THE SCHEDULAR REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROPERTY INSURANCE RULE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 4, 1988 (10 CFR 50.54(w)(5)(i))

On August 5, 1987, the NRC published in the Federal Register a final rule amending 10 CFR 50.54(w). The rule increased the amount of on-site property damage insurance required to be carried by NRC's power reactor licensees. The rule also required these licensees to obtain by October 4, 1988 insurance policies that prioritized insurance proceeds for stabilization and decontamination after an accident and provided for payment of proceeds to an independent trustee who would disburse funds for decontamination and cleanup before any other purpose.

Subsequent to publication of the rule, the NRC has been informed by insurers who offer nuclear property insurance that, despite a good faith effort to obtain trustees required by the rule, the decontamination priority and trusteeship provisions will not be able to be incorporated into policies by the time required in the rule. In response to these comments and related petitions for rulemaking, the Commission has proposed a revision of 10 CFR 50.54(w)(5)(i) extending the implementation schedule for 18 months (53 FR 36338, September 19, 1988). However, because it is unlikely that this rulemaking action will be completed by October 4, 1988, the Commission is issuing temporary exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.54(w)(5)(i) until completion of the pending rulemaking extending the implementation date specified in 10 CFR 50.54(w)(5)(i), but not later than April 1, 1989. Upon completion of such rulemaking, the licensee shall comply with the provisions of such rule.

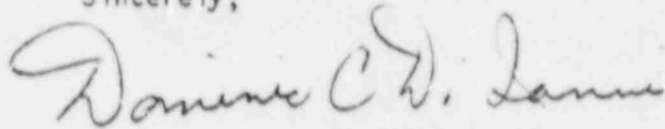
Enclosed are Environmental Assessments and Findings of No Significant Impact relating to the temporary exemptions from 10 CFR 50.54(w)(5)(i) for the Big Rock Point and Palisades Plants.

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Sincerely,

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