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SUBJECT: BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. MA2129 AND MA2130)

Dear Mr. Cross:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 216 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-66 and Amendment No. 93 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-73 for the Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (BVPS-1 and BVPS-2). These amendments consist of changes to the Technical Specifications (TSs) in response to your application dated June 19, 1998, as supplemented June 23, 1998, which submitted License Amendment Request Nos. 256 and 126.

These amendments revise the BVPS-1 and BVPS-2 TSs definitions of a channel calibration to add two sentences stating that (1) the calibration of instrument channels with resistance temperature detector or thermocouple sensors may consist of an inplace qualitative assessment of sensor behavior and normal calibration of the remaining adjustable devices in the channel and (2) whenever a sensing element is replaced, the next required channel calibration shall include an inplace cross calibration that compares the other sensing elements with the recently installed sensing element. This change makes the BVPS-1 and BVPS-2 TS definition of channel calibration consistent with the definition of a channel calibration contained in the NRC's improved Standard Technical Specifications for Westinghouse Plants (NUREG-1431, Revision 1).

Your application for these amendments was technically complete and addressed the relevant issues. The application's no significant hazards consideration was suitable for use without changes and the evaluation of environmental considerations was proper. Your reference to the previous adoption of comparable amendments by other licensees was helpful in that it provided useful information that reduced expenditures of NRC staff resources.

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A copy of our safety evaluation is also enclosed. The Notice of Issuance will be included in the Commission's biweekly Federal Register notice.

Sincerely,

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DOCKET NO. 50-334

BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 216
License No. DPR-66

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:

   A. The application for amendment by Duquesne Light Company, et al. (the licensee) dated June 19, 1998, as supplemented June 23, 1998, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;

   B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;

   C. There is reasonable assurance (I) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;

   D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and

   E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

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2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-66 is hereby amended to read as follows:

   (2) Technical Specifications

   The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 216, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance, to be implemented within 30 days.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Robert A. Capra

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Attachment: Changes to the Technical Specifications

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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 216

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-66

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REPORTABLE EVENT

1.7 A REPORTABLE EVENT shall be any of those conditions specified in Section 50.73 to 10 CFR Part 50.

CONTAINMENT INTEGRITY

1.8 CONTAINMENT INTEGRITY shall exist when:

1.8.1 All penetrations required to be closed during accident conditions are either:

a. Capable of being closed by an OPERABLE containment automatic isolation valve system, or

b. Closed by manual valves, blind flanges, or deactivated automatic valves secured in their closed positions, except for valves that are open under administrative control as permitted by Specification 3.6.3.1.

1.8.2 All equipment hatches are closed and sealed,

1.8.3 Each air lock is in compliance with the requirements of Specification 3.6.1.3,

1.8.4 The containment leakage rates are within the limits of Specification 3.6.1.2, and

1.8.5 The sealing mechanism associated with each penetration (e.g., welds, bellows, or O-rings) is OPERABLE.

CHANNEL CALIBRATION

1.9 A CHANNEL CALIBRATION shall be the adjustment, as necessary, of the channel output such that it responds with the necessary range and accuracy to known values of the parameter which the channel monitors. The CHANNEL CALIBRATION shall encompass the entire channel, including the sensor and alarm and/or trip functions, and shall include the CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST. Calibration of instrument channels with resistance temperature detector (RTD) or thermocouple sensors may consist of an inplace qualitative assessment of sensor behavior and normal calibration of the remaining adjustable devices in the channel. Whenever a sensing element is replaced, the next required CHANNEL CALIBRATION shall include an inplace cross calibration that compares the other sensing elements with the recently installed sensing element. The CHANNEL CALIBRATION may be performed by any series of sequential, overlapping or total channel steps such that the entire channel is calibrated.

CHANNEL CHECK

1.10 A CHANNEL CHECK shall be the qualitative assessment of channel behavior during operation by observation. This determination shall include, where possible, comparison of the channel indication and/or status with other indications and/or status derived from independent instrument channels measuring the same parameter.

CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST

1.11 A CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST shall be the injection of a simulated signal into the channel as close to the primary sensor as practicable to verify OPERABILITY including alarm and/or trip functions.

CORE ALTERATION

1.12 CORE ALTERATION shall be the movement or manipulation of any component within the reactor pressure vessel with the vessel head removed and fuel in the vessel. Suspension of CORE ALTERATIONS shall not preclude completion of movement of a component to a safe conservative position.

SHUTDOWN MARGIN

1.13 SHUTDOWN MARGIN shall be the instantaneous amount of reactivity by which the reactor is or would be subcritical from its present condition assuming all full length rod cluster assemblies (shutdown and control) are fully inserted except for the single rod cluster assembly of highest reactivity worth which is assumed to be fully withdrawn.

LEAKAGE

1.14 LEAKAGE shall be:

a. Identified LEAKAGE

1. LEAKAGE, such as that from pump seals or valve packing (except reactor coolant pump seal water injection or leakoff), that is captured and conducted to collection systems or a sump or collecting tank;

2. LEAKAGE into the containment atmosphere from sources that are both specifically located and known either not to interfere with the operation of leakage detection systems or not to be Pressure Boundary LEAKAGE, or

3. Reactor Coolant System LEAKAGE through a steam generator to the secondary system.

b. Unidentified LEAKAGE

Unidentified LEAKAGE shall be all LEAKAGE (except reactor coolant pump seal water injection or leakoff) that is not Identified LEAKAGE.

c. Pressure Boundary LEAKAGE

Pressure Boundary LEAKAGE shall be LEAKAGE (except steam generator tube LEAKAGE) through a nonisolable fault in a Reactor Coolant System component body, pipe wall or vessel wall.

1.15 THROUGH 1.17 (DELETED)

QUADRANT POWER TILT RATIO (QPTR)

1.18 QPTR shall be the ratio of the maximum upper excore detector calibrated output to the average of the upper excore detector calibrated outputs, or the ratio of the maximum lower excore detector calibrated output to the average of the lower excore detector calibrated outputs, whichever is greater.

DOSE EQUIVALENT I-131

1.19 DOSE EQUIVALENT I-131 shall be that concentration of I-131 (microcuries/gram) that alone would produce the same thyroid dose as the quantity and isotopic mixture of I-131, I-132, I-133, I-134, and I-135 actually present. The DOSE EQUIVALENT I-131 is calculated with the following equation:

$$C_{I-131_{D.E.}} = C_{I-131} + \frac{C_{I-132}}{170} + \frac{C_{I-133}}{6} + \frac{C_{I-134}}{1000} + \frac{C_{I-135}}{34}$$

Where "C" is the concentration, in microcuries/gram of the iodine isotopes. This equation is based on dose conversion factors derived from ICRP-30.

STAGGERED TEST BASIS

1.20 A STAGGERED TEST BASIS shall consist of:

a. A test schedule for n systems, subsystems, trains or other designated components obtained by dividing the specified test interval into n equal subintervals;

b. The testing of one (1) system, subsystem, train or other designated component at the beginning of each subinterval.

FREQUENCY NOTATION

1.21 The FREQUENCY NOTATION specified for the performance of Surveillance Requirements shall correspond to the intervals defined in Table 1.2.

REACTOR TRIP SYSTEM RESPONSE TIME

1.22 The REACTOR TRIP SYSTEM RESPONSE TIME shall be the time interval from when the monitored parameter exceeds its trip setpoint at the channel sensor until loss of stationary gripper coil voltage.

ENGINEERED SAFETY FEATURE RESPONSE TIME

1.23 The ENGINEERED SAFETY FEATURE RESPONSE TIME shall be that time interval from when the monitored parameter exceeds its ESF actuation setpoint at the channel sensor until the ESF equipment is capable of performing its safety function (i.e., the valves travel to their required positions, pump discharge pressures reach their required values, etc.). Times shall include diesel generator starting and sequence loading delays where applicable.

