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(Signature)

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PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 2

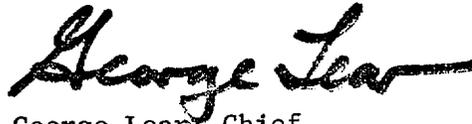
AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 24
License No. DPR-44

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Philadelphia Electric Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Delmarva Power and Light Company, and Atlantic City Electric Company, (the licensees) dated April 14, 1976, 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; and
 - 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.
 - 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 a change to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Lear". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

George Lear, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #3
Division of Operating Reactors

Attachment:
Changes to the
Technical Specifications

Date of Issuance: June 30, 1976

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 24

TO THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-44

DOCKET NO. 50-277

Replace pages 111, 143, 170, 173, 174, and 195 with the attached revised pages.

3.3 and 4.3 BASES (Cont'd.)C. Scram Insertion Times

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1. The average rate of reactor coolant temperature change during normal heatup or cooldown shall not exceed 100°F increase (or decrease) in any one-hour period.

2. The reactor vessel shall be vented and power operation shall not be conducted unless the reactor vessel temperature is equal to or greater than that shown in Figure 3.6.1. The reactor vessel shall not be pressurized above 250 psig unless the reactor vessel temperatures are equal to or greater than 185°F if fuel is in the reactor vessel.

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Applies to the periodic examination and testing requirements for the reactor cooling system.

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 - a. Expect as specified in 3.7.A.3.b below, two pressure suppression chamber-reactor building vacuum breakers shall be operable at all times when primary containment integrity is required. The set point of the differential pressure instrumentation which actuates the pressure suppression chamber-reactor building vacuum breakers shall be 0.5 ± 0.25 psid.
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NOTE: Prior to the end of the first refueling outage of each Unit, the normal containment inerting makeup system will serve as the post-LOCA Containment Atmosphere Dilution System. During that period, specifications 3.7.A.6.a. and 3.7.A.6.b. apply to the normal containment inerting makeup system. After the first refueling outage of each unit, specifications 3.7.A.6.a, 3.7.A.6.b. and 3.7.A.6.c. will apply to the system specifically designed for post-LOCA containment dilution, i.e., the CAD system.

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PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 3

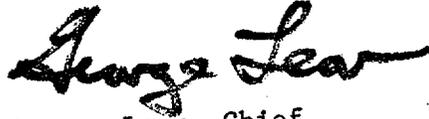
AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

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Date of Issuance: June 30, 1976

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 23

TO THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 24 TO FACILITY LICENSE NO. DPR-44 AND
AMENDMENT NO. 23 TO FACILITY LICENSE NO. DPR-56

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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY
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PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION UNITS NOS. 2 AND 3
DOCKETS NOS. 50-277 AND 50-278

Introduction

By letter dated April 14, 1976, Philadelphia Electric Company (PECO) requested an amendment to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-44 and DPR-56 for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Units Nos. 2 and 3. The request involves the correction of certain inconsistencies and the improvement of clarity in various sections of the Technical Specifications. Additionally, PECO has included the revised wording of Technical Specification 3.6.A.1 on reactor vessel heatup and cooldown rates as requested by the Commission in our letter dated April 17, 1975.

Evaluation

The changes proposed by the licensee involve purely editorial corrections and will not affect the operation of the facilities.

The incorporation of standardized wording on reactor vessel heatup and cooldown rates will remove an existing ambiguity such that the period over which the change in temperature is to be averaged can only be interpreted as one hour. Technical Specification 3.6.A.1 will now allow an instantaneous temperature change up to 100°F on the condition that no further changes take place during the succeeding one hour. This was the original intent of the Technical Specifications. We conclude that this change will effectively remove any ambiguity by specifying an averaging period of one hour. Since the change involves only nomenclature, there is no effect on normal plant operation or the consequences of any accident.

We have determined that the amendment does not authorize a change in effluent types or total amounts nor an increase in power level and will not result in any significant environmental impact. Having made this determination, we have further concluded that the amendment involves an action which

is insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact and, pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4), that an environmental statement, negative declaration, or environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

Conclusion

We have concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) because the change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of accidents previously considered and does not involve a significant decrease in a safety margin, the change does not involve a significant hazards consideration, (2) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (3) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

Dated: June 30, 1976

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS TO FACILITY
OPERATING LICENSES

Notice is hereby given that the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendments Nos. 24 and 23 to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-44 and DPR-56, respectively, issued to Philadelphia Electric Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Delmarva Power and Light Company, and Atlantic City Electric Company, which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units Nos. 2 and 3, located in Peach Bottom, York County, Pennsylvania. The amendments are effective as of their date of issuance.

The amendment will correct certain inconsistencies and improve clarity in various sections of the Technical Specifications. In addition, vessel heatup and cooldown rates as requested by the Commission in our letter dated April 17, 1975, are included.

The application for the amendments complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendments. Prior public notice of these amendments was not required since the amendments do not involve a significant hazards consideration.

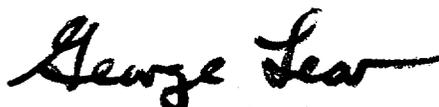
The Commission has determined that the issuance of these amendments will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) an environmental statement, negative declaration or environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of these amendments.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendments dated April 14, 1976, (2) Amendment No. 24 to License No. DPR-44, (3) Amendment No. 23 to License No. DPR-56, and (4) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street N.W., Washington, D. C. and at the Martin Memorial Library, 159 E. Market Street, York, Pennsylvania 17401.

A copy of items (2), (3) and (4) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 30 day of June 1976.

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