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May 14, 1999

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (RAI) REGARDING REVIEW OF
BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2, QUALITY
ASSURANCE PROGRAM CHANGE (TAC NOS. MA4992 AND MA4993)

Dear Mr. Cross:

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The NRC staff has been reviewing your submittal, however, we have determined that additional information is required from DLC in order to complete our review. Based on our need for additional information, we do not regard the proposed changes in Chapter 17, Section 17.2 of the BVPS-2 UFSAR to be acceptable pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Section 50.54(a). Therefore, you should refrain from implementing these changes until you have been formally notified otherwise.

The NRC requests that you provide your response to the enclosed RAI within 60 days of receipt of this letter. This was discussed with Mr. J. Maracek of your staff, and was established as a mutually agreeable timetable for your response. If circumstances result in the need to revise the target date, please call me at the earliest opportunity.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at (301) 415-1427.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PROPOSED QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM CHANGES

BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2

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By letter dated March 16, 1999, the Duquesne Light Company (DLC) submitted a request for approval of changes in the Quality Assurance (QA) program described in the Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit 2, Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR), Chapter 17.2 (applicable to both Beaver Valley Units 1 and 2, BVPS-1 and BVPS-2). Specifically, DLC has proposed to limit required Onsite Safety Committee reviews of new procedures, and procedure revisions, to those requiring a 10 CFR 50.59 safety evaluation. All other procedural reviews would be performed by an independent qualified reviewer (IQR) and approved by the responsible discipline manager or his/her designee.

While this proposed procedural review alternative is not unprecedented, the existing QA Program for BVPS-1 and BVPS-2 does not explicitly define, in UFSAR Chapter 17.2 of BVPS-2, the requisite qualifications, authority, and review responsibilities of an IQR (as described in Attachment 1 to the March 16, 1999 letter). Additionally, the QA Program contains no discussion of how the population of designated IQRs is to be controlled or tracked. Please provide appropriate revisions of the QA Program which incorporate this information and support the QA Program change requested in your March 16, 1999, submittal.