AXIAL FLUX DIFFERENCE

1.24 AXIAL FLUX DIFFERENCE shall be the difference in normalized flux signals between the top and bottom halves of a two section excore neutron detector.

PHYSICS TESTS

1.25 PHYSICS TESTS shall be those tests performed to measure the fundamental nuclear characteristics of the reactor core and related instrumentation and 1) described in Chapter 13.0 of the FSAR, 2) authorized under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59, or 3) otherwise approved by the Commission.

$\bar{E}$ - AVERAGE DISINTEGRATION ENERGY

1.26 $\bar{E}$ shall be the average sum (weighted in proportion to the concentration of each radionuclide in the reactor coolant at the time of sampling) of the average beta and gamma energies per disintegration (in MeV) for isotopes, other than iodines, with half lives greater than 15 minutes, making up at least 95% of the total non-iodine activity in the coolant.

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THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY

THE TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 50-412

BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION, UNIT 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 93
License No. NPF-73

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:

   A. The application for amendment by Duquesne Light Company, et al. (the licensee) dated June 19, 1998, as supplemented June 23, 1998, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;

   B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;

   C. There is reasonable assurance (I) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;

   D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and

   E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-73 is hereby amended to read as follows:

   (2) Technical Specifications

   The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 93 , and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, both of which are attached hereto are hereby incorporated in the license. DLCO shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance, to be implemented within 30 days.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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SOURCE CHECK

1.27 A SOURCE CHECK shall be the qualitative assessment of channel response when the channel sensor is exposed to a radioactive source.

PROCESS CONTROL PROGRAM

1.28 The PROCESS CONTROL PROGRAM (PCP) shall contain the current formulas, sampling, analyses, test, and determinations to be made to ensure that processing and packaging of solid radioactive wastes based on demonstrated processing of actual or simulated wet solid wastes will be accomplished in such a way as to assure compliance with 10 CFR Parts 20, 61, and 71, State regulations, burial ground requirements, and other requirements governing the disposal of solid radioactive waste.

1.29 DELETED

OFFSITE DOSE CALCULATION MANUAL (ODCM)

1.30 The OFFSITE DOSE CALCULATION MANUAL (ODCM) shall contain the methodology and parameters used in the calculation of offsite doses resulting from radioactive gaseous and liquid effluents, in the calculation of gaseous and liquid effluent monitoring Alarm/Trip Setpoints, and in the conduct of the Environmental Radiological Monitoring Program. The ODCM shall also contain (1) the Radioactive

OFFSITE DOSE CALCULATION MANUAL (ODCM) (Continued)

Effluent Controls and Radiological Environmental Monitoring Programs required by Section 6.8.6 and (2) descriptions of the information that should be included in the Annual Radiological Environmental Operating and Annual Radioactive Effluent Release Reports required by Specifications 6.9.1.10 and 6.9.1.11.

GASEOUS RADWASTE TREATMENT SYSTEM

1.31 A GASEOUS RADWASTE TREATMENT SYSTEM is any system designed and installed to reduce radioactive gaseous effluents by collecting Primary Coolant System offgases from the primary system and providing for delay or holdup for the purpose of reducing the total radioactivity prior to release to the environment.

VENTILATION EXHAUST TREATMENT SYSTEM

1.32 VENTILATION EXHAUST TREATMENT SYSTEM is any system designed and installed to reduce gaseous radioiodine or radioactive material in particulate form in effluents by passing ventilation or vent exhaust gases through charcoal adsorbers and/or HEPA filters for the purpose of removing iodines or particulates from the gaseous exhaust stream prior to the release to the environment (such a system is not considered to have any effect on noble gas effluents). Engineered Safety Feature (ESF) atmospheric cleanup systems are not considered to be VENTILATION EXHAUST TREATMENT SYSTEM components.

PURGE-PURGING

1.33 PURGE or PURGING is the controlled process of discharging air or gas from a confinement to maintain temperature, pressure, humidity, concentration or other operating conditions, in such a manner that replacement air or gas is required to purify the confinement.

