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MEMORANDUM FOR: Charles E. Hovell, Director
Division of Projects and Records Programs
Region III

FROM: Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director
Division of Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: LA SALLE UNIT 1 - FAST COLD STARTS OF DIESEL GENERATORS

Based on a request from the licensee, Commonwealth Edison, the license for La Salle Unit 2, was issued with Technical Specifications which reduce the number of fast cold starts for the Unit 2 emergency diesel generators (EDG) to twice a year.

A similar request is in hand requesting permission to limit the fast cold starts on Unit 1 to twice a year also. We have already made an initial determination that this change involves no significant hazards consideration and, in due course, expect to give the same favorable consideration to this Unit 1 request also. However, since a license amendment involving 30 days public noticing is planned prior to formally amending the license to reflect this change in the Unit 1 Technical Specifications, and since three of the five EDGs at the La Salle County Station are common to both units 1 and 2, the licensee, by complying with its Unit 2 license, would be in non-conformance with its Unit 1 Technical Specifications regarding fast cold starts by the end of this month. As discussed with you by phone, on January 3, 1984, we have no technical objection to the licensee following the intent of Unit 2 Technical Specification 4.8.1.1.2 for both units 1 and 2, pending our final action to conform the Unit 1 Technical Specification 4.8.1.1.2 to agree with its above Unit 2 counterpart.

The effect of this approach would be to encourage and permit the licensee to minimize fast cold starts on Unit 1 for the brief interval required to formally revise the Unit 1 Technical Specifications.

[Signature]
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cc: J. Scinto

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