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Dear Mr. Miltenberger:

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SUBJECT: REACTOR HEAD VENTS (TAC NOS. 70197/70198)

RE: SALEM GENERATING STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2

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

Sincerely, /S/

James C. Stone, Project Manager Project Directorate I-2 Division of Reactor Projects I/II Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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DOCKET NO. 50-272

SALEM GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 101 License No. DPR-70

- 1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or the NRC) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment filed by the Public Service Electric & Gas Company, Philadelphia Electric Company, Delmarva Power and Light Company and Atlantic City Electric Company (the licensees) dated September 12, 1988 and supplemented by letters dated March 3, 1989 and June 8, 1989 comply 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 set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - 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. DPR-70 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 101, 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 its date of issuance and implemented within 45 days of the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Walter R. Butler, Director

Project Directorate I-2 Division of Reactor Projects I/II

Attachment: Changes to the Technical Specifications

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3.4.12 Four reactor vessel head vent paths shall be operable with the vent paths closed. A vent path consists of at least two head vent valves in series, powered from vital sources, and associated flowpath.

APPLICABILITY: MODES 1, 2, 3 AND 4.

- ACTION: a. With one, two or three reactor vessel head vent path(s) inoperable, STARTUP and/or POWER OPERATION may continue provided the inoperable vent path(s) is maintained closed with the valve actuators key locked in the closed position; restore the inoperable vent path(s) to OPERABLE status within 30 days, or, be in HOT STANDBY within 6 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 30 hours.
 - b. With four reactor vessel head vent paths inoperable; maintain the inoperable vent paths closed with power removed from the valve actuators of all the vent valves in the inoperable vent paths, and restore at least one of the vent paths to OPERABLE status within 72 hours or be in HOT STANDBY within 6 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 30 hours.

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- 4.4.12 Reactor vessel head vent system vent paths shall be demonstrated OPERABLE at least once per 18 months by:
 - 1. Verifying all manual isolation valves in each vent path are locked in the open position.
 - 2. Cycling each valve in the vent paths through at least one complete cycle of full travel from the control room during COLD SHUTDOWN or REFUELING.
 - 3. Verifying flow through the reactor vessel head vent system vent path during venting.



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SALEM GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 78 License No. DPR-75

- 1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or the NRC) has found that:
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 - 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.
- 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-75 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications and Environmental Protection Plan

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 78 , 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 its date of issuance and implemented within 45 days of the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Walter R. Butler, Director

Project Directorate I-2 Division of Reactor Projects I/II

Attachment: Changes to the Technical Specifications

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REACTOR COOLANT STATEM 3/4.4.12 HEAD VENTS LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.4.12 Four reactor vessel head vent paths shall be operable with the vent paths closed. A vent path consists of at least two head vent valves in series, powered from vital sources, and associated flowpath.

APPLICABILITY: MODES 1, 2, 3 AND 4.

- ACTION: a. With one, two or three reactor vessel head vent path(s) inoperable, STARTUP and/or POWER OPERATION may continue provided the inoperable vent path(s) is maintained closed with the valve actuators key locked in the closed position; restore the inoperable vent path(s) to OPERABLE status within 30 days, or, be in HOT STANDBY within 6 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 30 hours.
 - b. With four reactor vessel head vent paths inoperable; maintain the inoperable vent paths closed with power removed from the valve actuators of all the vent valves in the inoperable vent paths, and restore at least one of the vent paths to OPERABLE status within 72 hours or be in HOT STANDBY within 6 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 30 hours.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 4.4.12 Reactor vessel head vent system vent paths shall be demonstrated OPERABLE at least once per 18 months by:
 - 1. Verifying all manual isolation valves in each vent path are locked in the open position.
 - 2. Cycling each valve in the vent paths through at least one complete cycle of full travel from the control room during COLD SHUTDOWN or REFUELING.
 - 3. Verifying flow through the reactor vessel head vent system vent path during venting.



