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Gentlemen:

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (OCNGS)
Docket No. 50-219
Amendment No. 45 (1/25/80)

In response to a telephone conversation (10/23/87) between Messrs. J. Stolz (NRR) and J. R. Thorpe (GPUN), we are hereby submitting text changes to the Bases of Technical Specification (TS) Sections 2.3 and 3.1. As agreed in the conversation, we are not submitting these changes pursuant to 10CFR50.90, because the changes are editorial and do not revise the margin of safety associated with the Technical Specification Bases. The circumstances which brought these changes to light are the result of a 10CFR50.59 review of a proposed maintenance activity.

Specifically, T.S. 3.4.A.10 identifies the conditions for which the Core Spray System (CSS) can be declared inoperable with the reactor mode switch locked in the "refuel" or "shutdown" position. However, the Bases on page 2.3-6 implies that the CSS is always operable during these plant modes. This Bases also implies that the feedwater and control rod drive systems are concurrently operable with the CSS. Likewise, the Bases on page 3.1-4 implies that the Core Spray System (an Engineered Safety Feature) is always operable without regard to T.S. 3.4.A.10. Since both Bases sections are confusing and do not reflect Amendment 45 to our license, GPUN contacted NRR and proposed to rewrite the Bases.

For your information, we are enclosing revised pages 2.3-6 and 3.1-4 which we plan to distribute to all copy holders. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact us at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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