December 30, 1999

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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN EMERGENCY LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR PART 50, APPENDIX R, SECTION III.J, FOR DRESDEN, UNITS 2 AND 3 (TAC NOS. MA4291 AND MA4292)

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

By letter dated November 19, 1998, you requested an exemption from certain emergency lighting requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 50, Appendix R, Section III.J, for the Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3.

The exemption is based on special circumstances in that application of the regulation in this particular circumstance is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule. The exemption will allow the use of hand-held portable lights to provide lighting for outdoor access and egress routes between the main power block, the isolation condenser pumphouse, the cribhouse, the clean demineralized water storage tank, and for reading the clean demineralized water storage tank level instrument.

The Commission has granted the enclosed exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, Section III.J for Dresden, Units 2 and 3. The Exemption is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

(original signed by) Lawrence W. Rossbach, Project Manager, Section 2 Project Directorate III Division of Licensing Project Management

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