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DOCKET NOS. 50-272 AND 50-311

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated September 12, 1988 and supplemented by letters dated March 3, 1989 and June 8, 1989, Public Service Electric & Gas Company requested an amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-70 and DPR-75 for the Salem Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2. The March 3. 1989 supplemental letter provided revised pages to correct administrative errors in the original submittal and the Index. The June 8, 1989 supplemental letter provided clarification of the action statements. The proposed amendments would incorporate Technical Specifications for reactor head vents into the Salem 1 and 2 Technical Specifications in accordance with the requirements of Generic Letter 83-37, NUREG-0737 Technical Specifications, dated November 1, 1983.

2.0 EVALUATION

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The licensee has proposed to add new Specification 3/4.4.12 and Bases 3/4.4.12 to the Salem 1 and 2 Technical Specifications (TSs). These additions will incorporate the requirements for and bases of the reactor vessel head vent (RVHV) system. This amendment request includes only the RVHV system. Ref. 1 included other high point vents within the Reactor Coolant System. The licensee chose to use the power operated relief valves (PORVs) and their associated block valves as another vent path. This was approved by Ref. 2. Requirements for the PORVs and block valves are already included in the Salem 1 and 2 TSs.

The specific plant design of the RVHV system was previously reviewed by the NRC as documented in Ref. 2. That evaluation approved the current RVHV system design, except for removing power to the valves to prevent inadvertent operation. This practice would preclude indication of valve position in the control room. The licensee has modified the system to use a key lock system to prevent inadvertent operation while maintaining position indication in the control room. The system also contains a flow restricting orifice in the vent line that limits the flow from a pipe rupture or inadvertent opening to less than the capacity of the reactor coolant makeup system. Thus, the RVHVS meets the guidance provided in Ref. 2.

The proposed changes add requirements to the Salem 1 and 2 TSs that at least one reactor vessel head vent path shall be operable in Modes 1, 2, 3 and 4, with the valves closed. Also, the valves will be powered from vital sources.

The original proposal would have allowed all reactor vessel head vent paths to be inoperable for 30 days. By letter dated June 8, 1989, the licensee modified the proposed Action Statements to allow up to three reactor vessel head vent paths to be inoperable for up to 30 days. If not restored to operable status within 30 days, place the plant in Hot Standby within 6 hours and in Cold Shutdown within the following 30 hours. With four vent paths inoperable, at least one vent path must be restored within 72 hours or place the plant in Hot Standby within 6 hours and in Cold Shutdown within the following 30 hours.

Surveillance requirements have been added to demonstrate the operability of the RVHV System every 18 months. Included are valve position verifications, valve cycling and initiation of flow through the system.

The above TS changes are in general agreement with the guidance provided in Ref. 1. However, the case where both the RVHV system and the PORVs are inoperable has not been directly addressed. The guidance in Ref. 1 provides a 72-hour time limit to restore both to operable before a shutdown is necessary. As currently written in the TSs, the PORVs could be inoperable for an indefinite period of time. As proposed, the RVHV system could be inoperable for 72 hours before a shutdown is necessary. The staff has considered this deviation and finds it acceptable.

The proposed TS revision described herein are appropriate and generally follow the staff's position in regard to reactor vessel head vents. Therefore, based on the foregoing evaluations, the staff concludes that the requested additions are acceptable.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

These amendments involve a change to a requirement with respect to the installation or use of a facility component located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20 and changes to the surveillance requirements. The 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

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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. 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.

4.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission made a proposed determination that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration which was published in the Federal Register (54 FR 7645) on February 22, 1989 and (54 FR 31119) on July 26, 1989 and consulted with the State of New Jersey. No public comments were received and the State of New Jersey did not have any comments.

The staff 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, and (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of the amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and security nor to the health and safety of the public.

REFERENCES

- 1. Generic Letter 83-37, NUREG-0737 Technical Specifications, dated November 1, 1983.
- 2. Letter S. A. Varga, NRC, to R. A. Uderitz, PSE&G, dated September 27, 1983.

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