

September 21, 2000

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SUBJECT: VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY, SURRY POWER STATION
UNITS 1 AND 2, NORTH ANNA POWER STATION UNITS 1 AND 2, REQUEST
FOR EXCEPTION TO 10 CFR 50.4, WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Mr. Matthews:

This letter is in response to your August 4, 2000, letter in which you requested an exception to 10 CFR 50.4 to allow CD-ROMs to be submitted instead of paper to meet the copy requirements under 10 CFR 50.30(a)(2), 51.55(a), and 2.101(a)(3).

We have reviewed your request and have determined that it will be acceptable to file CD-ROM copies instead of paper copies for all sections cited above as exceptions allowed under 10 CFR 50.4(b) and 50.4(c). The broad language of 10 CFR 50.4 (b) covers all copy requests under part 50 and extends as well to the copy requirements in 10 CFR 51.55 because the environmental report required in that section is part of the license application.

Based on this determination, pursuant to 50.4 (b) and 50.4 (c), Virginia Electric and Power Company (Virginia Power) is hereby granted the following exceptions for the medium used for the "copies" of signed originals required by 10 CFR 50.4 (b)(2)(ii), 50.4 (b)(3), and 51.55 (a):

1. In order to fulfill the requirements of 10 CFR 50.4 (b)(3) for acceptance review and the subsequent copies required by 10 CFR 50.4(b)(2)(ii), Virginia Power is hereby granted approval to submit its application as follows: the signed original and 37 CD-ROM copies to the Document Control Desk, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-001; one CD-ROM copy to the NRC Region II office; and one CD-ROM copy to the appropriate NRC Resident Inspector for each plant.
2. Virginia Power is hereby granted approval to include, with the initial signed original, 41 CD-ROM copies of environmental reports or supplements of environmental reports to meet the requirements of 51.55 (a).
3. Virginia Power requested approval to provide CD-ROM copies to the chief executive of the local government in accordance with the provisions of 2.101(a)(3)(ii), and to Federal, State, and local officials in accordance with the provisions of 2.101(a)(3)(iii), 50.30(a)(2) and 51.55(a). Use of CD-ROM copies for these officials is acceptable to the NRC. However, prior to distributing CD-ROM copies to recipients other than the NRC, Virginia Power should contact each recipient to determine if the CD-ROM is an acceptable alternative to the paper copy.
4. Virginia Power is granted approval to submit one signed original and the same number of CD-ROM copies as originally submitted for each document to meet the requirement

to update the renewal application in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Parts 2, 50, 51, and 54.

5. With respect to copy requirements for retaining supporting information on site pursuant to 10 CFR 50.30 (a)(2) and 51.55 (a), Virginia Power is hereby granted approval to maintain this information in the form of electronic files which, upon request, can be readily reproduced in paper or electronic form.

As indicated in your letter, Virginia Power will submit the CD-ROM copies in portable document format (PDF), which is an acceptable format for submitting documents to the NRC. The Adobe Acrobat 4 Reader will be included to access the PDF files.

The NRC reserves the right to modify or rescind this exception upon written notification. Please contact Mike King of my staff if you have any questions or require additional information at (301) 415-2062 or e-mail mek@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Brenda J. Shelton, Chief
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