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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Agency  
Attention: Document Control Desk  
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Gentlemen,

**Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, (OCNGS)  
Docket No. 50-219  
Request to Withdraw License Amendment Request No. 251  
"Movement of Loads up to 45 Tons With the Reactor Building Crane  
During Power Operations"**

GPU Nuclear requests approval to withdraw License Amendment Request No. 251 "Movement of Loads up to 45 Tons With the Reactor Building Crane During Power Operations". The License Amendment Request was made in accordance with NRC Bulletin 96-02 concerning the movement of heavy loads while the plant was at power. Although written to request generic approval of moving any of a series of heavy loads, one load was of particular importance. That load was a 3-55 VNDB radwaste cask to be used in a spent fuel pool (SFP) clean up project. It had been planned to complete the SFP clean up project prior to the 18R outage in September, 2000 to facilitate the installation of new fuel racks.

Subsequent to the submission of GPU Nuclear's license amendment request, a request for hearing and petition to intervene was filed with the NRC. If the petitioners are found to have a valid contention and a hearing is granted, the administrative process can be lengthy. The proceedings could be sufficiently protracted to render moving the cask while the plant is at power, prior to 18R, a moot point. Considering the uncertainties associated with achieving the main goal of the amendment request, GPU Nuclear has decided to withdraw the request.

GPU Nuclear requests that withdrawal be permitted without prejudice. If you have any questions or require additional information please contact Dennis Kelly of Oyster Creek Licensing at (609) 971-4246.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John F. Perry / for". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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(Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station) ) ASLBP NO. 00-773-02-OLA

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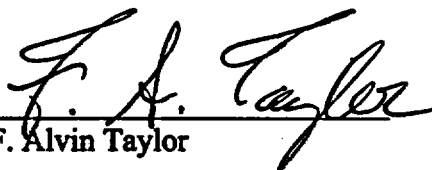
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