VENTING

1.34 VENTING is the controlled process of discharging air or gas from a confinement to maintain temperature, pressure, humidity, concentration or other operating conditions, in such a manner that replacement air or gas is not provided or required during VENTING. Vent, used in system names, does not imply a VENTING process.

MAJOR CHANGES

1.35 MAJOR CHANGES to radioactive waste systems (liquid, gaseous and solid), as addressed in the PROCESS CONTROL PROGRAM, shall include the following:

MAJOR CHANGES (Continued)

1) MAJOR CHANGES in process equipment, components, structures, and effluent monitoring instrumentation from those described in the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) or the Hazards Summary Report and evaluated in the staff's Safety Evaluation Report (SER) (e.g., deletion of evaporators and installation of demineralizers; use of fluidized bed calciner/incineration in place of cement solidification systems);

2) MAJOR CHANGES in the design of radwaste treatment systems (liquid, gaseous, and solid) that could significantly increase the quantities or activity of effluents released or volumes of solid waste stored or shipped offsite from those previously considered in the FSAR and SER (e.g., use of asphalt system in place of cement);

3) Changes in system design which may invalidate the accident analysis as described in the SER (e.g., changes in tank capacity that would alter the curies released); and

4) Changes in system design that could potentially result in a significant increase in occupational exposure of operating personnel (e.g., use of temporary equipment without adequate shielding provisions).

MEMBER(S) OF THE PUBLIC

1.36 MEMBER(S) OF THE PUBLIC shall include all persons who are not occupationally associated with the plant. This category does not include employees of the utility, its contractors, or its vendors. Also excluded from this category are persons who enter the site to service equipment or to make deliveries and persons who traverse portions of the site as the consequence of a public highway, railway, or waterway located within the confines of the site boundary. This category does include persons who use portions of the site for recreational, occupational, or other purposes not associated with the plant.

CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT

1.37 The CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT (COLR) is the unit-specific document that provides core operating limits for the current operating reload cycle. These cycle-specific core operating limits shall be determined for each reload cycle in accordance with Specification 6.9.1.12. Plant operation within these operating limits is addressed in individual specifications.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated June 19, 1998, as supplemented June 23, 1998, the Duquesne Light Company (the licensee) submitted a request for changes to the Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (BVPS-1 and BVPS-2), Technical Specifications (TSs). The requested changes would revise the BVPS-1 and BVPS-2 TSs definitions of a channel calibration to add two sentences stating that (1) the calibration of instrument channels with resistance temperature detector (RTD) or thermocouple (T/C) sensors may consist of an inplace qualitative assessment of sensor behavior and normal calibration of the remaining adjustable devices in the channel and (2) whenever a sensing element is replaced, the next required channel calibration shall include an inplace cross calibration that compares the other sensing elements with the recently installed sensing element. This change would make the BVPS-1 and BVPS-2 TS definition of channel calibration consistent with the definition of a channel calibration contained in the NRC's improved Standard Technical Specifications for Westinghouse Plants (NUREG-1431, Revision 1). The June 23, 1998, letter provided minor editorial changes to the TS pages that did not change the initial proposed no significant hazards consideration determination or expand the amendment request beyond the scope of the June 26, 1998 Federal Register notice.

2.0 EVALUATION

The current BVPS-1 and BVPS-2 TS definition of channel calibration (TS 1.19) is as follows:

CHANNEL CALIBRATION

1.9 A CHANNEL CALIBRATION shall be the adjustment, as necessary, of the channel output such that it responds with the necessary range and accuracy to known values of the parameter which the channel monitors. The CHANNEL

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CALIBRATION shall encompass the entire channel including the sensor and alarm and/or trip functions, and shall include the CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST. The CHANNEL CALIBRATION may be performed by any series of sequential, overlapping or total channel steps such that the entire channel is calibrated.

