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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attention: Document Control Desk  
Washington, D.C. 20555

LaSalle County Station, Unit 1  
Facility Operating License No. NPF-11  
NRC Docket No. 50-373

Subject: LaSalle County Nuclear Station Unit 1 Cycle 9 Reload and  
Core Operating Limits Report

This report is submitted in accordance with LaSalle Technical  
Specification 6.6.A.6.d.

LaSalle Unit 1, which has completed its eighth cycle of operation, is currently preparing for startup of Cycle 9. The purpose of this letter is to advise you of ComEd's review and approval of the Cycle 9 reload under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59 and to transmit the Core Operating Limits Report (COLR) for the upcoming cycle consistent with Generic Letter 88-16.

The LaSalle Unit 1 Cycle 9 core, which consists of NRC approved fuel designs developed by Siemens Power Corporation (SPC) and General Electric Company (GE), was designed to operate within approved fuel design criteria provided in the Technical Specifications and related bases. The core operating characteristics will be equivalent to or less limiting than those performed to demonstrate that the limiting Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) events are within allowable limits.

The reload licensing analyses performed for Cycle 9 utilized NRC approved methodologies. The cycle-specific thermal limits for Cycle 9 are presented in the attached COLR.

Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) Company has performed a detailed review of the relevant reload licensing documents and the associated bases and references. Based on that review, a safety evaluation was prepared, as required by 10 CFR 50.59, which concluded that the reload presents no unreviewed safety questions.

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Therefore, ComEd has concluded that NRC review and approval of the LaSalle Unit 1 reload analyses are not required for operation of the Cycle 9 core.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. Frank A. Spangenberg, III, Regulatory Assurance Manager, at (815) 357-6761, extension 2383.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Benjamin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" being the most prominent part.

Jeffrey A. Benjamin  
Site Vice President  
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Attachment

cc: Regional Administrator - NRC Region III  
NRC Senior Resident Inspector - LaSalle County Station