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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Agency
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Gentlemen,

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, (OCNGS)
Docket No. 50-219
Response to Administrative Letter 99-02 "Operating Reactor
Licensing Action Estimates"

On June 3, 1999 the NRC issued Administrative Letter (AL) 99-02 which requests that licensees provide estimates of the number of new licensing action requests they plan to submit in upcoming fiscal years. Licensing actions are described as requests for license amendment or extension, exemption, relief, review of a topical report, notice of enforcement discretion or other license request requiring NRC review and approval. The information requested excludes periodic submittals required by regulation or plant Technical Specifications. The AL also states the NRC will likely issue a similar request in the fall of 1999 to update the response to this AL and provide estimates for additional periods.

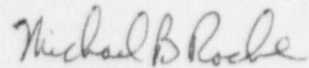
At Oyster Creek, for planning purposes, it is assumed that the plant will cease operations in September 2000 and decommissioning of the plant will commence. The attachment to this letter provides an estimate of the licensing actions projected for Oyster Creek for NRC Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 which reflects that assumption. No projection is provided for NRC FY 2001, however. In addition to making plans for decommissioning the plant, GPU Nuclear has requested bids for the purchase of the plant by a third party. If a sale were to occur, it would radically impact the number and types of licensing action requests that would be submitted. By the fall of 1999, it is more likely that an accurate projection could be made regarding NRC FY 2001 and any subsequent period.

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If there are any questions concerning this letter or the attachment, please contact Dennis Kelly of my staff at (609) 971-4246.

Sincerely,



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ATTACHMENT 1
OYSTER CREEK RESPONSE TO AL 99-02

In NRC FY 2000, it is likely that Oyster Creek will request several (3 or less) license amendments. They will be of the clarifying variety and not entail extensive technical review. In addition, a number of licensing actions relating to plant decommissioning are likely to be submitted in NRC FY 2000. Each of the following submittals will require review and approval from the NRC:

- Emergency Plan Exemption Request
- Security Plan Exemption Request
- Defueled Quality Assurance Plan
- Defueled Technical Specifications
- Defueled Operator Requalification and Staffing
- Onsite Property Damage Insurance Exemption