This definition requires that a channel calibration of instrument channels containing RTD or T/C sensors shall include these sensors. Duquesne Light Company (DLC) proposed that the current definition be revised to better account for standard industry methodology for temperature sensor channel calibration. The proposed revision would make the definition of channel calibration read as follows:

CHANNEL CALIBRATION

1.9 A CHANNEL CALIBRATION shall be the adjustment, as necessary, of the channel output such that it responds with the necessary range and accuracy to known values of the parameter which the channel monitors. The CHANNEL CALIBRATION shall encompass the entire channel, including the sensor and alarm and/or trip functions, and shall include the CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST. Calibration of instrument channels with resistance temperature detector (RTD) or thermocouple sensors may consist of inplace qualitative assessment of sensor behavior and normal calibration of the remaining adjustable devices in the channel. Whenever a sensing element is replaced, the next required CHANNEL CALIBRATION shall include an inplace cross calibration that compares the other sensing elements with the recently installed sensing element. The CHANNEL CALIBRATION may be performed by any series of sequential, overlapping or total channel steps such that the entire channel is calibrated.

DLC stated that removal and installation of RTDs, and T/Cs, solely for the purpose of calibration could introduce errors, cause sensor damage, and increase personnel occupational radiation exposure since most of these sensors are located in systems containing radioactive fluid. DLC further stated that in order to confirm the calibration of instrument channels having RTD or T/C temperature sensors, DLC will perform inplace qualitative assessments of sensor behavior. The reactor coolant system RTDs have been cross calibrated in accordance with current procedures and within the frequencies required by TSs. Qualitative assessments of sensor behavior of other TS required temperature sensors will be completed prior to changing modes from the present plant operating mode (Mode 5). Subsequent RTD and T/C qualitative assessments will be performed consistent with the frequency specified in the current TSs. If calibration of a temperature sensor is confirmed by inplace qualitative assessment using cross calibration, and if that temperature sensor must be replaced, the next required channel calibration will include an inplace cross calibration which compares the similarly located sensing elements with the recently installed sensing element. The proposed revision to TS 1.9 (definition of channel calibration) includes these cross calibration and assessment requirements.

The issue of cross calibration was addressed in NUREG/CR-5560, "Aging of Nuclear Plant Resistance Temperature Detectors," which recognizes that on-line cross calibration can be a reasonable method for temperature sensor calibration. However, as stated in NUREG/CR-5560, to perform in-situ calibration would normally require one or more newly calibrated sensors to be used as a reference. Without a reference, the cross calibration will not account for common

mode (systematic) drift and will only provide information on the consistency and not the accuracy of the installed sensors. The cross calibration technique assumes that the average of the sensor measurements represents the true process temperature and that sensor drift is random and not systematic. The results of studies referenced in NUREG/CR-5560 indicate that sensor drift is usually random. However, the particular testing done to validate the cross calibration methodology in NUREG/CR-5560 utilized newly calibrated sensors for the test.

The inplace cross calibration of temperature sensors is an acceptable method of performing a qualitative assessment of these sensors' behavior as delineated in Branch Technical Position HICB-13, "Guidance on Cross Calibration of Protection System Resistance Temperature Detectors," Revision 4, June 1997, of the NRC's Standard Review Plan.

The NRC staff also notes that DLC's proposed change in TS 1.9 (definition of channel calibration) is consistent with the definition of channel calibration presented in the NRC's improved Standard Technical Specifications for Westinghouse Plants (NUREG-1431, Revision 1).

Based on the foregoing, the NRC staff agrees with the proposed change to the definition of channel calibration and finds it acceptable.

The changes noted in DLC's June 23, 1998, letter are purely administrative in nature and do not change any requirements in the TSs, and are therefore, acceptable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the Pennsylvania State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendments. The State official had no comments.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendments change a requirement with respect to installation or use of a facility component located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. The NRC staff has determined that the amendments involve no significant increase in the amounts, and no significant change in the types, of any effluents that may be released offsite, and that there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. The Commission has previously issued a proposed finding that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration, and there has been no public comment on such finding (63 FR 34939). Accordingly, the amendments meet the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b) no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendments.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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