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Dear Mr. Davis:

References: 1) Fermi 2
NRC Docket No. 50-341
NRC License No. NPF-43

- 2) Detroit Edison Letter to NRC, "Concurrence to Exceed 50% Power," NRC-87-0004, dated March 27, 1987
- 3) NRC Letter to Detroit Edison, dated July 14, 1987

In Reference 2 above, Detroit Edison requested the NRC's concurrence to operate Fermi 2 above 50% power to proceed with the Startup Test Program.

Since that request, and as recognized in your response (Reference 3) to that letter, we have experienced equipment problems and personnel performance has not met our standards. Therefore, I am withdrawing our request for concurrence to exceed 50% power.

On July 31, 1987, the plant was shut down to begin a maintenance outage of approximately two weeks to correct equipment problems and to enhance the overall material condition of the plant. During the outage, we intend to improve the material condition of the plant by performing preventative and corrective maintenance activities and 18-month technical specification surveillance tests.

In order to strengthen our overall management and improve our performance, I have made high-level organization changes effective August 1, 1987. These changes include the assignment of William Orser as Vice President of Nuclear Operations and Plant Manager and Frank Agosti as Vice President of Nuclear Engineering and Services.

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The outage period will provide an opportunity for Mr. Orser to assess his new area of responsibility prior to restart which will not occur until he is satisfied with material conditions and has confidence in our operations and maintenance performance. Likewise, Mr. Agosti must be satisfied that his personnel will provide adequate support to the Production Organization. At that time, we will restart the plant and operate up to the 50% power level.

After we have operated at 50% for a period of time, I will review our overall performance. When I have determined that we are ready, I will request the appropriate concurrences to operate Fermi 2 above 50% power.

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