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SUBJECT: MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 3 - REVISION TO  
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION BASES (TAC NO. MA7219)

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Sincerely,

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### 3/4.8 ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEMS

#### BASES

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Surveillance Requirements 4.8.1.1.2.a.5 (Monthly), 4.8.1.1.2.b (Once per 184 Days), 4.8.1.1.2.g.4.b (18 Month Test), 4.8.1.1.2.g.5 (18 Month Test) and 4.8.1.1.2.g.6.b (18 Month Test)

Several diesel generator surveillance requirements specify that the emergency diesel generators are started from a standby condition. Standby conditions for a diesel generator means that the EDG system is aligned for automatic start and loading, diesel engine coolant and lubricating oil are being circulated and temperatures are maintained within design ranges. Design ranges for standby temperatures are greater than or equal to the low temperature alarm setpoints and less than or equal to the standby "keep-warm" heater shutoff temperatures for each respective sub-system.

Surveillance Requirement 4.8.1.1.2.g.7 (18 Month Test)

The existing "standby condition" stipulation contained in specification 4.8.1.1.2.a.5 is superseded when performing the hot restart demonstration required by 4.8.1.1.2.g.7.